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At the recent DTL World Championship, held in Cape Town, South Africa, Bella Woolcock became the DTL Ladies World Champion.

Also pictured is the Combined Australian Team.

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ACTA CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mal Dyson

Finally, the ACTA was able to hold the Annual General Meeting on the 28th of April in Roma Queensland. I would like to thank the Queensland Clay Target Association, and Roma Gun Club for allowing the ACTA to conduct this AGM in the Roma clubrooms.

One item on the AGM agenda was to announce the result of the Membership club voting, to fill two positions on the new ACTA Board. I can now confirm that Glenn Kable and Les Kadziela were the successful nominations. Les and Glenn will join Ian Watson (WA), Gary Read (SA), Colin Kneebone (NSW), and myself to form the new ACTA Board of Management.

We received votes from only 110 clubs. With 240 ACTA affiliated clubs, this result was disappointing to say the least. In future elections for the Board of Management positions it will be compulsory for all clubs to vote. This voting will coincide with club affiliation fee renewals.

For member's information, below are the details of club voting by State:

State	Number of Clubs in State	Number of Clubs who voted
New South Wales	69	27
Northern Territory	7	3
Queensland	55	24
Victoria	52	34
South Australia	22	15
Tasmania	10	1
Western Australia	25	6

With the new ACTA Board of Management now in place and taking over the responsibility for the set-up and future direction of the Association, I would like to take this opportunity

to thank the retiring Executive Members who have given their time, effort and diligent commitment to the running of the ACTA affairs, not only in an administrative role but also in a practical sense, including hands-on assistance at National events. This has always been a totally voluntary role and going forward there is little doubt that some of these members will be co-opted onto various Management Sub-Committees.

Having recently attended the QCTA State Titles, which were well attended and most enjoyable, it was interesting to note that the QCTA State Handicap event was shot as a six person squad, that is, shoot and walk. I believe most Handicap events including both State and Territory Titles and indeed Club Handicap events throughout Australia are shot as five person squads, shooting five targets per lane. In South Africa at the ICTSF World Titles this event was shot as five person squads, shooting five targets per lane. In some interesting discussions I have had with different members over the past week or so, it is suggested there may be some support towards introducing this method of shooting to all our DTL disciplines.

With the Board of Management to meet next week, there will be more forthcoming information that I will share with members in next month's report.

Regards Mal

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**For advertising and editorial in Clay Target July 2023 is June 5 2023.
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MCMS Grading Questions

1. Are Clubs allowed to grade competitors to their individual Double Barrel, Single Barrel, or Points Score grades?

The answer is NO, a competitor's DTL grade is that which is the highest within the three components classified as DTL (DB, SB, Pts). The components are only listed for the information and record of each shooter. Once an individual enters any event, the correct grade is assigned automatically by the system with no need for an administrator of the shoot to vary any grades.

2. What happens when I pre-nominate for a shoot, my grade is higher than when I get to the shoot? This answer is directed more to those who are administrating a shoot.

When a competitor pre-nominates for a shoot, the system picks up the handicap and grade the shooter has at the time. As most Clubs open pre-nominations weeks before their actual events, shoot administrators should apply the regrade action on the morning of the first day of the shoot. That way the MCMS system will update any grade or handicap movements, ensuring that all competitors are shooting to their correct grades.

A competitor is entitled to make sure that the shoot administrator has the correct grade entered prior to commencing the first event, as once the shoot begins, they will stay within the grade they started with, until the end of the Carnival.

Colin Kneebone

ACTA National MCMS Handicap Supervisor

Etiquette Ignored

Newer shooters may not be aware of some etiquette issues that are being ignored. The two below have recently been brought to my attention.

1. The practice of competitors flicking empty cartridges on the ground, wilfully littering, even when a receptacle is made available for their disposal.

Although we have no written rule covering this, etiquette dictates that if bins are made available for empty cartridge disposal on the layout, competitors should at least make an attempt to use them. Please don't leave the picking up of empty cartridge cases to our hard working club volunteers.

2. Moving off a shooting lane before the result of the next shooter's shot has been called.

Rule Procedure 5.1(i) clearly defines when a shooter may move from their lane after shooting.

Rule 5.1(i) All competitors shall change lanes as per event conditions (eg. Single or multiple targets per lane). Once having fired their shot, a competitor may move back along their own shooting lane but must not move off their shooting lane until the next competitor has fired their shot or a vacant lane exists between competitors.

The next shooter on number five lane who, having removed cartridges from their gun before turning round, may proceed to number one lane, but must not reload until they are standing on the lane. No person shall close their gun until all persons on the shooting tracks have withdrawn to a handicap mark at least equal to their own.

No shoot management should condone these two simple breaches in etiquette, and shooters must be made aware of them. Lets do better!

Jim Shepherd

ACTA National Rules Supervisor

14th ICTSF WORLD DTL CHAMPIONSHIP

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Another successful World Championships are done and dusted, and although there was only a single individual win, Bella Woolcock in the Ladies, we managed to win all the classes other than the Juniors. Congratulations to Elis Jones of Wales taking out the overall, with an impressive 895/900, with Matt Stokes second and Glenn Barton third, with 4 other Australians in the top 10, Ash Hawker 4th, John Sleightholme 6th, Darryn Nicholls 7th and Andrew Brady 10th.



It is fair to say that the targets were difficult at best, with most days experiencing windy conditions and often overcast skies, resulting in targets often wide of the marks and difficult to see with the changing background.

The pre-events were also well represented, with numerous medals awarded to Australian competitors across the board, including the following:

Thursday and Friday DTL Challenge

High Gun: 2 Jarred Nicholls 293. *Junior and Colt:* 1 Cameron Ford 288. *Super Veteran:* 1 Kim Nealon 288, 3 Clyde Mitchell 265.

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Class A: 3 Brett Ford 192. *Junior:* 2 Cameron Ford 188.

Universal Trench

Class A: 3 Glenn Kable 177. *Senior:* 1 Glenn Kable 177.

ATA Doubles

High Gun: 3 Ashley Hawker 173. *Class A:* 1 Glenn Barton 172, 2 Greg Coleman 169, 3 Stephen Atkins 168. *Class B:* 1 Darryn Nicholls 172, 3 Benjamin Woodhouse 159. *Class C:* 1 Justin Smith 148, 3 John Sleightholme 147.

CTSASA South African National DTL Trap Championship 2023

High Gun: 2 Matthew Stokes 587. *Class AA:* 1 Ashley Hawker 58. *Class A:* 1 Richard Woolcock 576. *Super Vet:* 1 Kim Nealon 569. *Veteran:* 1 Glenn Kable 581, 3 John Sleightholme 581. *Ladies:* 2 Jessica Robb 549.



Greg Coleman, Ashley Hawker, Glenn Barton, Darryn Nicholls, Ben Woodhouse





John Sleightholme & Steve Atkins



Clyde Mitchell, Gavin Height & Kim Nealon

Mackintosh International Postal Championship 2023

High Gun: 1 John Sleightholme 297, 2 Benjamin Woodhouse 297. *Super Veteran:* 1 Clyde Mitchell 290, 2 Kim Nealon 289. *Veteran:* 1 John Sleightholme 297, 3 Stephen Atkins 295. *Ladies:* 2 Jessica Robb 286.

14th ICTSF WORLD DTL CHAMPIONSHIP

High Gun: Gold Elis Jones 895 WAL, Silver Matthew Stokes 887 AUS, Bronze Glenn Barton 886 AUS. *Class AA:* 1 Ashley Hawker 886 AUS, 3 John Sleightholme 884 AUS. *Class A:* 1 Bella Woolcock 867 AUS. *Ladies:* 1 Bella Woolcock 867 AUS, 3 Jessica Robb 841 AUS. *Veteran:* 2 John Sleightholme 884 AUS, 3 Glenn Kable 871 AUS. *Super Vet:* 2 Gavin Height 858 AUS, 3 Kim Nealon 857 AUS

Teams

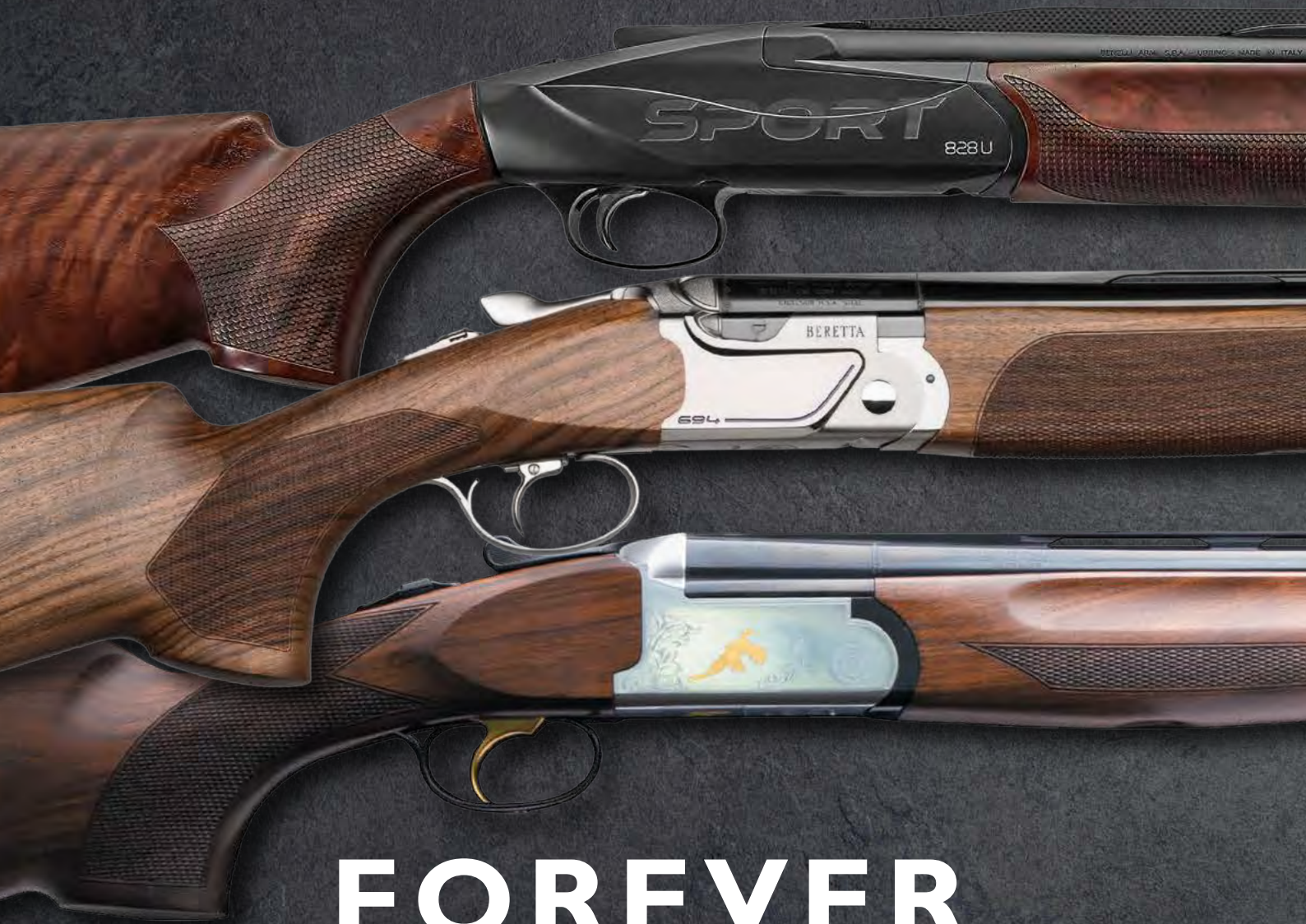
Senior: 1st AUS Ashley Hawker 593 Glenn Barton 589 Darryn Nicholls 589 Greg Coleman 582 – 2353; 2nd IRE Cahal McDonald 574

Gerard Lawless 572 Jim Doherty 570 Michael Noone 568 – 2284; 3rd RSA Etienne Cilliers 574 Waldo Freese 573 Erik de Wet 569 Corne Roos 565 – 2281. *Ladies:* 1st AUS Bella Woolcock 575 Jessica Robb 568 – 1143; 2nd NIR Katie McQuillan 547 Angela Miller 553 – 1100; 3rd ENG Emma Holden 561 Lorrie



Bella Woolcock, Jessica Robb, Kate Schiller

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Greening 537 – 1098. *Veteran*: 1st AUS John Sleightholme 586 Glenn Kable 578 – 1164; 2nd RSA2 Jaco de Wet 577 Faan Greyling 571 – 1148; 3rd ENG Nigel Chapman 586 Paul Sant 546 – 1132. *Super-Veteran*: 1st AUS Kim Nealon 572 Gavin Height 566 – 1138; 2nd ENG Peter Bugler 572 John Adams 564 – 1136; 3rd RSA Freddy Springorum 558 Ernie van der Berg 538 – 1096.

The spirit amongst both the team members, and those other travellers from Australia, was high and focused, though it took a few days to sort out the way they conducted the entries and the events. This was particularly evident in relation to the ATA Doubles, where the wind was howling on day 1 and the Australians all trooped out to shoot their first 50 pair. As there was no recorded handicaps for us, grading was taken on the first day results, fair to say they were pretty ordinary, hence we had Darryn Nicholls eventually winning B Grade! What we didn't know was that you could elect when you shot over a 3 day window, hence why there were no other competitors stepping up to record a score at anytime that day, with

the eventual winners not commencing until the next day when conditions were more favourable.

If a trip away is judged by the number of missing, or delayed firearms, and or baggage, then this was a very successful trip, with the only hiccup being one firearm stopped from leaving Australia.

Most took the opportunity to take in the sights and sounds of South Africa, with an intrepid few undertaking the hunting safaris on offer. For those that did not venture too far from Cape Town, there was Table Mountain, an Aquarium, Zoos and a Birds of Prey exhibit that were visited, along with a couple of boys taking in a rugby game.

While in South Africa, England was confirmed as the venue for the next World Championships, to be held next year to get back on track with every even year. With New Zealand (Christchurch) being confirmed for 2026.

*Glenn Kable
Team Manager*



Some of the Australians taking it easy

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Toowoomba Trap Carnival

The Toowoomba Clay Target Club had some concerns in 2022, that the change of date for the Skeet and Trap Nationals could be a problem with our Annual Trap Carnival and some consideration was given to a change of date, even though the shoot had been on the second weekend of March for many years. However, with the Gold Coast, Goondiwindi and Gympie all shooting the second weekend and in the same Zone, few days were available due to clashing with the already crowded SE Zone Trap Roster

We decided to go ahead on the second weekend of March as usual, despite the clash but regrettably with heavy rain forecast for the weekend, and Warwick choosing to put their shoot on the weekend before, many shooters opted to head to Warwick and then off to the Nationals as our shoot would finish just 36 hours prior to the start of the Nationals.

A big thank you to all who braved the rain and attended, but with just 90 shooters our numbers were a little over half of last year's attendance. Those who attended had a wonderful time, with great cash prizes and excellent food and hospitality. Despite the rain as predicted, having 6 layouts operating and therefore just 3 waves, we were able to

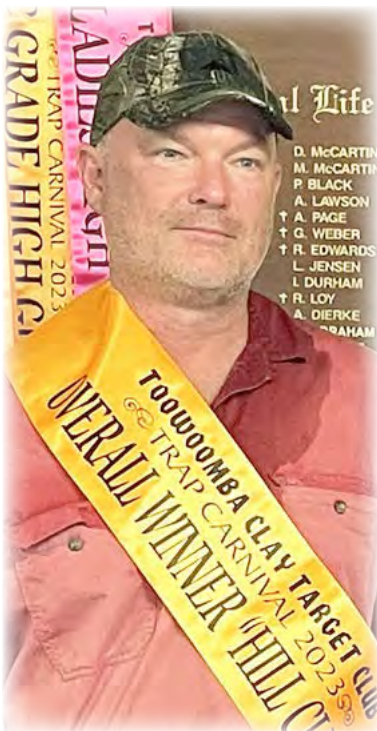
generally dodge most of the heavy falls.

