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& Erik Geltch with NSW Trap Carnival  
High Gun Peter Attard*



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*NSWCTA Executive members, Don Turner and Erik Geltch with NSW Trap Carnival High Gun, Peter Attard.*

*Peter shot 468/475 to take out the coveted title of Carnival High Gun.*

*Peter is registered with the VCTA Echuca Clay Target Club.*

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# ACTA CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

**Malcolm Dyson**

## **Club Affiliation and Voting**

*In early November member clubs will receive their 2025 ACTA affiliation renewable package. A section within this information package will include voting papers for the 2 vacancies on the ACTA Board. I remind all club secretaries that voting is compulsory.*

## **2025 ACTA Membership Fees**

*Membership fees have remained stable for the last 2 years. However we wish to inform you that, in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the membership fees for the Australian Clay Target Association (ACTA) will be increased by 3.8% for the year 2025.*

*This adjustment is necessary to cover the rising costs associated with our operations, including utilities, insurance, competition costs and other essential expenses. The increase will help us continue to provide and enhance our service and support to our members.*

*We appreciate your understanding and continued support.*

## **State Trap Carnivals**

*I recently attended the NSW Trap Carnival held at the National Ground in Wagga Wagga, and I must congratulate the NSWCTA Executive on delivering an excellent Carnival. Over the 4 days of shooting 293 shooters competed over the six event program that ran smoothly and efficiently. Congratulations to Peter Attard on taking out the Overall High Gun.*

*Prior to the NSW Carnival I attended both the Queensland and Northern Territory State Carnivals and I would like to acknowledge their Executive members and ACTA shooting members for making me feel so welcome.*

## **ACTA Sporting Nationals**

*A further reminder regarding the National Sporting Championships scheduled to commence on Friday the 25th of October, that the field is limited to 120 competitors. Over these Championships, selection will take place for our teams to attend the ICTSF World Sporting event in Canada. Representative teams will be selected in Open, Ladies, Junior, Veteran and Super Veteran sections.*

## **ISSF Nationals**

*Our National ISSF Skeet and Trap Carnivals will*

*be held at the Sydney International Shooting Complex – Cecil Park. The Skeet to commence on the 14th of January 2025 and the Trap on January 15th.*

## **Tasmanian Trap Titles**

*Many members would have no doubt heard of the situation involving the Tasmanian Shooting Grounds at Evandale and the possible impact on the TCTA State Trap Titles. I have spoken with TCTA members and have been informed that at this point in time they are in discussions with the landowner regarding the opportunity to purchase a portion of his land or in drawing up a lease agreement. As the TCTA has no other clubs capable of holding their State Titles, I have been informed that they believe they have an 85% chance of reaching an agreement with the landowner. I would therefore suggest that any members intending to attend the TCTA Titles defer bookings until we have been given a further update on this situation.*

## **2025 Perth Nationals**

*While in attendance at the NSW Trap Carnival I had several members come to me asking if the Nationals in Perth had been cancelled and moved back to Wagga Wagga. I want to put this car park talk to rest. We are definitely holding the 2025 Nationals at the WAGC, Whiteman Park Complex, Perth. From discussions with the WAGC President I have been informed that everything is progressing forward with two extra trap layouts to be completed, and car park and camping areas updated, with all work completed well before February 2025. Competitors intending to attend the Nationals in Perth we will be offered the opportunity to get a firearm permit through the ACTA office. I will update you further with the details required to apply for this permit.*

*Good shooting,  
Regards Malcolm*

## **CLOSING DATE**

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# MyClubsMyScores: Non-inclusion of shoot-off scores

*Of recent, the ACTA has received one or two queries on whether shoot-off scores should be included in grade calculations. Whilst there have been explanations provided in the past, it was felt that now was the time to re-visit those explanations to make sure they are valid today.*

*The algorithms used by MyClubsMyScores (MCMS) were adopted to be a fair reflection of the shooter's ability to consistently perform within a particular grade. The aim was to place shooters within a grade based on their performances over a period of time so that they could be competitive.*

*Further to this, there would be proportional representation amongst the grades. That means there are competitors spread over four grades of AA, A, B, C. This grading results in nominally 20/30/30/20 splits of regular competitive shooters over the whole of Australia. Does that reflect at all competitions? The answer is a resounding NO, particularly at the bigger more prestigious shoots. At those shoots it is more common that 30-40% will be in AA and A grade respectively. That is not because there are more of them registered, it is just because they chase the bigger more prestigious events.*

*Before I get into the discussion of whether we should include shoot-off scores or not, it must be recognised that the new system was never designed to replicate the old manual rules, and does not work in the same manner as the "old book" system.*

*The old manual system had many faults. A number of rules had been created to rectify those faults and to ensure a fair as possible grading system. We all know that there were many that played the game and adjusted the number of targets they would shoot at an event to drop a grade just before a major competition. Many egocentric shooters also played with their grading cards either by not recording scores or by having scores marked out as non-indicative to maintain higher grades achieved.*

*The old paper system was also labour intensive with many people needing to be trained to be able to effectively handicap shooters. This often provided a challenge during major competitions where handicappers had to review many previous shoots to re-grade shooters back to where they should be.*

*With the introduction of MCMS, we were able to build a new system that would use the information from shoots and adjust accordingly to provide an equal assessment of a shooter's ability. This means that we no longer have to worry about waiting for 200 targets to be shot to re-grade someone - this is now done instantaneously. Likewise with handicap shooting, a different approach was used where now grades and handicap meterage work independently.*

*So, back to why shoot-off scores are not being included when calculating a shooter's grade.*

*Inclusion of shoot-off scores would do two things. First it would automatically become inconsistent*

*in application, as the number of targets shot in a shoot-off is dependent on the competition on the day. If only one person shoots a possible there is no shoot-off, if many shoot a possible it is likely to result in quite a few more targets being shot by the winner. Just because someone performs well above normal in a single event, does not mean they will sustain that same level of performance in the future. By just using event scores you are comparing shooters on an even basis right across the Association.*

*When the system came before the original committee to evaluate, there was discussion about including some portion of the shoot-off scores, but how much, and would it make any difference to a person's grade is debateable.*

*All shoot-offs were analysed over a considerable period when the MCMS system was in the first and second years of use. The findings were that shooters from B & C grades who made the shoot-offs almost never shot a clean bracket of 25 targets in shoot-offs. Yes, there were a very small number of A Graders that did shoot a clean bracket or so at large shoots, but nearly all of the clean brackets shot in shoot-offs were shot by AA shooters. The interesting thing is that when lower grade shooters start to shoot good scores in shoot-offs they quickly ascend to higher grades, so the problem is solved. If they don't find consistency they stay in the grade they are in.*

*Whilst this analysis is after-the-fact, more recent data continues to support not including shoot-off scores, as to do so would be counter-productive. A review of the results of the National DTL Carnival and State Championships reinforces the new system showing that shooters from lower grades have not been competitive in higher grades. Of course there will be the odd aberration, a new shooter joining the ACTA with not enough data for the algorithm to calculate a fair grade is one example. But we should not be looking at changing the system each time there is an aberration, rather we should be taking a holistic approach. There are already rules in the Rule Book to cover such situations.*

*Every 6 months a formal review is carried out by the MCMS handicapper, to evaluate whether grading percentages or other changes need to be made to the system. These findings are then presented to the Board. Initially there were a number of tweaks, but of recent reviews the system appears to be working well.*

*If there are suggestions of improvements, they certainly can be reviewed, however, they will need to be submitted with empirical evidence to support any proposed changes.*

Les Kadziela  
MCMS National Handicap Supervisor  
ACTA Board Member

# 42nd Australasian Police and Services Clay Target Championships

## *'The Pink Shoot'*

Wagga Wagga, 26-29 September 2024

The 42nd Australasian Police and Services Clay Target Championships were held at the Wagga Gun Club, ACTA National Ground, Tasman Road, Wagga Wagga on 26-29 September 2024, organised jointly by the NSW Police Clay Target Club and the Australian Federal Police Clay Target Club, hosted by the Wagga Gun Club.

The organisers partnered with the McGrath Foundation to raise funds for funding additional Breast Care Nurses. An invitation was extended to Glenn McGrath to attend and compete.

Over the four day carnival Police and Services Shooters along with Civilians competed in a spirit of sportsmanship and comradery. Many of the shooters having competed at this carnival since its inception.