Our first event for the Carnival was the novelty event, the Toowoomba "Hill Climb" on Friday afternoon. This medley event of 50 targets was designed so that shooters got a chance to have practice on all layouts prior to the major events. Although on a

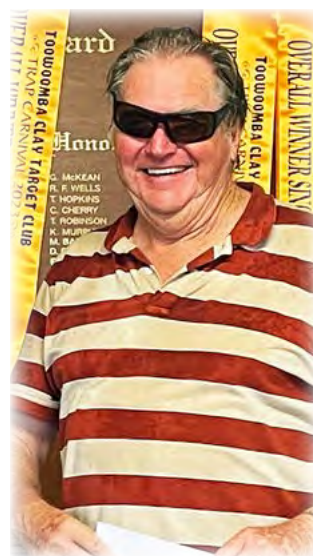
work day, over half of the shooters participated. The Medley included 10 Double Barrel, 10 Double Barrel Continental, 10 Single Barrel, 10 Points Score and 5 pair Double Rise.

In the end with 2 shooters on 68/70 and another 4 on 67, it was a very close finish. Shane Meagher and Greg Matson shot off for Overall and Shane with 19/19, was the winner over Greg on 18. Greg Matson took out AA, Andrew Herron A Grade, Kerri-Leigh Beck B Grade and Darren Beadman C Grade.

Saturday began with the 30 target Medley (10 Double Barrel, 10 Single Barrel, 10 Points Score) cash divide. As predicted the weather was cloudy with some rain in the morning and heavy rain in the afternoon. Despite the challenging weather, 4 shooters managed to shoot the possible. Joe Rapisarda, John Porter, Rod Woodrow and Jason Downing.



Shane Meagher, Overall High Climb



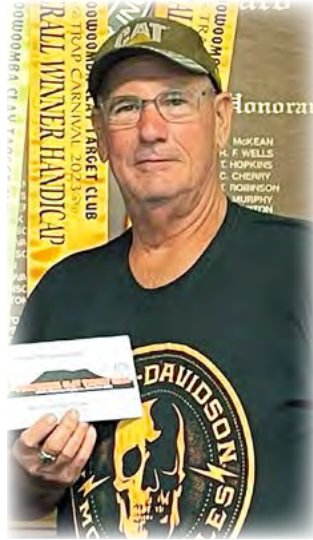
John Porter, Medley, tied 1st AA Grade



Jeffrey Mitchell, Medley, 2nd C Grade



Ralph Esposito, Medley,
tied 1st A Grade



Graham Facer, Medley,
tied 1st A Grade



Toowoomba VP Vic Stiller with Greg Matson, Overall Single Barrel



Jason Downing, Medley,
1st B Grade



William Saheli, Medley,
2nd B Grade



Damon Zelinski, 1st A Grade
Single Barrel

As a result, only 4 shooters managed the possible, Greg Matson, Peter Freeleagus, Lily Cameron and Rob McDougall. However, 16 shooters shot 49!!

Greg Matson with 61/61 won Overall. As Greg was the only AA to shoot the possible there was a long shoot-off for first in AA.

Veteran Shooter,

John Porter (120/121), eventually defeated upcoming junior shooter, Ryan Chounding on 119/121. A great effort considering the rain.

Three A Grade shooters shot the possible. Veteran shooter Peter Freeleagus on 60/61 took first and upcoming Junior lady shooter, Lily Cameron, ran second.

Maximillian Psaras took B Grade on 56/57 with

The next event was the 30 target Single Barrel. Greg Matson on 30/30 took the Overall with a “skinner”. After a shoot-off, John Gemmill took out AA with 40/41 and Robert Delbridge second on 39/41. A Grade also went to a shoot-off and Damon Zelinski emerged the winner on 42/43 with Rob McDougall one behind to take second. Lauren Love took B Grade on 28/30 with Alan Davey second after a shoot-off with Stewart Lee and Gregg Blatchly. C Grade also required a shoot-off and Joshua Poynter (29/33) claimed first with Darren Beadman (28/33) second.

The final event for Saturday was the 50 target Double Barrel. By the time the shoot-off began, the rain was becoming quite heavy.



Greg Matson, Overall Double Barrel

Noah Warden on 54/56. Both shooters were Juniors. Darren Beadman on 49/50 took out C with Joshua Poynter just 1 point behind on 48/50 taking second.

In the Sections William Saheli with 49/50 won the Juniors and his Mother Rae, took the Ladies on 55/57 after a shoot-off. Robert

McDougall managed to take the Veteran with 50/50.

That was the finish of Saturday. Fortunately, the weather improved for Sunday. The Points Score was the first event for Sunday and this event also included the Kotzur Cup, which with no nomination fee and \$500 to the winning team, was very popular.

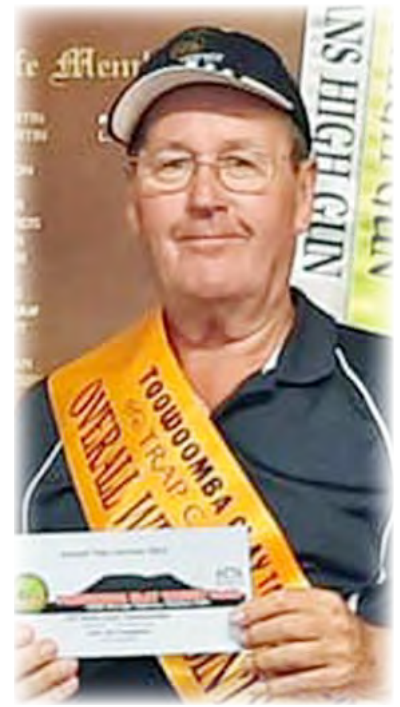
John Gemmill with 147/150 won the Overall. John Porter again shot off with Ryan

Chounding and once again was successful taking AA with 176/180, with Ryan second on 175/180. Nathan Muller was first in A Grade on 146/150 with Brad Jurd second on 159/165 after a shoot-off.

Chris Climas, who was up from Victoria took B Grade on 141/150 with Gene Beck from Roma on 140/150.

Jeff Mitchell from Condamine won C Grade on 141/150, with Junior shooter, Phillip Van De Langerberg, second on 140/150.

Kingaroy, with help from Rod Woodrow of Wandoan, was very happy to defeat the larger clubs of Brisbane, Gold Coast and Toowoomba, to take the Kotzur Cup. The Rules allow that smaller clubs may combine so long as only a single combined team is entered.



John Gemmill, Overall Points Score



Kotzur Cup winners, Kingaroy-Wandoan



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Nathan Muller, Handicap winner

With several Toowoomba shooters keen to get on the road to travel to the Nationals at Wagga Wagga on time, it was pleasing to see that the final event, the 30 target Handicap was ready to get underway by 10.30am.

With 5 places to be filled, it was lovely to see 5 shooters get the possible of

30/30. Local shooters dominated the shoot-off. Nathan Muller who has been shooting at the club for less than 12 months took Overall with 43/43. A Toowoomba junior shooter, Mackenzie Morris, took second on 42/43. Next was Darren Beadman on 36/37 followed by Andrew Nolan on 35/36 and 5th went to Hayden Van De Langenberg.

John Porter and John Gemmill were both in

fine form and a tie for Overall High Gun emerged with both shooters on 299/310. After a shoot-off, John Porter (311/322), took the honors giving him 3 out of 3 shoot-offs for the weekend!!

John Gemmill was the AA

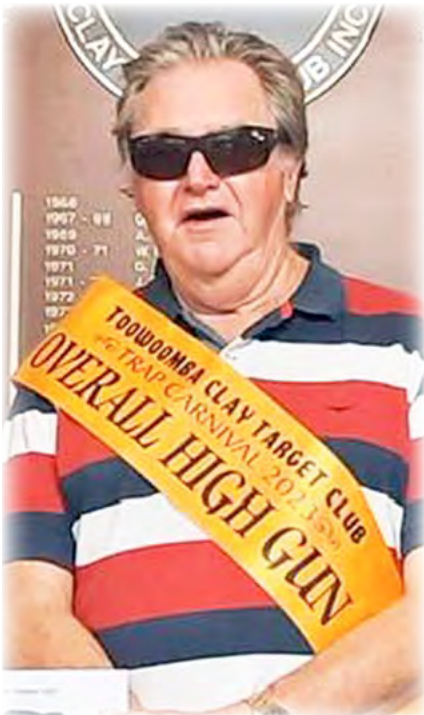
High Gun on 310/322. Nathan Muller shot very well to take A Grade on 297/310, Lauren Love, B Grade on 288/310 and Joshua Poynter C Grade on 283/310.

In the Sections, Ryan Chounding took the Junior High Gun with 294, Jess Robb the Ladies on 289 and the Veterans went to Rod Woodrow on 297/310.

A big thank you to Chris Climas, all the way



Lauren Love, B Grade High Gun



John Porter, Overall High Gun



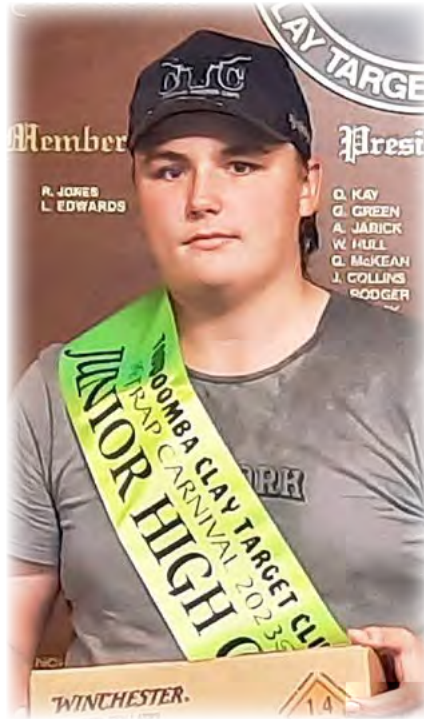
John Gemmill, AA Grade High Gun



Nathan Muller, A Grade High Gun



Joshua Poynter, C Grade High Gun



Ryan Chounding, Junior High Gun



Jess Robb, Ladies High Gun



Rodney Woodrow, Veteran High Gun



L-R: Shoot Marshall Vic Tipman, Vice President Vic Stiller, Secretary Phil Keller

from Victoria, who attended the shoot and to Frank Cicala who was up from Sydney. At the recent ACTA Meeting it was decided that the Skeet Nationals would commence on Sunday 3rd March 2024 with the Trap Nationals to commence Tuesday 12th March. As Easter does not occur on the second Sunday of April until 2031, the Toowoomba Committee is seriously considering moving

the monthly Carnival until the second Sunday of April to avoid clashing with the Nationals. Hopefully if we get better weather and avoid the clash with the Nationals, numbers will improve next year. A big thank you to all the shooters who did attend and brave the rain. Your attendance was much appreciated and we hope to see all of you again next year.

Phil Keller, Secretary.



South Australian State DTL Titles

Well, a cheerful 'Hello' to everyone again. Another year has passed us by as we are seemingly returning to some semblance of normality after the events of the past 3 years. Yes, exactly 12 months to the day, we are all here at the South Australian Clay Target Association State DTL Carnival. From Thursday February 2nd through to Sunday February 5th sees our 7th year that the DTL Carnival is extended to 4 days of competition, based on the success of the reintroduction of the State Champion of Champions.

By Wednesday afternoon, the grounds of the State Shooting Park were already buzzing with activity as the usual caravanners and campers arrived. Our State Shooting Park had a couple of pre-Carnival events for the shooters to get familiarised with the background. The ones that



Serious storm front approaching with gusty winds as is evident with the State flags



The verandah was the place to gather and watch shoot-offs or catch up with friends

did make it were all getting themselves a favourable vantage spot for the 4 days of shooting competition. Trade stands were being erected with lots of great goodies on show for everyone to feast their eyes on and buy. Competitors came from a few States this year, and over the 4 days of events, were all vying to try their skill at claiming one of the many Red State sashes that were on offer.

Temperatures for the 4 days were going to be reasonably comfortable, in the low-mid 20's. There had been the odd day leading up to the Carnival where the daytime temperature spiked upwards of 38-40 degrees with intense humidity, however the winds were going to be pretty nasty and play havoc for the competitors. Everyone was out there practicing to make

sure they had a psychological edge and to be sure they were used to the background of the various layouts that were being used before the competitions started the next day at 11am.

Early on Thursday morning the officials were running around in a scurry of activity while final checks were being done to the layouts – angles, heights, distances and speeds. To this part, a word of thanks has to go out to the Shoot Marshall Andrew Hoare and Cockles, for overseeing trap set-ups over the 4 days with assistance from a few extra helpers. Friends that hadn't seen each other for ages were seen all over the park having a good laugh, telling stories and catching up on the events that had transpired over the past 12 months. Our interstate visitors came in with



Beretta set up their servicing with a few customers taking advantage



Bronte Evans enjoying some time with his granddaughter Matilda

their families for the events, and this certainly made for a decent crowd of onlookers and a great ambience at the grounds considering the cooler blustery weather conditions with the forecast of rain.

Even the office was a flurry of activity as we made sure everything was in readiness, especially the important stuff like all the lollies being in their respective bowls for the staff (very important)!! Hopefully everyone would be able to have a great 4 days of competing without a worry in the world. This year there was no rush at the ticket window, as the State decided to do pre-noms only through MCMS, to avoid the large crowds at the window. It made the job at hand a lot simpler for office staff, and for the best part, most competitors were happy to oblige with only a couple of noms taken on the day. With 145 pre-nominations already in place, thank you all for getting them in to us nice and early. And, with squadding on cue, right on 11am sharp, 93 competitors – (16 squads), started being called and filed out to the walks to contest the first event which was the 75 target State

Champion of Champions title off 18m. Lurking around every corner and



*Champion of Champions
AA Grade, Jamie Dunn*



*Champion of Champions
A Grade, Barry Sims*

walking amongst us you could see some of the best shooters in Australia waiting to pounce and claim one of the available State title sashes. Windy conditions and scud showers greeted the shooters with temperatures in the low 20's. Squads shot their whole 75 targets in 1 visit to the trap with just a reload in between 25's.

Shoot-offs went to ground in extremely blustery wet conditions making for some very tricky targets and some quick adjustments to be made by the competitors. After shoot-offs, and when all had gone quiet, the results were counted and came out as follows: C Grade 1st went to Charlie Noto 99/125, 2nd was Doug



*Deserie Baynes, State Champion of
Champions Overall Open winner*



*State Champion of Champions equal Veteran, Dino Olivero (right) who decided to split the
prize and honours with John Hawker*

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*Champion of Champions
B Grade, Kelvyn Prescott*



*Champion of Champions C Grade, Charlie Noto
with Mark Batten representing sponsors PullBang & DRC*



*Champion of Champions
Junior, Harry Brown*

Rhode. B Grade 1st went to Kelvyn Prescott 110/125 and 2nd to John Maffia. A Grade winner was Barry Sims 139/150, followed by Alex Sologub in 2nd place. AA 1st was taken by Jamie Dunn with a well shot 121/125, with Cameron Browne in 2nd place. The Junior category went to Harry Brown. Veteran equal winners were John

Hawker and Dino Olivero who decided to split the prize and the honors, and the highest scoring Lady was Deserie Baynes. The highest accolade of Overall Open for this event was taken by an elated Deserie Baynes 122/125. Congratulations and well done to Deserie in extremely trying conditions.

Presentations were all over by 3.30pm and a great day was had by all. Most competitors headed out to the practice trap for some Double Rise practice before everyone started to head to their accommodation for a relaxing break before tackling the next day's events. Friday morning came around and everyone was excited about the first event which was

the 25 pair State Double Rise Championship. 17 squads (101 competitors) came out to contest the event in slightly better conditions, but still grey skies and quite windy with temperatures around the high teens. By the time the shoot-off's started, the weather had got quite 'out of control' again, which made the targets erratic (at best) for the shooters. It was all over fairly quickly, and when the final results came in, they looked like this: C Grade winner was Sara Kosch 41/60 and 2nd went to Rowen Foote. B Grade was won by Tom Clark 61/80, while Kat Mules took 2nd. A Grade 1st was taken by Shane Gallagher on 43/50, with 2nd place going to Ricky Jones. AA was won by Cameron Browne 44/50, 2nd went to Peter Attard. Junior winner was Harry Brown, Ladies was Deserie Baynes and the Veteran winner was taken by Craig Bentley. The Overall State title this year went to Harry Brown who



*Harry Brown State Double Rise
Overall Open winner*



State Double Rise A Grade,
Shane Gallagher



State Double Rise B Grade,
Tom Clark



State Double Rise C Grade, Sara Kosch
with event sponsor Greg Sparrow from Fisher Firearms



State Double Rise AA Grade,
Cameron Browne



State Double Rise Veteran,
Craig Bentley



State Double Rise Junior,
Harry Brown



State Double Rise Ladies,
Deserie Baynes

kept his head down with a well shot 47/50. Congratulations! Well earned in appalling conditions.

No sooner had the shoot-offs finished, the first wave of squads were called out for the 50 target State Handicap. Squad sheets were already out for the competitors, so everyone started getting kitted up and at 11.30 we started the rounds to get through 24 squads of shooters. Conditions started to change as we got a bit further into the day with the afternoon winds that prevail here to contend with. As everyone came off, they were 3 and 4 deep at the scoreboard to see what the damage was, and how they had

faired. Eventually, everything went quiet and the shoot-offs went to the grounds to decide the top 5 positions. Conditions fortunately started to calm and clear for the remainder of the event and shoot-offs.

There was only 1 perfect score shot, and a 47. But 5 other competitors had to go out for the other placings. They faced off for positions 3rd to 5th. When all was said and done, the final results were 5th Stafen Parletta 48/53, 4th Harry Clark 46/51, 3rd Peter Winser 47/51, 2nd Darryn Nicholls 47/50, and then finally the Overall winner of the South Australian State Handicap title for 2023 was Jamie Dunn.



State Handicap Overall Open winner, Jamie Dunn

With a well shot 50/50 (in awful conditions) and earning himself the privilege of an extra metre. Congratulations Jamie and well done!!

Most of the competitors got to have a small break while the South Australian Zone teams went out to contest their titles. The 25 target event was shot as a Double Barrel with a Point's countback, and the final tallies look like this – Open winners Eastern Zone. Team members were Ash Hawker, Wayne Hawker, Mark Batten, Kane Hawker and Warren Lindner (120/125). The winning Veteran Team was the Eastern Zone, made up of John Hawker, Max Medhurst and Gavin Height (71/75). The Junior winning team also came from Eastern Zone. This team was Vicki Batten, Reece Fleming and Zander Hawker (62/75). Central Zone took out the Ladies, and the team was made up of Lisa Smith, Tania Evans and Sue Byrnes (64/75). Well done to everyone who competed and



Handicap 2nd, Darryn Nicholls



Handicap 3rd, Peter Winner



Handicap 4th, Harry Clark



Handicap 5th, Stafen Parletta with Martin Collumb of Collumbo Shooting representing sponsor Perazzi Australia

congratulations to all the Zone winners.

Another great day and all done and dusted by 5.15pm. As the second day drew to a close, everyone headed out to some of the local hotels and eateries for a well earned break and to get refreshed for another day's competition.

When Saturday morning started

off, it was a reasonably calm day, the high winds had gone, although still overcast with the occasional light drizzle. It was good to have very little activity at the ticket window with everyone being pre-nomed. This avoided the usual rush of competitors that come through to nominate for the important qualifying events of the final 2 days. At 8.30am sharp the 50 target State Single Barrel Championship got underway with 25 squads (2 squads up on last year). After everyone had finished Cody (Cojack) Gallagher took out C Grade with



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Open Eastern Zone winning team,
L-R: State President Andrew Hoare, Ash Hawker, Warren Lindner, Mark Batten, Kane Hawker, (absent) Wayne Hawker



Above: Veteran Eastern Zone team, L-R: John Hawker, Max Medhurst & Gavin Height

Below: Ladies Central Zone team, L-R: Lisa Smith, Sue Byrnes & Tania Evans



Junior Eastern Zone team, L-R: Reece Fleming & Vicki Batten, (absent) Zander Hawker

43/50 and Nicholas Crowe was 2nd. B Grade went to Hayden Phillips 46/50, 2nd was Kelvyn Prescott. A Grade was won by Kylie Rees 49/50 and 2nd went to Tony DePadova. AA Grade went to Darryn Nicholls 69/70, 2nd was Martin Collumb. Taking the State Single Barrel sash



State Single Barrel Overall Open winner,
Robbie Clark

and Overall title this year with a perfect score of 70/70 was Robbie Clark – great effort to stay focussed. Veteran went to Gavin Height, Ladies winner was Kylie Rees and the Junior was Hayden Phillips.

At the end of the Single Barrel event, there was a short break to do some presentations.

Each year there are framed ‘Certificates of Appreciation’ awarded to past Executive members that have given of their time and this year they were awarded to Don Beelitz, Rodney Hammat and John Bretag – we thank you all for the enormous dedication, contribution and service to this State over your tenure. Also to Deserie Baynes and Allan Vilcins for their continued support in the roles of our State Rules Supervisors.

This year we also welcomed new State Executive members Darryn Nicholls, Bob Atkinson and Lynn Beelitz. Thank you all for joining us to make a contribution in helping



Single Barrel AA Grade,
Darryn Nicholls



Single Barrel A Grade & Ladies,
Kylie Rees



Single Barrel Veteran,
Gavin Height



Single Barrel Junior,
Hayden Phillips



Single Barrel C Grade, Cody Gallagher with sponsor
Harlen Anderson from Beretta Australia

move our State in a forward direction. Our State members acknowledge your efforts and are grateful for your assistance.

Each year an Executive selection panel under the guidance of our Patron, Kelvyn Prescott, chooses a Junior that is showing great achievements, future potential and personal growth in our sport of choice, and this year the recipient of the Junior Scholarship award was Hayden Phillips. Hayden received a cheque from our State Association for \$2,000:00 for the betterment of his shooting skills. Congratulations and well done Hayden!



New State Executive members receiving their State medallions, Bob Atkinson, Darryn Nicholls. (Absent Lynn Beelitz)



State President Andrew Hoare presenting a cheque from the Black Crow Club to a representative of the Cancer Council



State Junior Scholarship recipient Hayden Phillips with Patron Kelyvn Prescott



State President Andrew Hoare presenting Len DeCandia with the framed Presidential Medal and Certificate

This year our Black Crow Club (thanks to Peter Winser), raised a wonderful amount of \$1,140:00 of donations. Each year we choose a charity to make the donation to, and for a second year we decided the Cancer Council would be a great recipient. Peter, a representative from Cancer Council was very grateful for our donation. We continue to thank Peter Winser for his creative idea of forming this Club.

Each year our State President has the pleasure of choosing a worthy recipient for the Presidential Medal. This year, while our President (during presentations) was doing this, I was quietly typing away in the SACTA office. I could kinda hear him talking about



Former ACTA & SACTA President Allan Vilcins, accepting his Life Membership from Member of the Upper House Nicola Centofanti



Member of the Upper House Nicola Centofanti presenting Life Membership to former SACTA President & current ACTA Vice-President, Garry Read

the nominee but took no real notice as this is done every year. Once he had completed the introduction, I heard the usual applause which follows the announcement and continued doing my work only to be yelled at by my son-in-law Shaun who was trapping for us this year and happened to be standing outside the office door. “Len!! You’ve just been called up to receive the Presidential Medal” he said. I looked up at him blankly (thinking he was kidding), but the look on his face told me otherwise. After a few expletives, I hurriedly made my way to the front where sure enough they were standing with the framed medallion and certificate. I was completely taken aback and lost for words as I still believe that there are far more worthy recipients than myself. I would just like to extend a word of thanks to whomever nominated me and also to our President, Andrew Hoare, for choosing me. I honestly feel so privileged to be amongst this very select group of people that I have looked up to for so many years.

At this year’s SACTA AGM there were also 2 nominations for ‘Life Membership’. These 2 recipients have generously given many, many years of their lives with a devout dedication to our sport in some of the highest leadership roles. In careers that have reached so many highs for both gentlemen, Allan Vilcins has

acted as both SACTA State President and as National President to the ACTA, and Garry Read also acting as SACTA State President and currently (and for numerous years) as National ACTA Vice-President. Thank you both for your dedication and ongoing support, mentoring and advice toward our sport, and congratulations on your achievement. Two very worthy recipients for Life Membership. And, to present their framed certificates, Member of the Upper House, Nicola Centofanti, was tasked with the presentation as well as having the floor to say a few words of encouragement regarding our sport moving forward.

Finally the battle was on for the 50 target State Double Barrel Championship. The event was declared open at 1.30pm. The whole cast and crew headed out to contest the title. 25 squads took to the walks to see who was capable of concentrating long enough and how they would fair up in this 50 target event. Those breezes became stronger as the afternoon went by and as the shooters came off, they were all hanging around the scoreboard to see if there were any ‘red’ scores.

By now, the sun had decided to come out and play. Conditions had eased and there were murmurs that there was going to be a heap of perfect scores on the board and some long shoot-offs. 12 competitors shot the 50 and



State Double Barrel Overall Open winner Darryn Nicholls with Fisher Firearms Greg Sparrow representing sponsor Winchester Australia



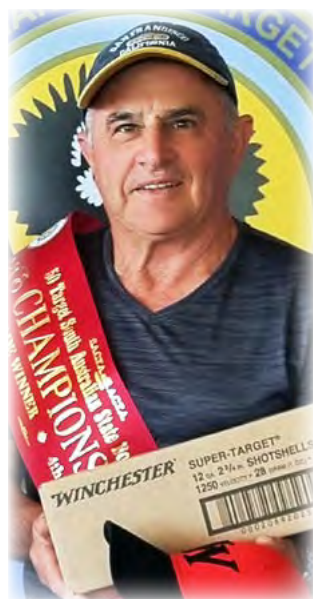
Double Barrel B Grade, Kelvyn Prescott



Double Barrel C Grade, Panayotis Flourentzou



Double Barrel AA Grade, Steve Haberman



Double Barrel A Grade & Veteran, Paul Mansueto



Double Barrel Ladies, Kerry Anderson



Double Barrel Junior, Harry Brown

went to fight it out. The conditions got a little more blustery in the afternoon with the breeze just licking at the targets a bit harder.

As the crowds watched from the fenceline, it eventually got down to the last couple. Neither was going to relent and let the other have it, so they fought it out till 5.45pm when we had a result and they went to 143.

C Grade 1st was Panayotis Flourentzou 47/50 and 2nd went to Phil Baldock. B Grade winner was Kelvyn Prescott with 61/62, while Vicki Batten took 2nd place. A Grade was won by Paul Mansueto 75/76 and Kerry Anderson was 2nd. AA 1st went to Steve Haberman 142/143 with Ricky Jones picking up 2nd place. Finally, with a winning shot of 143/143, it was Darryn Nicholls from Broken Hill taking out the Red Sash, State Title and the State Silver Badge. A great effort in the not so perfect conditions. Congratulations Darryn!! Veteran was Paul Mansueto, Junior was Harry Brown and Ladies went to Kerry Anderson.



*Broken Hill, SA 5 man Club Team winners, shot in conjunction with the Double Barrel
L-R: Darryn Nicholls, Ross Walsh & Shane Gallagher. (Absent Wayne Reed & Ricky Jones)*

Shot in conjunction with the State Double Barrel event was the SA 5 Man Club Team event (5 members registered with the same SA Club). Outright winner claiming the honours was Broken Hill Gun Club shooting 247/250 targets. Team members were Darryn Nicholls, Wayne Reed, Ricky Jones, Shane Gallagher and Ross Walsh.

After a really long day, there was eventually finality to the shooting. When all the formalities were over, a few stragglers settled in for a relaxing night with a few drinks before heading off for a shower and freshen up for the final day. Because of how late the shoot-off finished, the presentations for the Double Barrel event was postponed until the Sunday afternoon.

Early Sunday morning arrived and everyone was getting anxious. With perfectly still conditions and an 8am start, 9 competitors that had won an Overall State Title during 2022, were invited to compete in the prestigious Ray and Pat Mack Perpetual Trophy shoot. Ray and Pat are now in their 35th year of hosting and presenting this great event where every shooter strives all year to win an Overall State title and secure a spot to compete and take home this much sought after trophy. A 30 target event consisting of 5 Double, 5 Single, 5 Points, 5 Handicap and 5 pair Double Rise, competition

was strong and after a shoot-off with Martin Collumb, the winner was announced as Darryn Nicholls from Broken Hill Gun Club with 58/60. The State Executive and shooters would like to extend their thanks to Ray and Pat Mack for continuing to put this on every year. Well done!

Straight after the Trophy shoot, the final qualifying event was on the program. The 50 target State Points Score Championship got underway. This is the event that can make or break team selections and High Guns. The weather Gods were again kind to us (for shooting Points) with nice calm conditions (compared to the first 2 horrendous days).

147 shooters still came through to compete this year, which was a pleasant surprise considering the current economic climate. Yet, on the grounds, there was still a heap of activity around the trade stands and everyone was enjoying the Carnival atmosphere and the nicer day in the mid 20's.

Competitors were all nervous now to see where they stood amongst the rankings for the teams and High Guns scores. When all was said and done, and the numbers were counted, and the Points results featured as such: David Robinson got the guernsey for C Grade with



*Ray and Pat Mack Trophy winner
Darryn Nicholls with Ray*



Gary Coppola,
State Points Score Overall Open winner



Points Score C Grade David Robinson,
with sponsor 'Cockles' from Goolwa PIPi Co



Points Score AA Grade,
Cameron Browne



Points Score A Grade,
Megan Trembath



Above: Points Score B Grade,
Barry Duncan

Below: Points Score Veteran,
Gavin Height



Above: Points Score Junior,
Harry Brown

Below: Points Score Ladies,
Megan Trembath



140/150 and Phil Baldock took 2nd. B Grade featured Barry Duncan on 155/165 for 1st, Bruno Quinzi took 2nd. A Grade went to Megan Trembath with a 149/150 and 2nd was Russell Stopp. AA 1st was taken by Cameron Browne 159/162, with 2nd being Darryn Nicholls. The State title Overall was won by Gary Coppola 160/162. Congratulations Gary. Gavin Height was Veteran winner, Harry Brown Junior and Megan Trembath took the Ladies.