*Glenn McGrath with Carnival organisers  
Rick Mathers & Matt Dwyer*

*All in pink, supporting the McGrath Foundation*



In keeping with 'Pink Shoot' theme all overall winners received a pink sash, first in each grade received a medal with a pink lanyard. Saturday was the 'Pink Day' with all in attendance who were wearing the pink shirts that were produced for the shoot, or any person wearing pink clothing mustered to the front of the club house for a picture with Glenn McGrath.

The first event was the 50 target Skeet on Thursday morning which was shot in drizzling rain all morning, making conditions a bit tricky at times.

*Event 1. 50 target Skeet Police & Services Skeet (50 shooters)*

Overall winner Brett Couatts (AFP) 47/50. 1st AA Steven Atkins (Defence) 49/54, 2nd AA Dean Baird (QPOL) 48/54. 1st A Brett Smith (TASPOL) 55/60, 2nd A Steve Steenstrup (QPOL) 54/60. 1st B Don Mabbitt (QPOL) 51/58, 2nd B Terry Forrest (Defence Ret) 50/58. 1st C Craig Dawkins (TASPOL) 48/54, 2nd C Andrew Norman (SAPOL Ret) 46/54.

*Three Person Skeet Team*

Winners QPOL: Steve Steenstrup, Alan Davey and Don Mabbitt 130/150.



*Sponsor Allan Vilcins with OA Skeet winner, Brett Couatts*

*Below: Three Person Skeet Team winners, QPOL: Steve Steenstrup, Alan Davey & Don Mabbitt*



Event 1 50 target  
Skeet Civilian  
(26 shooters)  
Overall Peter  
Munro (Wagga  
Wagga) 48/50.  
1st AA Dale  
Isaac (Wagga  
Wagga)  
46/50. 1st A  
Warrick Keable  
(Boroowa)  
30/50. 1st  
B John  
Pethybridge  
(Cooma) 42/50,  
2nd B Fred  
Guyatt (SAGC)  
39/50. 1st C Charlie Strike (Wagga Wagga)  
42/50, 2nd C Tim Post (Yass) 41/50.



Skeet Civilian Overall, Peter Munro

The second event, Sporting Clays, followed the Skeet event and as the gloomy weather cleared, along with the target presentation made for some interesting and sometimes exotic target shooting.

Event 2, 50 target  
Sporting Clays  
Police & Services  
(49 shooters)  
Overall winner  
Steven Atkins  
(Defence)  
46/50. 1st AA  
Craig Dawkins  
(TASPOL)  
45/50, 2nd AA  
Lyster Hart  
(NSWPOL  
Ret) 35/50. 1st  
A Rick Mathers  
(NSWPOL)  
39/40, 2nd A  
Andrew Sanders  
(Defence Ret)  
36/50, 3rd A  
Jeffrey Wilke (VICGOVT) 32/50. 1st B Chris  
Young (NSWPOL) 42/40, 2nd B Don Pratt  
(VICGOVT) 41/50, 3rd B Richard Wilde



Sporting Clays P & S Overall,  
Steven Atkins

(QPOL) 48/60.  
1st C Steve  
Steenstrup  
(QPOL Ret)  
39/50, 2nd C  
Greg Murphy  
(VICGOVT)  
42/60, 3rd C  
Scott Chandler  
(VICPOL)  
41/60.

Event 2 50 target  
Sporting Clays  
Civilians  
(27 shooters)

Overall Peter  
Munro (Wagga  
Wagga) 46/50.

1st AA Dale  
Isaac (Wagga Wagga) 42/50. 1st A David White  
(Singleton) 43/50, 2nd A Steven Chambers  
(Mount Gambier) 42/50, 3rd A Split Tim Post  
(Yass) 38/50/David Crane (Canberra) 38/50.  
1st B Robert Webster (Loddon District) 43/50,  
2nd B Fred Guyatt (SAGC) 41/50, 3rd B  
Kevin Archibald (Frankston) 37/50. 1st C John  
King (Euroa) 34/50, 2nd C Andrew Roach  
(Wagga Wagga) 33/50, 3rd C John Pethybridge  
(Cooma) 32/50.

Day 2 saw  
fine weather  
which made the  
Queenslanders  
happy. Everyone  
was ready to settle  
into the trap  
events and put  
some good scores  
on the board in  
events 3 and 4.

Event 3 50 target  
Handicap Police &  
Services  
(54 shooters)  
1st Raymond  
Holmes  
(NSWPOL Ret))

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Sporting Clays Civilian Overall,  
Peter Munro



P & S Handicap 1st, Ray Holmes

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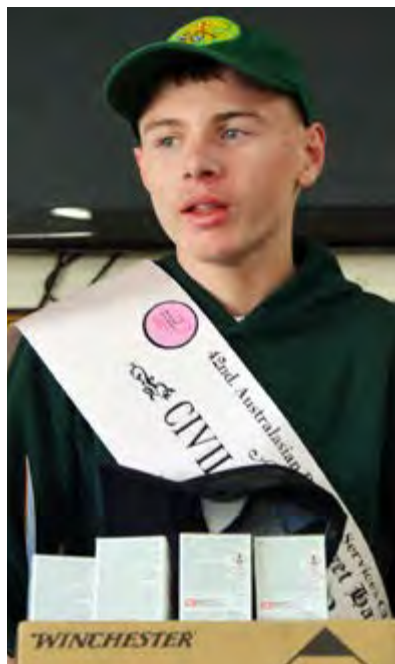


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48/50 2nd Andrew Sanders (Defence Ret)  
 46/50 3rd Don Pratt (VICGOVT) 45/50  
 4th Peter Kenyon (Corrections NSW Ret)  
 57/63 5th Lyster Hart (NSWPOL Ret)  
 55/61.



Civilian Handicap 1st, Kye McDonnell

Event 3 59 target  
 Handicap Civilian  
 (36 shooters)  
 1st Kye  
 McDonnell  
 (MCC-ACTA)  
 52/54, 2nd  
 Murray Roberts  
 (NLMCTC)  
 51/54, 3rd John  
 King (Euroa)  
 50/53, 4th  
 Clare Kesby  
 (Brewarrina)  
 49/53, 5th  
 Kevin Archibald  
 (Frankston)  
 47/51.

Event 4 50 target Single Barrel Police & Services  
 (54 shooters)

Overall Richard Wilde (QPOL) 50/50. 1st  
 AA Don Pratt (VICGOVT) 49/51, 2nd  
 AA Peter Kenyon (Corrections NSW Ret)  
 48/50, 3rd AA  
 Tracey Barton  
 (ACTGOV)  
 46/50. 1st A  
 Darren Hill  
 (Corrections  
 NSW) 48/50,  
 2nd A Lyster  
 Hart (NSWPOL  
 Ret) 46/50, 3rd  
 A Tom Wilde  
 (Defence)  
 46/50. 1st B Wal  
 Durre (QPOL  
 Ret) 45/50,  
 2nd B Dean  
 Baird (QPOL)  
 44/50, 3rd B  
 Rodney Stewart  
 (VICPOL)



P & S Single Barrel Overall,  
 Richard Wilde

47/54. 1st C Pip Carey (QPOL) 44/50, 2nd C  
 Andrew Norman (SAPOL Ret) 40/50, 3rd C  
 Colin Anderson (VICPOL) 39/50.

Event 4 50 target  
 Single Barrel

Civilian  
 (37 shooters)  
 Overall Trevor  
 Harbor (Echuca)  
 48/50. 1st AA  
 David White  
 (Singleton)  
 47/50, 2nd AA  
 Andrew Kearns  
 (Wagga Wagga)  
 46/50, 3rd AA  
 Adam Jeffrey  
 (Goulburn)  
 52/57. 1st  
 A Steven  
 Chambers



Civilian Single Barrel Overall,  
 Trevor Harbor

(Mount Gambier) 45/52, 2nd A Bruce Smith  
 (Camel Hill) 44/52, 3rd A Caleb Stringer  
 (Boorowa) 43/51. 1 B Kye McDonnell  
 (MCC-ACTA) 47/52, 2nd B John King (Euroa)  
 46/52, 3rd B Kevin Archibald (Frankston)  
 44/50. 1st C Murray Roberts (NLMCTC)  
 43/50, 2nd C Stephen Welsh (Berrima) 41/50,  
 3rd C Brent McKee (Wagga Wagga) 40/50.  
 Junior Kye McDonnell (MCC-ACTA) 45/50,  
 Ladies Melanie White (Singleton) 41/53,  
 Veteran Trevor Harbor (Echuca) 48/50.