4-day Overall Open High Gun Jamie Dunn with SACTA Life Member Bob Andrews who presented the Bob & Linda Andrews State Silver badge



Ladies 4-day High Gun, Deserie Baynes.



Veteran 4-day High Gun Craig Bentley



Junior 4-day High Gun Harry Brown with Junior High Gun sponsor Martin Collumbo from Collumbo Shooting



Above: AA Grade 4-day High Gun, Cameron Browne
Below: B Grade 4-day High Gun John Maffia



Above: A Grade 4-day High Gun, Eric Yetman
Below: C Grade 4-day High Gun Nicholas Crowe



The Black Crow Club Team event for 2023 is decided over the 50 targets State Points Score. A team must have 1 x C Grade and 1 x B Grade, \$5:00 per shooter, \$25:00/team. Nominations go to a charity of their choice. This year the winners were “The Black Crow Fund”: Aaron Zupanic, Ash Hawker, Darryn Nicholls, Hayden Phillips and Phil Baldock. Thank you for your donations.

There was a slight pause in shooting so that the presentations could be done for the previous day's Double Barrel, today's Points Score and our monster raffle. Our monster raffle and our crayfish raffles (thanks to Kat), raised a huge \$1,449:50 for the Junior Development Fund. This would have to be a record. The shooters' generosity is just outstanding. Thank you to everyone that contributed both by buying tickets and to all the Clubs that donated 'Birthday shoot' vouchers this year. Very special thanks to the raffle runners this year – not just juniors, but also our President Andrew and Bronte Evans who always digs in.

The 4 day High Guns were also presented and the recipients were: Junior – Harry Brown 433/475, Ladies – Deserie Baynes 438/475, Veteran – Craig Bentley 422/475, C Grade – Nicholas Crowe 377/475, B Grade – John Maffia 411/475, A Grade – Eric Yetman 516/579, AA Grade – Cameron Browne 475/476, and the highest award of Overall Open High Gun went to Jamie Dunn with a fantastic score of 478/501. Congratulations to all of these winners who continually strive to get these outstanding performances.

At this point, the South Australian Postal teams' matches got underway to decide who was going to Wagga to represent our State.

SA Champion shooter was announced as Darryn Nicholls 398/400, Stefen Parletta was SA Junior Champion 364/400. The SA team High Guns were Junior – Lachlan Holtham 146/150, Veteran – Max Medhurst 148/150, Ladies – Tania Evans 146/150 and Open was Rhys Fischer scoring himself he only 150/150 as well as some Hall of Fame points.

We would like to sincerely thank all of our generous sponsors for supporting our State DTL Carnival this year. Every shooter knows that without their involvement, contribution and support, these events would not be possible. This year we thank our regular team that give so generously every year – The Goolwa PipiCo, Greg from Fisher Firearms, Harlan from Beretta, Filippo from Perazzi (with assistance from Martin of Collumbo Shooting), Winchester Australia (with assistance



SA Champion Shooter,
Darryn Nicholls



SA Junior Champion Shooter,
Stefen Parletta



Above: Junior Team High Gun,
Lachlan Holtham

Below: SA Ladies Team
High Gun, Tania Evans



Above: Veteran Team High Gun,
Max Medhurst

Below: SA Open Team High Gun,
Rhys Fischer



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Accountants, Kat and Cockles, and Ramsay Brothers. Also, Bob and Linda Andrews who produce the very sought after silver State badges. Many thanks also to Ray and Pat Mack for their trophy shoot. Thank you all so very much for making our State event a success.



State President Andrew Hoare presenting flowers and thanking Assuntanna Forza who went out of her way to ensure that the catering at our State Shooting Park this year was exceptional. A big thank you from everyone

Finally, we appreciate and acknowledge the assistance of all the behind the scenes quiet achievers that gave of their time. Workers that were running around everywhere in the office, on the grounds and in the clubhouse and kitchen to make sure everything ran like a Swiss watch. Special thanks to Assunta who did some special work making sure that the quality of the food at the shop was just awesome for the whole 4 days. So many great comments from the shooters. Thanks to Shoot Marshall Andrew Hoare and Cockles for being on the ball with some much appreciated help from Shaun, to help finish in a timely manner on all 4 days. All of these helpers also contributed to making sure that everything ran like clockwork. On a last note, thanks to all the shooters that participated and travelled to compete under extremely difficult, changing and varying conditions. All of you helped make it a great 4-day weekend. We hope to see you here again in 2024. Thank you everyone.

*Len DeCandia,
Chair – SACTA Promotions*



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James Willett with his bronze medal

The Australian Shotgun Shooting Team returned from Egypt over the weekend, where they reinforced their world class talent at the Shotgun World Cup in Cairo.

Three Aussies made the finals during the Trap event, including world number 1 Penny Smith in Women's Trap. In Men's Trap, Nathan Argiro made his senior World Cup final debut, with internationally decorated James Willett securing a bronze medal.

With 13 athletes, the Team in Cairo was the largest Australian World Cup Team (ISSF) to travel in 2023 as a key part of the preparation plan for the 2023 ISSF World Championships and 2024 Paris Olympic Games.

Yarrowonga resident Willett, currently ranked 13th in the world in Men's Trap, shot a qualifying score of 119 out of 125 targets, equalling the score of three other competitors.

The four men then entered a sudden death 'miss and out' shoot-off to determine the remaining three ranking match (semi-final) positions. Willett showed his experience, easily progressing through to ranking match 2 where he contested a position in the medal match against fellow Aussie Argiro, and a competitor from Kuwait and the Czech Republic. A strong performance in the ranking match with a score of 22 out of 25, and Willett was into the medal match, hungry for a podium finish. Another strong performance with a score of 23 out of 25 in the medal match equalling the score with Italy's Massimo Fabbri (world ranked 16). With Fabbri qualifying in a higher



James Willett

position to reach the medal match, Willet was eliminated, securing the bronze medal.

“I finished qualifying on 119 and had to shoot off to get into the finals and had a strong semi [final] and medal match and ended up with the bronze medal so I am really happy,” said Willet. The Cairo World Cup concluded 6 weeks of international competition and training for Willett. “It was a tough one to be out there finishing up a six-week trip for me

and obviously really happy to come away with a medal from this event and top off the trip. All the hard work from the last few weeks has gone really well and I will head home from here to get ready for [the next World Cup in] Kazakhstan.”

Watching on from home, Willett’s wife Amy reflected “How exciting! I am so proud of James. He has worked so hard for this and is so determined. This has been a great experience for James and a good lead up to his next competition. It will be nice to have him home as it’s been a long time apart.”

With the quality of international competition requiring an almost flawless performance, one member of the Australian shotgun team making a final

is considered a feat but three is considered rare and truly remarkable with Willett indicating it is the first time he has been in a final with another Australian “It is definitely the first time I’ve been in a final with another Australian so it was Nath [Argiro] out there today and it was really good to have him out there and to see him keep moving up from here. Obviously more competition both within Australia and internationally is really helping us.”

Australian Trap Team





Nathan Argiro

Also reflecting on competing against a team mate in a ranking match Argiro said “It’s an honour having another Australian in the same final. You don’t see that too often. James topped me by just one but it was good to see an Aussie get up there and medal.”

Argiro (world ranked 31) with international Junior successes under his belt, showed his development and competitive ability as a Senior in Cairo. “To say it wasn’t an easy one is an understatement. Very happy with how I performed and to make my first World Cup final is something very special and something very memorable for not only myself but for my family and my team and everyone around me.”

Watching on from their hometown of Mildura, Argiro’s parents Christine and Darren said “It was pretty nerve wracking and we are very proud of him and he did so well. He has put the time and effort into his training and the hard work and sacrifices are starting to pay off. Being at the top end of your sport has its challenges as you try to balance work and sporting commitments, but we are so proud and look forward to what the rest of this year brings for Nathan.”

In her third consecutive World Cup final this year including a Gold medal in Qatar (March) and a Bronze medal in Cyprus (April), Penny Smith narrowly missed out on a medal in Cyprus finishing in fourth place. “It was a bit challenging and the weather played a bit of havoc with the targets. I am really happy to come away with a 118 [out of 125] and obviously qualify for the final. I had a really good semi and just fell short in the final [medal match] finishing 4th but really happy with my performance,” reflected Smith.



Penny Smith

Speaking about two other team members in the finals Smith said “It was really fantastic. It was really great to see Nath [Argiro] make his first international final and also James [Willett] out there again . . . the boys put up a really good fight and it’s really good to see how strong Australia is and the depth we have coming through.”

Of her world number one ranking, Smith said “It’s a really good feeling and good to see all the hard work and effort that my support crew have helped me with and I just need to keep it up.”

In addition to Willett and Argiro in Men's Trap were Tokyo Olympian Thomas Grice shooting 112 out of 125, Mitchell Iles shooting 110, and in his Senior World Cup debut, Gabe Sensi also shooting 110. Rio and Tokyo Olympian Laetisha Scanlan shot 110 out of 125 to finish 14th in the Women's Trap event with Rio Olympic Gold medallist, Catherine Skinner, shooting 110 to finish 21st. Prior to the trap events, Rio Olympian Aislin Jones, Tokyo Olympian Laura Coles and Brittany Melbourne in her World Cup debut, competed in the Women's Skeet event. Joshua Bell and Frank Morris (World Cup debut) competed in the Men's Skeet event.

Shooting Australia's High Performance Manager, Kathryn Periac, travelled with the

team to Cairo and said "It was a challenging environment in Cairo and important to provide support to the athletes as they worked on optimising their performances in the difficult conditions. There were 119 starts in the Men's Trap event, the biggest field overall, with all 5 Australian men finishing in, or close to, the top half of the field. I am extremely pleased with the strong performances from all the team members as we work towards success in the World Championships in Baku later this year, and the Olympic Games in Paris 2024."

The Australian Shotgun Team will next compete at the World Cup in Almaty, Kazakhstan commencing on 20th May.



Three Day Roman Bounty Shoot

ROMA CLAY TARGET CLUB, APRIL 2023

This year's shoot was held as a run-up to the QCTA State Trap Carnival. The shoot was a great success for the Roma Clay Target Club as we had a total of 204 shooters from 57 clubs from across Australia. We had excellent autumn weather with warm days and cool nights which guaranteed that



Final Bounty Shoot qualifiers

everyone shot at their best which was reflected in the scores. This shoot was the last of our Bounty Shoots which ensured that we had a good turnout of shooters. There were over \$79,000 of prizes on hand for the shoot. This prize amount was made possible by our very generous sponsors. Our expected numbers for the shoot were exceeded, which helped make for great competition. The shooters travelled from all over Australia to compete in our competition and the State Trap Carnival which followed. The club thanks everybody for their effort in attending, and the sponsors for their generosity. Without the shooters and sponsors this type of event could not take place.



The three-day shoot started off with the 50 target Medley which was won by Blackall competitor, Alex Dallas. He received \$1,000, sponsored by BETTA Electrical and Mitchell Water. This event was the only event to take place on Wednesday.

Queensland shooter, Robert Rider from Kingaroy, snatched a win in the 25 target Maranoa Points Score Championship to start the action on day two. He received \$1,000 for his effort which was sponsored by Top Country and Bakearoma.

Next was the 25 target Roma Single Barrel Championship won by MCC-ACTA shooter from Melbourne, Andrew Brady, who received \$1,000 sponsored by Roma Tyre & Battery and Gibson Drilling.

The last event for Wednesday was the 50 target Roma Double Barrel Championship which was won by Grady Evans of Boorowa with a final score, after shoot-off, of 396/396. He received a Tikka T3x Lite 223 rifle valued at \$1,400 sponsored by Beretta Australia.

The final day of competition culminated with the 30 target Roma Handicap and the CLEANAWAY Handicap Shoot-off. The 30 target Roma Handicap was won by Barcaldine competitor, Shawn Ryan. Shawn received

an Engel 60 fridge freezer valued at \$1,700 which was sponsored by Taylor's Parts Centre Roma.

A good crowd of spectators and 40 talented shooters gathered for the Handicap Shoot-off and the atmosphere was electric. The \$30,000 first prize for the Roman Bounty Shoot-off was won by Queensland competitor, Matt Bach from the Condamine Clay Target Club. Matt held his nerve in the final shoot-off from a field of 40 competitors with a score of 36/36. CLEANAWAY sponsored the Shoot-off event with \$50,000 in cash.

The three-day event was deemed a great success by club president, Andrew Whyte, who commented, "It was a great result for Matt, the event overall and the Roma Clay Target Club. Thanks must go to Noel Hancock and CLEANAWAY for their generous ongoing support. CLEANAWAY is a waste management business which delivers integrated total waste management solutions Australia-wide. As this event is the last of the Roman Bounty Shoots, in 2024 the Roma Clay Target Club will hold its normal two day shoot."

So as not to disappoint anyone, there will be a Beretta DT11 shotgun put up for grabs as





President Andrew Whyte; \$30,000 winner Matt Bach; Craig "Block" of CLEANAWAY presenting winner's cheque

a lucky door prize to be won by a competitor who has nominated for the whole event. The odds are excellent for anyone to win this magnificent prize. We hope to see everyone back in 2024.

Congratulations to all committee members, competitors, associated volunteers and shoot officials on a sensational event. A special

thanks to Brenda Collins from Chinchilla who gave up her time to run the office and the My Clubs My Scores program. And a great thanks to Brian Muirson for taking on the role of shoot marshal.

Results:

50 target Medley (25T DB, 25T PS): (187 competitors). Overall Alex Dallas 220/220.





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AA: Matt Bach 219/220, Phil Granger 258/260, Joe Rapisarda 257/260. A: Robert Rider 139/140, Glen Rush 138/140, Cesar Diaz 137/140. B: John Wild 136/140, Craig Harris 165/180, Chris Wockner 155/180.

C: Amanda O'Brien 97/100, Jack Bach 95/100, Paul Hartin 92/100.

25 target Maranoa Points Score Championship: (189 competitors). Overall Robert Rider 174/174. AA: Andrew Brady 173/174, Clayton

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The Winners

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MATHEW BACH

Score: _____ Home Club: CONDAMINE

SQUAD	Hcap	Score	Name
SQUAD 1	OA EV1	24	ALEX DALLAS
	OA EV2	28	ANDREW BRADY
	OA EV3	25	BRUCE POWELL
	OA EV4	26	GRADY EVANS
	OA EV6	28	GLENN BRATON
	OA EV5	25	GRADY EVANS
SQUAD 2	AA EV1	24	MATHEW BACH
	AA EV2	26	CLAYTON CUSACK
	AA EV3	23	GRAEME TURNER
	AA EV4	25	PHIL GRANGER
	AA EV6	27	JEFF RICHARSON
	AA EV5	23	GRAEME TURNER
SQUAD 3	A EV1	19	ROBERT RIDDER
	A EV2	19	ROBERT HASCART
	A EV3	19	ALEXANDER BOURKE
	A EV4	19	ROHAN WARWICK
	A EV6	22	JIMMY FURINI
	A EV5	19	ROBERT HASCART
SQUAD 4	B EV1	19	JOHN WILD
	B EV2	19	SEAMUS FILAN
	B EV3	17	BRADFORD LEGGO
	B EV4	17	AARON DEATH
	B EV6	22	BRAD COWLEY
	B EV5	17	BRADFORD LEGGO
SQUAD 5	C EV1	15	AMANDA O'BRIEN
	C EV2	15	MAX BAUMER
	C EV3	15	JACK BACH
	C EV4	15	KEVIN PERRIN
	C EV6	23	GREG MALTYBY
	C EV5	15	KEVIN PERRIN
SQUAD 6	Hcp1	22	SHAWN RYAN
	Hcp2	23	TONY COCO
	Hcp3	22	TOM MYLREA
	Hcp4	22	ALEX INCANI
	Hcp5	26	BEN RUMBEL
	Hcp6	22	SHAWN RYAN
SQUAD 7	Hcap	19	SIMON STEELE
	Hcap	17	CRAIG HARRIS
	Hcap	19	KATIE MCCARTHY
	Hcap	25	JACK BRANDT
	Hcap	22	JOSH COLLINS
	Hcap	19	SIMON STEELE
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	Hcap	21	RYAN CHOUNDING
	Hcap	16	STUART LEE
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Squads 7 & 8 will be filled in accordance with the Roman Bounty Shoot regarding: "OA and Grade High Gun winners not otherwise qualified" and then any remaining spots will be auctioned off.

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Alexander Incani, AA Grade High Gun



Simon Steele, A Grade High Gun

Cusack 170/171, Wayne Dunbar 150/153.
 A: Robert Haggart 99/102, Ian Johnston 77/78,
 Simon Steele 101/102. B: Seamus Filan 78/81,
 Aaron Death 74/75, Terry Morony 73/75. C:
 Mac Baumer 73/75, David Hermann 68/75,
 Amanda O'Brien 67/75.

25 target Roma Single Barrel Championship:
 (190 competitors). Overall Andrew Brady
 78/78. AA: Bruce Powell 77/78, Graham
 Turner 68/69, Peter Brandt 59/60.
 A: Alexander Bourke 25/26, Cesar Diaz 49/50,
 Terry Marsden 25/25. B: Bradford Leggo



Craig Harris, B Grade High Gun, with Roma's Tony Allen



Jack Bach, C Grade High Gun



Samantha Peck, Lady Grade High Gun



Ryan Chounding, Junior High Gun



Tony Coco, Veteran High Gun

27/28, Glen Anderson 26/28, Craig Harris 32/35. C: Jack Bach 27/28, Robyn Jackson 24/26, Noelene Trost 23/26.

50 target Roma Double Barrel Championship: (190 competitors). Overall Grady Evans 396/396. AA: Graeme Turner 393/396, Phil Grainger 264/267, Ben Woodhouse 236/237.

A: Alexander Bourke 159/162, Rohan Warwick 123/124, Simon Steele 113/114. B: Aaron Death 67/68, Gene Beck 53/54, Glen Anderson 52/54. C: Jack Bach 48/50, Kevin Perrin 48/51, Robyn Jackson 47/51.

30 target Roma Handicap: (197 competitors). 1st Shawn Ryan 79/79. 2nd Tony Coco 78/79, 3rd Tom Mylrea 34/35, 4th Alexander Incani 73/74, 5th Ben Rumbel 72/74.

15 Pair Maranoa Double Rise Championship: (198 competitors). Overall Glen Barton 39/40. AA: Jeff Richardson 39/40, Alex Dallas 38/40, Bruce Powell 57/60. A: Jimmy Furini 37/40, John Langridge 29/30, Greg Matson 37/40. B: Tom Mylrea 28/30, Daniel Griffin 44/50. C: Greg Maltby 28/30, Ryan Chounding 27/30, Craig Harris 26/30.

High Guns: Overall Alex Dallas 326/332, AA: Alexander Incani 325/332, A: Simon Steele 298/310, B: Craig Harris 307/332, C: Jack Bach 279/310, Veteran: Tony Coco

300/310, Ladies: Samantha Peck 293/310, Junior: Ryan Chounding 300/310.

Roman Bounty Shoot-off Handicap: Matthew Bach from Condamine Clay Target Club Queensland took home \$30,000 first prize from the Roman Bounty Shoot with a score of 36/36. Other winners were Bradford Leggo 35/36 of Rockhampton 2nd \$8,000; Phil Granger 34/35 of Noorat 3rd \$5,000; and Tom Mylrea 32/33 of Gemfields, Jimmy Furini 28/29 of Mackay & Sarina, Shawn Ryan 25/26 of Barcaldine, Andrew Brady 12/13 of MCC-ACTA, Robert Rider 11/12 of Kingaroy, Alexander Incani 11/12 of Brisbane and Clayton Cusack 11/13 of Condamine were 4th to 10th and each received \$1,000.

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Psychological Skills for Shooting

by Michael Kruger-Davis

Mindfulness First, the Ideal Performance State Should Follow

January's article and the article last month looked at mindfulness which is that special way of paying attention that can help with how you cope with everyday life or deal with tough times, and there are great benefits for your physical and mental health. Mindfulness can keep us grounded in the here and now, it can allow us to focus on the important things and it can help us deal with stress and anxiety through relaxation and meditation.

Being in a state of mindfulness has lots of parallels with 'being in the zone.'

When I worked with the Southern Sports Academy, there was a common question asked by athletes and coaches alike: How we can get into the 'zone'? Shooters are also keen to ask this question, because when it has happened everything appears to be perfect, it is like you cannot miss, the targets seen like dinner plates. Once you have experienced it, it becomes necessary to experience it again and again. The concept of being in the 'zone' or 'the flow', is widely discussed in the sport psychology literature, and is a state that all athletes strive to achieve but cannot achieve it over and over again.

The research and literature states there are eight mental and physical conditions that have been identified by athletes as being characteristics of the feelings they have at those moments when they are doing something extraordinarily well;

1. Being **mentally relaxed** or in a state of inner calm. Sometimes this can be described as the sense of time being slowed down and having a high degree of concentration. It can also be described as being in a trance or altered state of consciousness.

2. Being **physically relaxed** so that muscles feel loose and fluid. Every sport relies on muscular movement and muscle memory. Gymnasts and dancers may look fluid and graceful but their muscles are strained, stretched, twisted and so on throughout every performance.

3. Confident /optimistic; **feelings of self-confidence**, being optimistic and positive about our own performance. This is very important during challenging times within the competition.

4. **Focused on the present**. Shooting is a here and now sport and we feel a sense of harmony when the body and mind is able to work as one unit. In order for the body to perform in the here and now, our minds must also be in the here and now. This means shooting this target and not the one missed (in the past) or not the ones in the shoot off (in the future). By controlling the thoughts about the future and the past, the body can perform automatically without conscious or deliberate mental effort, past performance judgements and anxiety about future performances.

5. Highly **energized**. A high-energy state is frequently described as feelings of joy, ecstasy, intensity or being 'hot'. Being in this manic or euphoric state helps the muscles to perform and keep going. If you were depressed or dysphoric you would give up or not even try.

6. **Extraordinary awareness**: A state of mind that allows the athlete to be acutely aware of their bodies and of those around them. Being in the zone has often been described by athletes as 'watching themselves on a television screen and often in slow motion. This means

that you can be absolutely focused and aware of what you are doing.

7. **In control.** The body and mind seem to do automatically what is right without the need to exert, try or impose control. There is no conscious thought about what you are doing. It is like you are on autopilot. Your thinking about what you are doing is being sidetracked.

8. **In the cocoon.** This involves feelings of detachment from the external environment and any potential distractions, where the athlete has complete access to one's powers and skills.

The eight qualities listed above are those that are evident when athletes reach peak performance. But there is a difference between being a very good club competitor and being a national champion. Williams (1993) continues and describes a psychological construct referred to as flow. Flow is defined by Csikszentmihalyi when the challenge equals skill level, when one knows what to do, one has clear goals, deep concentration, a sense of being in control, and a sense of loss of time; and the activity becomes automatic.

What is listed above is what we would all like to achieve, all the time, and if I knew the secret of how to continually achieve it, I wouldn't have to work again. Being in the 'zone' is just a by-product of reaching your Ideal Performance State. Mark Brownlee uses the term, Ideal Performance State, because it is less ambiguous than the 'zone'.

Brownlee argues that focusing on being in the 'zone' is fraught with problems. Firstly, that even though trying to do several things at once is desirable, it actually creates distractions and disrupts performance. Secondly, we should always be aiming for peak or perfect performances. Because peak performances are rare, expecting perfection leads to worry and frustration that deprives us of the enjoyment and motivation that is required to overcome difficulties and improve our skills. Finally, Brownlee talks about mindfulness. Mindfulness is the opposite to multitasking and means focusing your attention so that you are

absorbed in the activity to the exclusion of everything else.

Now, armed with the information that Csikszentmihalyi believes is apparent for peak performances, Brownlee has put together the mental and physical attributes that result in consistently high performance in sport. To experience the Ideal Performance State the shooter must be;

1. Focused in the present: in the moment.
2. Breathing properly and relaxed, with the right level of muscle tension.
3. Energized and alert: being in a sense of calm-alertness or serene intensity.
4. Free of self-consciousness and ego: not worrying about others or the task at hand.
5. Confident: that they must feel mental and physically prepared to perform well.
6. Directing concentration and awareness only to what is needed to perform well.
7. Always using positive and instructive self-talk.

As you can see Csikszentmihalyi's conditions and Brownlee's attributes are basically the same. What is different is that Brownlee sees them as mental skills that can be planned for, practiced and achieved more regularly, that make up our own "ideal performance state". Therefore, practicing mindfulness, may be the path to the zone.

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I have put together all the articles that I have written for the CTSN (and some that have not yet been submitted) on USB. These are available for \$25.00 (which includes GST and Postage). If you wish to purchase a copy, please contact me at the email address below.

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Competition Results



SACTA

Bordertown 23/04/2023

Fine and calm (18): 50T DB CS: OA & AA: G Height 50/50, D Pratt 56/57; A: S Chambers 69/70, D Blok 68/70; B: D Robinson 49/50, T Downing 44/50; C: B Love 43/50, M McGrice 42/50; 50T PS: AA: A Hawker 147/150, J Hawker 146/150; A: S Chambers 148/150, D Blok 139/155; B: D Robinson 140/150, P Winser 128/150; C: B Love 129/150, M McGrice 126/152; HG: S Chambers 197/200.

Monarto 15/04/2023

Near perfect: Overcast but calm. (27): 40T MIX CS: OA: T Carlesso

93/95; AA: Z Drawing 87/95, R Clark 57/60; A: T Carlesso 93/95, P Minhard 57/60; B: T Scarff 56/60, K Robinson 54/60; C: D Loughhead 53/60, S Rogers 51/60; 30T SB CS: OA: R Clark 30/30; AA: R Clark 30/30, B Sims 29/30; A: G Hopgood 38/41, P Minhard 37/41; B: T Scarff 28/30, K Robinson 26/30; C: S Rogers 26/32, D Loughhead 26/32; 30T DB CS: OA: B Sims 58/58; AA: B Sims 58/58, T Dunn 30/31; A: M Pontifex 57/58, G Hopgood 53/54; B: T Scarff 29/30, M Sutton 27/30; C: S Rogers 30/34, P Roney 29/34.

Monarto 16/04/2023

Cooler day with S-W winds. (36): 50T HC CS: OA: P Minhard 47/52 (19m), M Pontifex 46/52 (20m), M Williamson 53/59 (19m); 50T PS CS (shot in conjunction with Graham Michell Memorial Trophy and G. & R. Michell Team trophy): OA: A Sologub 146/150; AA: B Sims 142/150, T Dunn 139/150; A: A Sologub 146/150, P Kelly 143/150; B: R Wheaton 143/150, T Scarff 133/150; C: P Hampel 133/150, P Dunn 131/150; Graham Michell Memorial Trophy: A Sologub 146/150; Graham and Ruth Michell Team trophy: won by Monarto. B Sims, R Clark, T Dunn, P Kelly, G Hopgood. 683/750; OA & AA HG: B Sims 302/320; A HG: P Kelly 291/320; B HG: T Scarff 285/320; C HG: S Rogers 272/320; VET HG: P Minhard 293/320; LAD HG: D Loughhead 250/320.

Monarto 25/04/2023

27 degrees C and perfect conditions (30): 75T Ch/Ch 18 metres: AA: B Sims 120/125, G Coppola 114/125; A: P Kelly 119/125, G Carter 117/125; B: M Williamson 112/125, D

Halikiopoulos 111/125; C: S Rogers 114/125, P Dunn 106/125; 25T DB: AA: B Cook 25/25, B Sims 45/46; A: P Kelly 44/45, R Damin 43/45; B: M Williamson 58/59, G Hopgood 57/59; C: R Perry 25/25, P Hampel 24/25; OA HG: B Sims 144/150.

Mount Gambier 08/04/2023

4 Seasons (41): 100T DB: OA: A Pollock 99/100; AA: R Andrews 98/100, D Pratt, G Height, D Beyer 97/100; A: K Atkin 94/100, S Chambers 93/100, A Jenkins, T Pevitt 91/100; B: H Megaw 95/100, D Robertson 94/100, D Murrell, D Blok 91/100; C: T Lloyd, P Klieve 80/100, R Marcato 78/100.

Southern Yorke Peninsula 22/04/2023

Perfect (11): 50T DB Gr: B: N Marsh 57/61, M Bulger 56/61; C: T Haggerty 47/50, L Leong 44/51; 25T PS Gr: B: M Bulger 71/75, N Marsh 69/75; C: S Haggerty 70/75, T Haggerty 60/75; 25T DB HC: 1st: N Marsh 32/34, 2nd: T Haggerty 31/34; OA GH: N Marsh 138/150; JNR HG: X Leong 120/150.



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ISSF STATE CARNIVAL 29th to 30th July 2023

Venue: State Shooting Park 65 Carmello Rd Buckland Park, South Australia

Day	Time	Event	Details
Friday 28 th July	12.00pm	Official Practice	Trap, Skeet – host club holding pre-event
Saturday 29 th July	9:00am	Trap	75 targets
	9:30am	Skeet	75 targets
Sunday 30 th July	9:00am	Trap	last 50 targets + Mens & Ladies Finals
	9:30am	Skeet	last 50 targets + Mens & Ladies Finals

Event Entry Fee (full noms) Juniors free under 21yrs
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TCTA

Central Highlands 16/04/2023

Cool (14): 100T DB: AA: L Hancock 104/104; A: J Groombridge 102/104; B: K Hibble 96/100; C: C Bevan 78/100.

Spring Bay 08/04/2023

Mild winter day until it rained! (21): 75T Club Anniversary: OA & AA: B Bennett 74/75; A: S Glover 70/75; B: N Lewis 68/75; C: D Reynolds 54/75; 25T HC: 1st C

Chapman 25/27, 2nd T Kirkland 24/27, 3rd C Kenny 23/26.

Spring Bay 25/04/2023

Lovely autumn day. (36): 75T DB Anzac CS: AA & OA: M Hill 80/80; A: C Chapman 81/84; B: J McIntyre 71/75; C: A Pitsch 80/87; 10Pr D/R: AA: J Wilson 16/20; A: M Hill 18/20; B: K Chapman 17/20; C: H Todd 15/20.



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Peel 16/04/2023

An overcast but humid 21 degrees (37): 150T DB: OA: P House 150/150; AA: G Walker 183/184, T Burnard 182/184, W Kuser 147/150; A: G Scott 148/150,

A Brown 147/150, M Griffiths 143/150; B: L Knight 141/150, C Shales 141/153, M Waterton 140/153; C: P Johnson 134/150, C Watson 133/150, D Evans 130/150.