Day three again presented fantastic weather for  
 clay target shooting and an increase in numbers  
 in the Civilian Section saw some local top  
 shots lining up. Glenn McGrath arrived and  
 mingled with the shooters. He competed in  
 the Points Score and Double Barrel, although  
 a little out of practice he definitely had a good  
 second barrel going!!!!

Event 5 50 target Points Score Police & Services  
 (51 shooters)

Overall Peter Kenyon (Corrections NSW  
 Ret) 164/165. 1st AA Craig Dawkins  
 (TASPOL) 163/165, 2nd AA Steve Steenstrup  
 (QPOL Ret) 145/150, 3rd AA Don Pratt  
 (VICGOVT) 143/150. 1st A Peter Beaman  
 (VICPOL Ret) 150/165, 2nd A Tom Wilde



*Glenn McGrath's squad*



(Defence) 149/156, 3rd A Darren Hill (Corrections NSW). 1st B Matt Dwyer (AFP) 145/150, 2nd B Brian Muirson (QPOL Ret) 143/150, 3rd B Rodney Stewart (VICPOL) 142/150. 1st C Terry Forrest (Defence Ret) 137/150, 2nd C Raymond Holmes (NSWPOL Ret) 134/150, 3rd C Pip Carey (QPOL) 138/156. Ladies Pip Carey (QPOL) 132/150, Veteran Steve Steenstrup (QPOL Ret) 145/150.

*Event 5 50 target Points Score Civilian (46 shooters)*

Overall Kevin Archibald (Frankston) 155/159. 1st AA David White (Singleton) 154/159, 2nd AA Erik Geltch (Leeton) 146/150, 3rd AA Ben Griffiths (Downside) 177/183. 1st A Warren Fish (Wangaratta) 143/150, 2nd A Neil Bakker (Mornington) 142/150,

*Left: P & S Points Score Overall, Peter Kenyon*

*Below: Loddon District Police Trap Club were well represented*





Civilian Points Score Overall,  
Kevin Archibald



Three Person Trap Team winners,  
Victoria Fire Services Jeff Wilkie, Greg Murphy & Don Pratt with Glenn McGrath

3rd A Steven Chambers (Mount Gambier) 144/153. 1st B Wayne Boschetti (Loddon District) 144/150, 2nd B Peter Winser (Mount Gambier) 145/159, 3rd B Andrew Roach (Wagga Wagga) 143/159. 1st C Antonio Lucchese (Snr) (Barellan) 135/153, 2nd C Clare Kesby (Brewarrina) 132/153, 3rd C Ruby Mullins (Wagga Wagga) 129/150. Junior Drew Burton (Wagga Wagga) 140/140, Ladies Melanie White (Singleton) 137/150, Veteran David Crane (Canberra) 143/150.

(Corrections NSW) 63/64, 2nd A Peter Beman (VICPOL Ret), 3rd A Lyster Hart (NSWPOL Ret) 52/54. 1st B Jeffrie Wilkie (VICGOVT) 109/110, 2nd B Mark Baker (QPOL) 73/74, 3rd B Paul Barnard (QPOL) 72/74. 1st C Andrew Sanders (Defence Ret) 49/50, 2nd C Raymond Holmes (NSWPOL Ret) 47/50, 3rd C Terry Forrest (Defence Ret) 47/52.