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Atherton Tableland 23/04/2023

Cool, drizzly, gusty (35): 30T DB CD: AA: D Sutherland Silkwood 30/30, J Smaniotto Silkwood 30/30; A: M Costa Atherton 29/30, E Collins Atherton 28/30, G Braid Atherton 28/30; B: P Neubecker Silkwood 28/30, K Williams Atherton 27/30; C: R Howlett Atherton 26/30, M Greco Silkwood 25/30, B Coulthard Atherton 25/30, S Zorretto Atherton 25/30; 30T Medley: AA: C Santarossa Silkwood 49/50, M Thurston Silkwood 48/50; A: B Lansdown Silkwood 47/50, S Harper Atherton 47/50; B: P Vit Atherton 45/50, K Williams Atherton 45/50; C: R Howlett Atherton 47/50, P Hickson Atherton 41/50; 30T HC: 1st B Lansdown Silkwood 29/30, 2nd D Rosenhain Atherton 28/30, 3rd R Howlett Atherton 28/30; 25T CONT: AA: A Lemphers Silkwood 25/25, 2nd M Stella Silkwood 24/25; A: B Lansdown Silkwood 25/25, S Harper Atherton 25/25; B: P Wilkins Atherton 22/25, P Neubecker Silkwood 22/25; C: M Greco

Silkwood 24/25, C De Brueys Atherton 22/25.

Ballandean 16/04/2023

War, some cloud, windy at times (50): 50T DB: John Bacchetti Memorial: OA: A Smith 98/98; AA: J Lee 97/98, G Costanzo 61/62; A: M Formaggin 97/98, A Wilmot 72/74; B: T Formaggin 73/74, A Calderara 51/53; C: M Mundell 48/50, G Casley 47/50; 25T SB BCTC CS: OA: G Carew 31/31; AA: S Meagher 30/31, A Nolan 29/30; A: S Favaro 28/29, M Formaggin 27/29; B: M Vukovic 27/31, J McLean 26/31; C: S Dewdney 23/25, M Mundell 31/36; 50T CONT: Angelo Musumeci Memorial: OA: S Meagher 73/73; AA: S Smith 72/73, G Costanzo 70/71; A: A Smith 71/72, P Westbury 53/54; B: T Formaggin 48/50, M Vukovic 54/57; C: R Ross 44/50, S Musumeci 42/50; OA HG: A Smith 135/137.

Bundaberg 02/04/2023

Drizzly (21): 25T DB PTS: AA: G Noffke 72/75; A: D Large 72/75; B: B Simpson 68/75; C: G Seiler

67/75; 25T DB PTS: AA: G Noffke 75/75; A: I Wynyard 74/75; B: B Simpson 70/75; C: B Otto 69/75; 25T DB PTS: AA: G Noffke 71/75; A: I Wynyard 75/75; B: B Fisher 70/75; C: G Seiler 68/75; 25T DB PTS: AA: G Noffke 74/75; A: D Large 74/75; B: B Simpson 72/75; C: K Rehbein 74/75; HG: OA: G Noffke 292/300; Bdge 100T D Large 100/100.

Bundaberg 01/04/2023

Cloudy (5): 25T SKT OG CD: C G Noffke 24/25; 25T SKT HC: 1ST G Noffke 25/25, 2nd G Long 25/25, 3rd D Large 25/25; HC: 25T SKT DBLS: C: G Noffke 21/25.

Brisbane 12/04/2023

Great (31): 75T Medley: OA: G Langridge 123/125; AA: J Langridge, J Rapisarda, J Castellino 119/125; A: M Swinn 123/125, B Jurd 121/125; B: W Muller 116/125, J Esposito 113/125; C: T Walden 105/125, P Bowers 104/125.

Brisbane 23/04/2023

Great (61): 25T DB CD: AA: N Thurston, C Koutsakis, M Cioli, J Langridge, M Lynch 25/25; A: J Collins, M Chounding, M Swinn, P Strange, R Jones, A Eagle 25/25; B: W Muller 24/25, G Pincham, B Buncic, C Maguire 23/25; C: M Baumer, K Smith 23/25; 25T SB: AA: P Hill 24/25, J Porter 36/38; A: A Mills 25/25, P Strange 24/25; B: G Pincham 24/25, C Maguire 23/25; C: H Wu 20/25, P Bowers 18/25; 25T PS: AA: N Thurston 74/75, A Incani 73/75; A: D Smith 75/75, P Strange 73/75; B: G Pincham 67/75, W Muller 66/75; C: M Baumer 74/75, K Smith 63/75; 25T DB, 25 T PS: AA: J Porter 139/140, N Thurston 137/140; A: M Swinn 138/140, G Crouch 136/140; B: G Pincham 93/100, W Muller 88/100; C: M Baumer 93/100, P Bowers 90/100; HG: Open: N Thurston 221/225; AA: J Porter 214/225; A: P Strange 218/225; B: G Pincham 207/225; C: M Baumer 207/225.

Gold Coast 05/04/2023

(37): 75T Night Medley: AA: J Rapisarda 120/125, N Thurston 119/125; A: P Freeleagus 119/125, S Weeden 118/125; B: D Cokley 111/125, A McKenzie 110/125; C: J Cai 104/125, J Jonklaas 100/125.

Gold Coast 08/04/2023

Windy (59): 25T DB CD: AA: J Langridge, M Ciolli, S Cannizzaro, P DiGiannantonio 25/25; A: L

Anderson, P Santarossa, A Struhs 25/25; B: A McKenzie 24/25, T Willet 23/25; C: N Davis 24/25, J Chalmers, J Gelkov, M Milidoni, B Phillis, R Muller 21/25; 50T DB: AA: G Langridge 65/65, M Ciolli 64/65; A: P Santarossa 60/60, J Castellino 59/60; B: D Cokley 48/52, M Psaras 47/52; C: J Jonklaas 46/50, N Davis 45/51; 50T DB: AA: N Muller 56/58, T Ryder 55/58; A: G Christopher 50/50, P Santarossa 49/50; B: A McKenzie 48/50, D Cokley 44/50; C: N Davis 46/50, R Muller 41/50; HG: OA: P Santarossa 124/125; JNR: J Langridge 114/125.

Gold Coast 03/05/2023

(41): 75T Night Medley: AA: M Pain 123/125, P Santarossa 116/125; A: S Weeden 118/125, M Chounding 117/125; B: M Fletcher 134/150, D Cokley 132/150; C: J Cai 109/125, N Hooper 108/125.

Kingaroy 19/04/2023

Fine (8): 50T CONT: AA & A: S McCullough 93/100, A Oakford/R Ridder 82/100, B & C: R Carracher 83/100, S Lee 80/100.

Port Denison 23/04/2023

Sunny day with cyclonic winds proving (20): 25T DB Sweepstakes: AA: A Ballarino 25/25, A Zarb 24/25, J Cerqui, B Pavy 23/25; A: B Gall, G McHenry 23/25, A Lord, M Populin 22/25; B: R Zarb 24/25, J Kinninmonth 23/25, N Kirkman 22/25; C: B Bonanno, L Dalton 23/25, M O'Reilly 15/25; 25T SB: Grd Trophy: AA: J Cerqui 23/25, A: B Gall 23/26, B: M Simspon 23/25, C: B Bonanno 19/25; 25T PS Sweepstakes: AA: J Cerqui 74/75, A Ballarino 73/75, B Pavy 71/75; A: B Gall 71/75, M Populin 68/75, C Edgerton 66/75; B: N Kirkman 66/75, R Zarb 65/75, J Kinninmonth 60/75; C: L Dalton 66/75, B Bonanno 51/75, M O'Reilly 41/75; 15 Pr D/R Port Denison CS Grd Trophy: AA: B Pavy 26/30, OA & A: J Furinni 27/30; B: J Cerqui 21/30; C: J Kinninmonth 24/40.

Texas 23/04/2023

Clear Fine Day slight breeze (50): 150T DB: OA: B Kneipp 150/150; AA: J Reid 199/200, B Henshall 199/200; A: D Schultz 149/150, B Farlow 148/150; B: R Deans 140/150, R Cullen 138/150; C: G Loudon 132/150, K Wright 126/150; JNR: J Henshall 144/150; Lad: J Donovan 144/150; VET: J Reid 199/200.

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Queensland Clay Target Association Inc.
STATE ISSF CARNIVAL

Brisbane Gun Club
15th to 18th June 2023



Thursday 15th June Olympic Trap & Skeet Practise - from 10am

Friday 16th June - 9.00 am

Day 1 - 75T **Skeet** Qualifying Men's & Women's State Olympic Skeet Championship

Day 1 - 50T **Trap** Qualifying Men's & Women's State Olympic Trap Championship

Saturday 17th June - 9.00 am

Day 2 - 50T **Skeet** Qualifying Men's & Women's State Olympic Skeet Championship
- Men's & Women's **Skeet** Finals

Day 2 - 50T **Trap** Qualifying Men's & Women's State Olympic Trap Championship

Sunday 18th June - 9.00 am

Day 3 - 25T **Trap** Qualifying Men's & Women's State Olympic Trap Championship
- Men's & Women's **Trap** Finals

Overall Men's Trap & Skeet: QCTA Silver Badge, Sash & Cash Award
2nd & 3rd OA: Medal & Cash Award / 1st Juniors & Masters (+55 years): Medals

Overall Women's Trap & Skeet: Sash & Cash Award
2nd & 3rd OA: Medal & Cash Award / 1st Juniors & Masters (+55 years): Medals

Overall ParaTrap Winner: Sash

Trap Events: Graded Trophies 1st & 2nd - Medal & Cash Award

Skeet Events: Graded Trophies 1st - Medal & Cash Award

Queensland State Postal Team

1 Team comprising 3 Men, 2 Women, 2 Juniors & 2 Masters.

Team selected over first 50T of the qualifying events, score recorded over last 50T of each event.
Juniors & Masters may be male or female.

State Representative Teams

3 Men, 3 Women, 2 Juniors & 2 Masters in each discipline selected on total 125 targets at this carnival in keeping with State MQS policy for the 2024 ACTA ISSF Nationals.

Juniors & Masters may be male or female.

Pre-nominations through MCMS – Each event \$100 Men & Women / \$90 Juniors

The Committee reserves the right to alter the program.

For further information: **QCTA: 0458 663080** Email admin@claytargetqld.org.au

This is a Shooting Australia endorsed event.





Queensland Clay Target Association Inc.



STATE 5-STAND SPORTING CARNIVAL

Hosted by the Caboolture Clay Target Club
24th & 25th June 2023

100 Targets each day – 9am Start
Overall & Graded Prizes, Best Lady, Junior & Veteran over 100T each day

200T - Queensland State Champion Overall Highgun

Sashes & Cash prizes for all Highguns – Overall, Grade, Ladies,
Junior & Veterans over full program 200T.

State Representative Team Selection over 200T – All categories.



Plus

Zone Shoulder to Shoulder Team Championship
Saturday afternoon following the 100 Event.

*Need a bit of practise? 5 Stand practise available on
Friday 23rd June 10.00am - 3.00pm*

Camping at the club • Meals & Refreshments all weekend • Ammunition

Pre-nominations will be open through MCMS or nom on the day.
Full program 200T – Open \$160, Ladies & Vets \$140, Juniors \$100

For further information: QCTA - 0458 663080 Club President Dave Milton – 0413 300946



VCTA

Korumburra 22/04/2023

Four seasons (18): 50T SKT: OA & A: S Hewitt 49/50, C Gardner 48/50; B: J Bradey 45/50, S Grattan 44/50; C: K Waldron 45/50, A Daly 42/50; 50T SKT DBL: AA: M Coleman 33/50, S Cunningham 32/50; OA & A: S Hewitt 47/50, C Gardner 43/50; B: M Oakely 39/50, C Barnes 39/50; C: T Sarris 45/50, J Bradley 39/50; Gr HG: AA: M Coleman; A: S Hewitt; B: J Bradley; C: K Waldron.

Maryborough 08/04/2023

50T CONT DB CS: OA: M Collins 51/52; AA: N Cassells 50/52, S Forbes 48/40; A: M Collins 51/52, M Vella 47/50; B: A Wojciechowski 47/50, L Vella 46/50; C: M Crawford 41/50, P Turner. 40T DB CS: OA: S Forbes; AA: S Forbes, N Cassells; A: M Vella, P Tate; B: J Shepherd, A Wojciechowski; C: P Turner, M Passalick. HG: OA/AA: N Cassells & S Forbes

98/100; JNR: M Crawford 76/100; LAD: L Crawford 67/100; VET: J Shepherd 93/100.

Melbourne 22/04/2023

Sunny, partly cloudy, mild temperatures, little wind (62): 25T PS: OA: D Saliba 101/102; AA: L Primavera 100/102, M Bravin 71/75; A: D Saliba 101/102, P Haslam 88/90; B: L Mckeeon 73/75, S Swain 72/75; C: J Adams 65/75, M De Pyle 67/78; 50T DB: OA: S Incani 50/50; AA: M Bravin 68/69, G Hunt 67/69; A: S Incani 50/50, D Saliba 75/76; B: T Caldwell 49/50, W Kotlarewski 48/50; C: M De Pyle 47/50, T Mcgrath 46/50; 25T HC: 1: M De Pyle 33/34; 2: S Incani 32/34; 3: F Sensi 27/29; BM: G Hunt 22/25; 100T SKT: OA: M Buttigieg 101/102; AA: P Johnston 87/100; A: R Miller 100/106, C Gardener 98/104; B: J Buttigieg 94/102, D Mould 93/102; C: J Thomas 89/100, J Bassett 87/100.

Mt Bogong 02/04/2023

Fine (28): 5 PR D/R E/O: D Taylor 10/10; 15 PR D/R: AA: C Palmer 27/30, K Jones 21/30; A: D Taylor 26/30, J Baker 25/30; B: G Schmidt 27/30, G Pronk 26/30; C: J Tomasoni 37/50, P Wilkins 35/50; 25T PS: AA: G Palmer 74/75, K Jones 73/75; A: D Johnston 74/75, J Hamilton 73/75; B: G Pronk 75/75, P Wilkins 73/75; C: J Tomasoni 69/75, K Brown 64/75; 25TGT DB: AA: D Taylor 25/26, G Evans 24/26; A: J Baker 25/25, J Hamilton 24/25; B: C Climas 24/25, C Sanders 24/25; C: T Baker 24/25, K Brown 22/25; HG: J Baker 130/140.

Nepean 15/04/2023

Light rain and gusty wind (55): 40T Norm Quick Perpetual HC:

OA: D Hutchens 40/40, S Swain 44/46, A Ferrari 43/46, D Cleary 53/56; M Horsfall 52/56; 50T DB: AA: K Gillespie 49/50, H Crawford 49/50; A: D Macgregor 50/50, P Lancaster 56/57; B: R Collins 50/50, M Peck 48/50; C: P Siciliano 48/50, C Joyce 47/50.

Yarrowonga 09/04/2023

Cool & Windy (35): 30T CONT: CD: AA: R Nelson, D Hunt, D Saunders 29/30; A & OA: C Ford 30/30, T Hicks 29/30; B: J Pieper 29/30, D Sidebottom 27/30; C: P Green 20/30, I Thorpe 18/30; 50T DB CS: AA & OA: D Hunt 50/50, B Farnsworth 49/50; A: C Sessions 47/51, C Ford 46/51; B: S Murphy 48/50, J Winters 56/59; C: I Thorpe 37/50, P Green 33/50; HG: D Hunt 79/80.



NTCTA

No shoot results provided by any NTCTA clubs. See advertising on pages 59 & 60

CLUB ADVERTISING

The ACTA has reduced the cost for Clubs, Zones and States to advertise in the Clay Target E-news.

The new rates will allow clubs to advertise their events at very minimal cost, with some additional incentives.

A 50% discount will apply to a repeat of the same advertisement in subsequent issues provided no changes are made.

As a further incentive a proof PDF or PNG file will be sent back for use on your own social media.

The new rates are:

Full Page \$100
One Quarter Page \$30

Half Page \$50
One Eighth Page \$20

North East Zone/V.C.T.A. JUNE 2023 PROGRAM

SUNDAY 4TH

Numurkah Shepparton 11:00 am
100tgt P/S C/ship

SUNDAY 11TH

Echuca 10:00 am
25pr D/R
25tgt P/S
25tgt H/cap
50tgt Skeet Gr C/ship
50tgt Skeet Super H/cap

Euroa 11:00 am

Benalla Gun Club Winter C/ships
25tgt Benalla GC P/S C/ship
25tgt Benalla GC S/B C/ship
25tgt Benalla GC D/B C/ship

Yarrawonga 11:00 am

25pr D/R C/D
50tgt P/S C/ship

MONDAY 12TH

Bendigo 9:00 am
King's Birthday shoot
See Clay Target Advert

SATURDAY 17TH

Wangaratta 12:00noon
DTL – *Program can be seen on the website and social media/Facebook page.*

SUNDAY 18TH

Kyneton 11:00am
50tgt P/S Gr C/ship
25tgt D/B Gr C/ship

Mansfield 10:30 am

Highland Shield – Mansfield vs Alexandra vs Euroa
10tgt P/S C/D
30tgt P/S C/ship
20tgt H/Cap
20tgt D/B C/ship
O/A High Gun over events 2, 3 & 4

FRIDAY 23RD

Mathoura 7:00 pm
40tgt Night P/S C/ship, OA, 3 gr
40tgt Night S/B C/ship, OA, 3 gr

SUNDAY 25TH

Colbinabbin 11:00 am
20tgt P/S C/D
20tgt S/B C/ship
25tgt D/B C/ship
15pr D/R



2023 Commonwealth Titles

**State Grounds-Echuca Clay Target Club
August 4th to 6th**

Incorporating six events: Double and Single barrel, Points Score, Double Rise and Champion of Champion events (all shot from 18 metres) and Handicap.

*Entries will be via My Club My Scores
(available in the near future)*

\$12,000 in prizes on offer!

Bendigo Clay Target Clay Club

Kings Birthday Shoot

12th of June Starting at 9:00am

Event 1 50 Tgt Double Barrel Championship



Full \$50 LJV \$45

**Overall, \$500 Cash - Remaining Grades - \$300 Cash
2nd in Grades - \$150 Cash**

Event 2 30 Tgt DRC Imports Single Barrel Championship



Full \$25 LJV \$20

**1st ea. Grade - 500 Shells valued at \$250
2nd ea. Grade - 250 Shells value at \$125**

Event 3 30 Tgt Trellly's Points Score Championship

Sponsored by Trellly's Outdoor Bendigo

Full \$25 LJV \$20

**1st ea. Grade - Prize to the approx. value of \$200
2nd ea. Grade - Prize to the approx. value of \$120**

Overall takes grade in all events

Overall High Gun Sash & Trophy

Ladies, Juniors & Veterans High Gun Trophy



Practice from 8.30am

EFTPOS Available

Enquiries - Phone 0493 542 035

Ground located 551 Bendigo Pyramid Rd Woodvale

email - bendigoclaytargetclub@outlook.com

Food & Refreshments available from our friendly canteen staff

The committee reserves the right to alter the program and prizes if required



FRANKSTON AUSTRALIAN CLAY TARGET CLUB INC.

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JUNE 2023 PROGRAM

All Events - Less than 5 entrants per grade no 2nd place.
The committee reserves the right to alter the program.

FREE NOMS FOR ALL JUNIORS

SUNDAY 4TH JUNE

DTL South East Zone Round 3 9:00am Start

Full canteen available from 8:30am

25 Target Handicap (Backmarker 22-25m)

50 Target Medley (25 Double Barrel, 25 Points Score)

Nominations \$60 Junior Nominations FREE

Pre-Nominations preferred through the SEZ MyClubsMyScores

All those who pre-nominate will go into the draw to win a slab of ammunition

CLUB CLOSED FOR ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES

NO PRACTICE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY

TUESDAY 6th JUNE

FACTC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 6:30PM

IN THE FACTC CLUBROOMS WITH DRINKS AND SUPPER TO FOLLOW

SUNDAY 18TH JUNE

10:00am Start Skeet 10:30am Start DTL

Event 1 ROUND 2 – 2023 SMASH ‘EM FOR CASH \$70.00
MEDLEY FORMAT EACH ROUND JUNIORS FREE

30 Target Double Barrel – 30 Target Points Score – 20 Pair Double Rise

AA, A, B, C – 1st \$150 2nd \$100 3rd \$50

Minimum 5 nominations in a grade for full prizes to be paid in that grade.

The grade you shoot will be your DTL Grade and not your double rise grade.

SERIES HIGH GUNS WILL BE AWARDED AT THE CONCLUSION OF ROUND 3.

THE GRADE YOU SHOOT IN FOR ROUND 1 WILL BE YOUR ELIGIBLE GRADE FOR THE SERIES HIGH GUN.

SCORES FROM ALL THREE ROUNDS TO COUNT.

ROUND 3 – 2 JULY 2023

Event 2 100 TARGET ‘FACTC CHAMPIONSHIP’ SKEET \$70.00
ROUND 2 – AA, A, B, C

YOUR BEST THREE SCORES OVER THE 5 ROUNDS WILL BE USED TO CALCULATE YOUR SERIES HIGH GUN SCORE.

THE GRADE YOU SHOOT YOUR FIRST ROUND WILL BE YOUR ELIGIBLE GRADE FOR THE SERIES HIGH GUN.

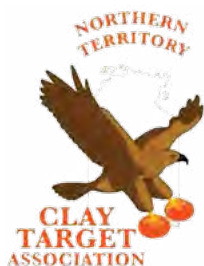
SERIES HIGH GUNS WILL BE AWARDED AT THE CONCLUSION OF ROUND 5.

OVERALL, AA, A, B, C, LJV – CASH + SASH

ROUND 3 – 16 JULY,

ROUND 4 – 20 AUGUST, ROUND 5 – 17 SEPTEMBER

Visit our website www.factc.com.au or Facebook for up to date information, shoot calendar and results.



Northern Territory Clay Target Association Inc.

NORTHERN TERRITORY 4 DAY TRAP CHAMPIONSHIPS 27th – 30th July 2023



Venue: Darwin Clay Target Club, 205 Abala Road, Darwin NT

Thursday 27th July 7:30 am

Event 1: 50 Target Handicap Championship

Event 2: 50 Target Double Barrel Championship

Friday 28th July 7:30 am

Event 3: 50 Target Single Barrel Championship

Event 4: 50 Target Points Score Championship

Saturday 29th July 7:30 am

Event 5: 75 Target Champion of Champions
NT Postal Teams

Saturday 29th July 5:30 pm

Calcutta Dinner

Sunday 30th July 7:30 am

Event 6: 25 Pair Double Rise Championship

Event 7: 50 Target Double Barrel Calcutta (Not included in the Overall High Gun)

The NTCTA committee reserves the right to alter the program should the need arise

Overall on Events 1 – 6: NT Sash, Gold Badge and Cash or Sponsor Prize.

1st and 2nd AA, A, B, C on Events 1, 3 – 6: NT Medallion and Cash or Sponsor Prize.

1st Ladies/Juniors/Veterans on Events 1, 3 – 6: NT Medallion.

2nd to 5th on Event 2: 2nd – NT Medallion and Cash or Sponsor Prize, 3rd – NT Medallion and Cash or Sponsor Prize, 4th & 5th – Cash or Sponsor Prize.

Overall High Gun on Events 1 – 6: NT Sash, Gold Badge and Cash Prize or Sponsor Prize.

Grade High Guns (AA, A, B, C) on Events 1 – 6: NT Sash, Gold Badge and Cash Prize or Sponsor Prize.

Ladies/Juniors/Veterans High Gun on Events 1 – 6: NT Sash, Gold Badge and Cash or Sponsor Prize.

Event 7: This is not an NT Title and will be run as a standalone event. Cash or Sponsor Prizes.

Nominations through MCMS

There will be a maximum capacity of 210 competitors for each event.

Nominations may be taken on the day if there are positions available.

NOMINATIONS (Per Event): Events 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 – Open \$65.00, Ladies/Junior/Veterans \$60.00

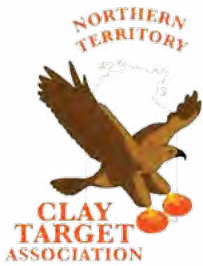
Event 5 – Open \$95.00, Ladies/Junior/Veterans \$90.00

Event 7 – Open \$100.00, Ladies/Junior/Veterans \$95.00. Nomination in event 7 includes a ticket to the Calcutta dinner. Separate tickets can be purchased on the day for non-competitors for \$35 each.



For additional information and conditions of entry, please visit www.ntclaytarget.org.au
For information regarding camping please contact Darwin Clay Target Club secretary at dctcsecretary@gmail.com





Northern Territory Clay Target Association Inc.

NORTHERN TERRITORY ISSF CHAMPIONSHIPS

7th – 8th October 2023



Venue: Darwin Clay Target Club, 205 Abala Road, Darwin NT

Shooting Australia Endorsed Event



Saturday 7th October

ISSF Trap:
ISSF Skeet:

9:00 am

75 Target Qualification
75 Target Qualification

Sunday 8th October

ISSF Trap:
ISSF Skeet:

9:00 am

50 Target Qualification
50 Target Qualification

ISSF Trap:
ISSF Skeet

1:00 pm (approx.)

Final
Final

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE ARE OPEN EVENTS
(COMBINED MENS AND LADIES COMPETITION)**

****The NTCTA committee reserves the right to alter the program should the need arise****

First: NT Sash, Gold Badge and Cash or Sponsor Prize

Second: NT Medallion and Cash or Sponsor Prize

Third: NT Medallion and Cash or Sponsor Prize

Nominations through MCMS

For additional information and conditions of entry,
please visit www.ntclaytarget.org.au





NSWCTA

Hay 08/04/2023

Overcast and windy (40): 25T PS: OA: P Grainger 81/81; AA: B McAllister 78/81, M Appleby 92/93; A: C Evans 72/75, S Evans 94/99; B: J Wall 83/90, E McCullough 80/90; C: B Henderson 61/75, C Henderson 57/75; 30 T SB: OA: P Grainger 35/35; AA: R Nelson 34/35, AA: B Ford 29/30; A: B Harris 29/30, C Ford 32/34; B: A McAllister 31/43; B: N Bakker 30/34; C: B Henderson 31/32, J Headon 24/30; 60T Medley: OA: B Doyle 97/100; AA: D Hunt 120/125, R Fitzgerald 117/125; A: C Ford 91/100, B Harris 90/100; B: R Wiggins 94/100, J Ford 89/100; C: C Henderson

94/125, J Headon 89/125; Riverina Zone 15 PR D/R: OA: B Griffiths 44/50; AA: B Doyle 43/50, P Headon 27/30; A: S Gee 36/40, G Depaoli 43/50; B: A McAllister 32/40, C Evans 31/40; C: V Haidy 26/30, C Henderson 24/30; Riverina Zone 15 PR NIGHT D/R: OA: P Grainger 28/30; AA: B Doyle 25/30, P Headon 20/30; A: L Fitzgerald 24/30, D Hunt 36/46; B: C Evans 25/30, J Maxwell 22/30; C: R Fitzgerald 27/40, S Evans 25/40; HG: P Grainger 253/265.

Majura Park 12/04/2023

Cold and wet (19): 40T PS: OPEN: B Burgess 117/120; AA: P Simon 115/120; A: M Scott

114/120; B: C Curtis 103/120; C: N Beaumont 109/120; 50T UT HC CS: OPEN: C Goodwin 46+20+1/1, OPEN 2nd M Harris 46+20+4/5, OPEN 3rd B Burgess 46+20+3/5.

Majura Park 19/04/2023

Cool and calm (19): 50T SB CS: OPEN: M Harris 47/50; AA: B Burgess 55/59; A: P Hart 44/50; B: K Cox 41/50; C: N Beaumont 32/50.

Majura Park 26/04/2023

Clear and calm (18): 30T DB CONT: OPEN: D Power 49/49; AA: P Simon 29/30; A: D Brighenti 43/44; B: M Bartlett 48/49; C: W Simon 24/30; 25T HC Masters Round 4 CS: OPEN: 1st M Harris 24/25, OPEN: 2nd M Skinner 23/25, OPEN: 2nd M Scott 23/25.

Majura Park 03/05/2023

Cold and windy (17): Club Medley CS Round 2: OPEN: 1st C Goodwin 66/75, 2nd B

Burgess 65/75, 3rd M Skinner 64/75, 6th T Banks 59/75, 7th D Jarvis 57/75, 8th A Jarvis 56/75, 12th A McCreadie 47/75, 13th C Ewing 45/75, 14th D Whiteman 43/75.

Richmond River 23/04/2023

Windy with showers (41): 50 Medley (25DB, 25PS): AA: Scott Smith 98/100, P Batson 97/100; A: O Wood 97/100, L Hannant 95/100; B: E Snelling 95/100, F Binding 93/100; C: D Bennett 74/100, P Consalvo 69/100; Ch/Ch: OA: P Batson 121/125; AA: P Batson 121/125, Scott Smith 112/125; A: Archie Smith 111/125, M Formaggin 108/125; B: G Mengel 107/125, P McKenzie 106/125; C: D Formaggin 93/125; OA HG: P Batson 218/225; Intermediate HG: F Binding 199/225.

See NSWCTA Skeet Carnival advertisement next page



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NEW SOUTH WALES CLAY TARGET ASSOCIATION INC
STATE SKEET CARNIVAL 2023
NATIONAL SHOOTING GROUNDS WAGGA WAGGA
FRIDAY 11th—SUNDAY 13th AUGUST 2023

NOMINATIONS ARE TO BE MADE VIA MY CLUB MY SCORES

Friday 11th August 2023 - 8.30am Start

Event 1 - NSW State 20 Gauge Skeet Championship - 50 Targets

Pre-Nominations \$50 Nominations \$60

Event 2 - NSW State 28 Gauge Skeet Championship - 50 Targets

Pre-Nominations \$50 Nominations \$60

Event 3 - NSW State 410 Gauge Skeet Championship - 50 Targets

Pre-Nominations \$50 Nominations \$60

Saturday 12th August 2023 - 8.30am Start

Event 4 - NSW State Skeet Doubles Championship - 25 Pairs

Pre-Nominations \$50 Nominations \$60

Event 5 - NSW State Skeet Handicap Championship - 50 Targets

Pre-Nominations \$50 Nominations \$60

Sunday 13th August 2023 - 8.30am Start

Event 6 - NSW State 100T Skeet Championship - 100 Targets

Pre-Nominations \$100 Nominations \$110

Event 7 - NSW State Skeet Champion of Champions -

Shot in-conjunction with Ev1,Ev2,Ev3,Ev6. The last 25T from each event to count.

Pre-Nominations \$10 Nominations \$20

**Pre-Nominations
close 5pm Monday
7th August 2023**

**Overalls on
Events 1, 2, 3,
4, 6 & 7.**

Sash, Badge &
Cash or Sponsor
Prize

**1st and 2nd AA,
A, B, C on
Events 1, 2, 3,
4, 6 & 7.**

NSW Medal & Cash
or Sponsor Prize

**1st Ladies/ Jun-
iors/ Veterans
on events 1, 2,
3, 4, 6 & 7.**

NSW Sash

**Event 5 - 1st to
5th**

OA - Sash, Badge
& Cash or Sponsor
Prize.