*Three Person Trap Team Winners Police & Services after a shoot-off*

VIC Fire Services Jeff Wilkie, Greg Murphy and Don Pratt – 149/150



P & S Double Barrel Overall,  
Peter Kenyon

*Event 6 50 target Double Barrel Police & Services (51 shooters)*  
Overall Peter Kenyon (Corrections NSW Ret) 110/110. 1st AA Don Pratt (VICGOVT) 79/80, 2nd AA Richard Wilde (QPOL) 52/53, 3rd AA Steven Gentle (NSWPOL Ret) 51/53. 1st A Darren Hill

*Event 6 50 target Double Barrel Civilian (45 shooters)*

Overall Adrian Depaoli (Leeton) 95/95. 1st AA Ben Woodhouse (Wagga Wagga) 94/95, 2nd AA Andrew Kearns (Wagga Wagga) 89/90, 3rd AA David White (Singleton) 65/66. 1st A Neil Bakker



Civilian Double Barrel Overall,  
Adrian Depaoli

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(Mornington) 90/91, 2nd A Steve Cowell  
 (Oakdale) 898/91, 3rd A Warwick Keable  
 (Boorooa) 78/80. 1st B Kevin Archibald  
 (Frankston) 62/64, 2nd B Tim Post (Yass) 61/64,  
 3rd B Wayne Boschetti (Loddon District) 58/61.  
 1st C Noel Doidge (Pooncarrie) 48/50, 2nd  
 C Ruby Mullins (Wagga Wagga) 55/61, 3rd C  
 Rachael Wiggins (Mornington) 54/61. Junior  
 Drew Burton (Wagga Wagga) 49/50, Ladies  
 Kay Hunt (Canowindra) 48/52, Veteran Steven  
 Chambers (Mount Gambier) 49/50.

*150 target Trap Champion Police & Services  
 (D/B, S/B, P/S)*

Peter Kenyon (Corrections Ret) 247/250.

*150 target Trap Champion Civilian (D/B, S/B, P/S)*

David White (Singleton) 243/250.

After the presentations of the days events,  
 a good crowd stayed in the club house for  
 the auctioning of a framed Australian cricket  
 shirt signed by Glenn McGrath. Glenn  
 authenticated the signature on the shirt



*Noel & Jenny Cleal, winning bidders for the auctioned signed Glenn Mc Grath shirt*



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as his which raised the interest of bidders. Bidding started at \$200 and slowly worked up to \$1,000. The eventual winning bid was \$1,800, however the winners quickly raised the amount to an even \$2,000 with all proceeds going to the McGrath Foundation.

*Event 7 75 target Champion of Champions Police & Services (52 shooters)*

Overall Peter Kenyon (Corrections NSW Ret) 123/125. 1st AA Richard Wilde (QPOL) 122/125, 2nd AA Don Pratt (VICGOVT) 118/125, 3rd AA Steven Gentle (NSWPOL Ret) 136/150. 1st A Tom Wilde (Defence) 122/125, 2nd A Rick Mathers (NSWPOL Ret) 121/125, 3rd A Peter Beaman (VICPOL Ret) 117/125. 1st B Paul Barnard (QPOL) 116/125, 2nd B Rodney Stewart (VICPOL) 114/125, 3rd B Jeffrey Wilkie (VICGOVT) 111.125. 1st C Raymond Holmes (NSWPOL Ret) 113/125, 2nd C Colin Anderson (VICPOL) 107/125, 3rd C Scott Chandler (VICPOL) 105/125. Ladies Pip Carey (QPOL) 102/125, Veteran Rick Mathers (NSWPOL Ret) 121/125.

*Event 7, 75 target Champion of Champions Civilian (38 shooters)*

Overall Ben Woodhouse (Wagga Wagga) 171/175. 1st AA Phil Wales (Yass) 120/125, 2nd and 3rd AA Split – Jeff Nash (Orange)/

Arthur Turner (Cobar) 119/125. 1st A Steve Cowell (Oakdale) 121/125, 2nd A Neil Bakker (Mornington) 118/125, 3rd A Karen Berry (Wagga Wagga) 141/150. 1st B Robert Webster (Loddon Distrist) 164/175, 2nd B Tim Post (Yass) 113/125, 3rd B Clare Kesby (Brewarrina) 103/125. Junior Beau Mullins (Wagga Wagga) 115/125, Ladies Karen Berry (Wagga Wagga) 117/125, Veteran Jeff Nash (Orange) 119/125.