2nd & 3rd Medal &
Cash or Sponsor
Prize. 4th & 5th Tro-
phy & Cash or
Sponsor Prize

High Guns

on events 1-7

OA - Sash, Badge
& Cash or Sponsor
AA, A, B, C - Sash
& Cash or Sponsor
Prize.

Ladies, Veterans &
Juniors - Sash &
Cash or Sponsor
Prize

- **Pre-Nominations close 5pm Monday 7th August, Nominations after this date will incur an extra \$10 per event late fee.**
- All events to be shot in one visit - five shooters per squad
- Hawkeye Shield Zone Teams event in conjunction with Event 5 Skeet Handicap
- HIGH GUNS (O/A,AA,A,B,C, LADY,VET,JNR) - EVENTS 1,2,3,4,5 & 6
- In each event (except HCP), prizes will be awarded for Ladies, Juniors & Veterans, only if there are at least 3 competitors in the group.
- State Postal Teams will be shot after all events are completed on Sunday.
- Shoulder to Shoulder Teams (5 Open, 3 Ladies, 3 Junior, 3 Veterans) selected from the combined scores from Events 5 & 6 plus the Postal Teams Scores (50T Open, 25T L,J,V)
- Camping available through the ACTA 02 6938 2121
- The NSWCTA Committee reserves the rights to alter the program should the need arise.
- For the Conditions of Entry, please visit www.nswcta.org

From Our Archives

– 20 YEARS AGO –

The photos & stories on this page are from the June & July 2003 Clay Target News – 20 years ago!



National High Gun winners L – R: Aaron Turner – Sub Junior; Gaye Shale – Womens; Sox Pilipasidis – Overall; Blair Signorotto – Junior & Robin Bailey – Veteran

VICTORIAN STATE SKEET CARNIVAL 2003

Currently there are only two Gun Clubs in Victoria who have the minimum requirement of four Skeet Layouts required to conduct the State Skeet Carnival. They are Melbourne Gun Club and Frankston/Australian and this year it was FACTC's turn to stage the event. Thus on the Labour day week-end of March 8, 9 and 10, seventy three competitors from five States made the journey to the Melbourne bayside suburb of Carrum Downs to contest the various State Titles on offer.

The winds on Saturday morning were just tricky enough to prevent any possibles being shot in the 20Gauge event and so three 49s shot off for the overall placings. Paul Johnston exited first and claimed third place after getting a very difficult pair on Station Two in the first round. Upon returning to Station Two in the second round, Gil Farish let the high bird go, thus settling for second overall and leaving Adrian Cousins to claim the State 2 Gauge Championship with a score of 79/80.



Leigh Roberts, skeet handicap winner.



Gil Farish, skeet doubles winner.



Open Postal team.



What's happening in the VCTA

Sometimes, when I sit to write this article, it can take me a while to find a subject for discussion. Not so this time! The bigger challenge will be to keep the article to a reasonable length!

Of prime importance, in recent weeks, has been a significant changeover in the 'make-up' of the State Executive. During the first few months of the year, we have had a 33% changeover of Executive members. People will be aware of the departure of Mal Dyson and Les Kadziela from previous articles, but we have also seen Mel Treller and Brendan Moroni leave the Executive as well. The absence of Mel and Brendan will be sorely felt as they both made particular contributions to the working of the VCTA. Brendan has been a long-standing member and his expertise will leave a large gap in the workings of the group. The VCTA wish Mel and Brendan all the best for the future.

In their places Scott MacKenzie (North East Zone) and Damien Hutchins (South East Zone) have been elected by their respective committees. The VCTA wishes both gentlemen

the very best in their new roles and look forward to their contributions to the Executive.

The VCTA Executive met for a face-to-face meeting on April 16. This is the first time since the AGM in December and since the equivalent April meeting in 2022, that a face-to-face meeting has been held.

It was really good to have some robust debate on important issues facing the Association and significant decisions were made.

The first of these was the acceptance of an invitation by the ACTA for Victoria to, again, host the Commonwealth Titles in 2023. With other States declining their chance to host this prestigious event, it falls to Victoria. August 5th, 6th and 7th have been decided as the dates and the State Ground at Echuca Clay Target Club as the venue. While these dates will not meet with everyone's approval, they were considered the most appropriate in the tight timeline available.

VCTA is aware that there were several extenuating circumstances and issues from the event in 2022. At a recent meeting with

the State Ground Committee of Management, VCTA ensured those in attendance that the lessons from previous events have been well learnt and that the 2023 Commonwealth titles will be an excellent event.

Further to this, the date has been set for the State Ball Trap Championships. This event will be held at



Setting up for ISSF at the VCTA State Ground

the State Ground, Echuca Clay Target Club on Saturday, 29th July. Hopefully there will be a good attendance to this event and the hotly contested Zone Teams event for the Ball Trap will, again, be a feature.



Inside trench layout one at the VCTA State Ground, Echuca Clay Target Club

There is still need to finalise a venue and date for the State 5 Stand Sporting Clays. There has been a lot of research for a suitable venue and the need to hold this event so that a State team can be selected for the National Championships in late August. Hopefully, this will be decided quickly, and prospective competitors can organise themselves for this event.

As everyone is aware, costs associated with everything seem to be rising rapidly. It is no different for the VCTA. Costs have risen with groundskeeping, insurance, general costs associated with running the State Ground, targets, electricity; they all seem to be rising at an exponential rate.

As a result of this, and the limited ability for the VCTA to raise essential funds, there will be an increase in the State affiliations from the beginning of the 2024 membership year in November.

For an Adult Member, where the affiliation is currently \$20, this will increase to \$25. For a Recreational Member, who until this point of time have had no State affiliation fee, a cost of \$25 will be introduced. Only Junior Members will be exempt.

All other members will be expected to pay the annual \$25 affiliation fee for both new memberships and renewals as of November.

In this way, VCTA will be able to continue to provide for all members in an equitable manner.

With mid-year rapidly drawing near, this is an opportune reminder that clubs need to ensure that their 2024 shoot programs are sent to the State office as soon as they become available. The collation of all club programs in line with National, State and Zone events is a challenging task and the sooner that the club programs are available the easier it is.

And while I think about it – could club secretaries please make sure that their club's office bearers are up-to-date on the ACTA database? This is very important information for both Associations and helps significantly with communication to clubs and members.

Finally, in the mail today, the badges for the winning Victorian Postal Teams from 2022 have arrived!



Team members from the Skeet Open, Skeet Ladies and Skeet Veterans teams were all winners. The Ladies Trap team also won. Congratulations!

Badges from the ACTA will be posted as soon as possible.

So, that's all for this month.

Hopefully I'll see you on a trap layout in the near future.

Jeff Bell
VCTA Secretary

Rain and Shine at Bega

“Mad dogs and Englishmen . . .” Or at Bega, rain, rain and more rain with a lovely chilly sou-wester attached. Yes it was fresh and wet for the May shoot, so much so that we had only a dozen shooters brave or mad enough to show up. Good program of 50 targets Continental and 50 targets Ball Trap kept everyone entertained with conditions making it a real challenge for all.

Opening with 50 targets Continental, squads went out for two rounds of 25. At the end of proceedings, Tony Gray rounded up 42/50 to take AA/A combined. One target behind on 41/50 saw Craig Field take second prize. Making a welcome return for a visit, Peter Englebrecht scored 42/50 to win B Grade with Chris Brown in second place on 39/50. Tim Richards collected

C Grade with the best result of the day, 46/50, whilst Allain Macri took second with a score of 33/50.

50T Ball Trap followed with Alf Niesar doing the honours in AA/A Grade with a great score of 46/50.



Tim Richards, High Gun, 1st C Grade Continental, 1st C Grade Ball Trap & raffle winner



Tony Gray, winner AA/A Continental



Craig Field, 2nd AA/A Continental, winner B Grade Ball Trap

Mick Diss took second prize with 40/50. Craig Field followed up his first round effort to win B Grade, scoring 41/50 for the prize. Chris Brown added another second to his efforts for he day with a 40/50. In C Grade, Tim Richards continued on his winning way with with a 44/50 to win C Grade and Peter Engelbrecht made his day worthwhile with second place on 39/50.

Tim Richards really



Peter Engelbrecht, 1st B Grade Continental,
2nd C Grade Ball trap



Allain Magri,
2nd C Grade Continental



Alf Niesar,
AA/A 1st Ball Trap



Michael Diss,
2nd AA/A Ball Trap

did well by adding the shoot raffle to his day's collection and topping off with the High Gun. Great effort.

Next month sees two events on the program – 50 targets Double Barrel and 50 targets Points Score. As usual, starting time is 10.00 am.

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Two 50 Target Events at Maryborough Gun Club

Maryborough Gun Club ran its monthly trap shoot on April 22nd. The weather was great, warm and with no wind. Once again our competitor numbers were low with only 27 shooters participating. The 2 event program included a 50 target Double Barrel Continental Championship and a 50 target Double Barrel Championship. Maryborough management are very conscious of the overall cost of competition to shooters and in order to keep nominations down but still provide 100 targets for the day, have limited the number of events to two. This consequently reduces the number of sashes and trophies that the club needs to provide.

Making good use of the windless weather, some time was spent in the morning of the shoot to ensure that the targets were set to the highest possible standard. It was gratifying to hear so many shooters comment during the day on how great the targets were.

With both continental and standard traps open early for practice, many shooters took the opportunity for a shot before competition got underway and event 1 started just after the allocated time of 12.30pm.

Event 1 – the 50 target Double Barrel Continental Championship saw the 49/50's shoot off for the overall. After a short shoot-off Maryborough member Mark Collins won, finishing the event with a score of 51/52 taking Overall and A grade. This

shoot-off relegated Maryborough Shoot Marshal Nathan Cassells to first place in AA. Stewart Forbes ran second in AA.

A grade second went to Michael Vella from Frankston with a score of 47/50.

Anna Wojciecowski from the Beaufort Club won B grade 47/50, and Lee Vella, Bendigo, picked up second place. In

C grade our new Maryborough member Mason Crawford managed to snare the sash, shooting a credible 41/50 with second place in C grade going to Peter Turner from Werribee, just one target behind.

Event 2 – the 50 target Double Barrel Championship was won by Stewart Forbes, Maryborough,



Anna Wojciecowski, 1st B Grade Double Barrel Continental



Mark Collins
Overall Double Barrel Continental



Nathan Cassells, 1st AA Grade Double Barrel Continental



Stewart Forbes,
OA Double Barrel winner



Michael Vella,
1st A Grade Double Barrel

50/50, taking both Overall and AA grade and trophy. Nathan Cassells 49/50, finished second in AA. Michael Vella was having a great day and managed to shoot a 49/50, finishing first in A grade, whilst Peter Tate, now back in A grade, came in second. B Grade went to Jim Shepherd 48/50, with Anna Wojcie-

cowski, who was also having a great day, placing second. Peter Turner came home first in C grade shooting a 40/50 and C grade second place went to Maryborough shooter Mark Passalick. Nathan Cassells and Stewart Forbes shared the Overall High Gun, Lisa Crawford another

new Maryborough member won the Ladies and Jim Shepherd the Veterans. The Junior High Gun went to Mason Crawford.

The club would like to thank those members and visitors who helped out with the set-up and running of the day's program. Thank you also to Kaye for her work in the canteen.

The next Maryborough shoot is on the 27th of May and will again feature two events, a 25 pair Double Rise Championship and a 50 target Double Barrel Championship. We hope to see you there.



Peter Turner,
1st C Grade Double Barrel

2023 NSW State Deauville Doubles CANBERRA INTERNATIONAL CTC

On 23rd April the Canberra International Clay Target Club conducted the NSW State Deauville Doubles Championship.

The event was won by Bega GC shooters Charlie Smith and Chris Brown, who after shooting the possible only needed another 11 pair of targets to relegate Peter and Darcy Maloney from Majura Park into second place.



SHOOT CALENDAR

2023

June 3	SACTA State Sporting Clays	Mt Gambier Gun Club
June 15–18	QCTA State ISSF Carnival	Brisbane Gun Club
June 17–18	NSW State Sporting Clays	Wagga Clay Target Club
June 24 & 25	QCTA State 5–Stand Carnival	Caboolture Clay Target Club
July 28–30	SACTA State ISSF	State Shooting Park
August 11–13	NSWCTA State Skeet Carnival	ACTA National Ground, Wagga Wagga
August 26–27	ACTA 5 Stand Sporting Nationals	ACTA National Ground, Wagga Wagga
Aug 31 – Sept 3	QCTA State Skeet Carnival	Blackwater Clay Target Club
Sept 29 – Oct 2	NSWCTA State Trap Carnival	ACTA National Ground, Wagga Wagga
October – 10–12	Australian Masters Games	State Shooting Park, SA
October 28	Central Victorian Grand Prix	Maryborough & District Gun Club
November 3–5	SACTA State Skeet Carnival	State Shooting Park
November 9–12	VCTA State Trap Carnival	State Ground, Echuca Clay Target Club

Break Badges

NAME	HOME CLUB	ACHIEVE	BREAK	NAME	HOME CLUB	ACHIEVE	BREAK
Avery,C	Colbinabbin	Cosgrove	Trap 50	Morris,I	Geraldton	Geraldton	Trap 50
Bach,J	Condamine	Roma	Trap 50	Mudge, B	International	International	Trap 100
Beck,K	Roma	Roma	Trap 50,75, 100	Newcombe,M	Horsham	Callawadda/ Stawell	SB 50
Boal,A	Echuca	Cohuna	Trap 50	Newcombe,M	Horsham	Callawadda/ Stawell	Trap 50,75, 100,150,200
Boon,T	Lightning Ridge	Brewarrina	Trap 50	Newcombe,M	Jeparit	Trap Nationals Wagga	Trap 50
Bourke,A	New South Wales	Roma	Trap 75,100, 150	O'Brien,L	Walmer	Colbinabbin	SB 50
Buttigieg,J	Frankston	Melbourne	Skt 50	Oehm,C	Booroowa	Wagga	Trap 75
Crisp,R	Mackay Sarina	Roma	Trap 75	Psaras,M	Gold Coast	Roma	Trap 50,75
Felmingham,Z	Cosgrove	Cosgrove	Trap 100	Reading,P	Callawadda/ Stawell	Callawadda/ Stawell	Trap 75,100
Fortheath,M	Burnie	Mersey	Trap 50	Ricketts,A	Cowra	Parkes	Trap 50,75, 100
Grainger,S	Cohuna	Kyneton	Cont 50	Smith,A	Richmond River	Ballandean	Trap 100
Groombridge,J	Hobart	Central Highlands	Trap 75	Steele,S	Mackay Sarina	Roma	Trap 75,100
Hancock,L	Cressy	Central Highlands	Trap 100	Stratton,B	Boyup Brook	Eastern Goldfields	Skt 50
Harvey,L	West Australia	Eastern Goldfields	Skt 50	Warwick,R	Mackay Sarina	Roma	Trap 75,100
Higgins,B	Canberra	Canberra	Trap 100,150	Winters,J	Mansfield	Cosgrove	Trap 50,75
Karger,N	Esperance	Esperance	Cont 50	Young,H	Sydney	Sydney	Trap 50
Lovelock,G	Top End	Darwin	Skt 50				



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