P & S Overall Trap High Gun, Peter Kenyon



P & S Champion of Champions Overall, Peter Kenyon



Civilian Champion of Champions Overall, Ben Woodhouse



P & S AA Grade Trap High Gun, Richard Wilde

*Grade Trap High Gun Police & Services*

*(trap events only)*

Overall Peter Kenyon (Corrections Ret) 415/425. AA Grade Richard Wilde (QPOL) 406/425. A Grade Darren Hill (Corrections) 400/425. B Grade Rodney Stewart (VICPOL) 390/425. C Grade Raymond Holmes (NSWPOL Ret)



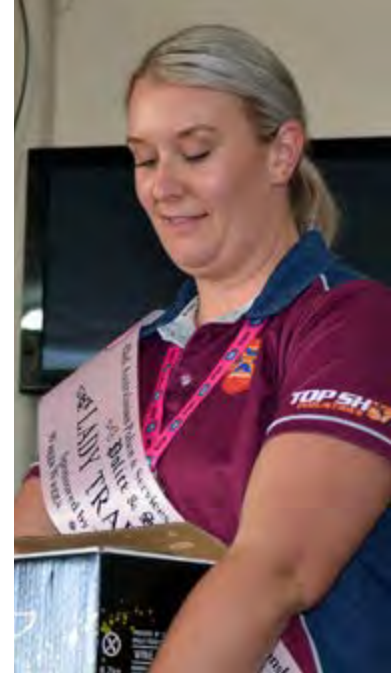
P & S A Grade Trap High Gun, Darren Hill



P & S B Grade Trap High Gun, Rod Stewart



P & S Veteran Trap High Gun, Don Pratt



P & S Ladies High Gun, Pip Carey



Civilian Overall Trap High Gun, David White with David Hegarty



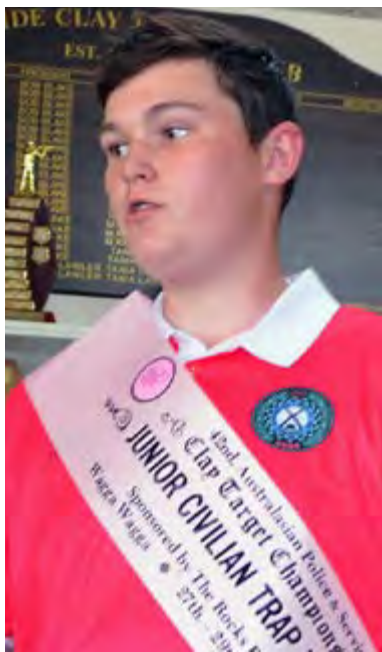
Civilian AA Grade Trap High Gun, Phil Wales



Civilian A Grade Trap High Gun, Steve Chambers

Civilian C Grade Trap High Gun, Clare Kesby

Civilian Junior Trap High Gun, Beau Mullins



380/425. Ladies Pip Carey (QPOL) 367/425. Veteran Don Pratt (VICGOVT) 404/425.

Grade Trap High Gun Civilian (trap events only)

Overall David White (Singleton) 399/425. AA Grade Phil Wales (Yass) 394/425. A Grade Steven Chambers (Mount Gambier) 392/425. B Grade Kevin Archibald (Frankston) 393/425. C Grade Clare Kesby (Brewarrina) 362/425. Junior Beau Mullins (Wagga Wagga) 383/425. Ladies Kay Hunt (Canowindra) 358/425. Veteran Jeff Nash (Orange) 392/425.



*Woodhatch Trophy Carnival Aggregate winner, Richard Wilde, with Jan & Glenn Woodhatch*

*Overall Carnival High Gun Police & Services – all events Woodhatch Trophy – Richard Wilde (QPOL) 489/525.*

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*ACTA Chairman Mal Dyson, with the International Police Team*



*Police Remembrance Day Ceremony*

Rocks Partnership, Woodhatch Family, Active Print, Gilman Sashes, Lake Village Auto, A & J Picture Framing, Loddon District Police Trap Club, Bronzewing Australia and NSW Police Council of Sport. The shoot would not have been the success it was with out the help of Janenne Kidd (Printing), Anthony and Christine Smith (Canteen) and a big thank you to Brad Kidd (Office) and members of the NSW Clay Target Club for keeping the traps full all carnival.

We would also like to thank Glenn McGrath for making time to attend on Saturday and Sunday. He was approachable and walked around and spoke to everyone, sitting down with spectators and shooters alike. He gladly presented trophies and prizes in several events

and spoke to the gathered shooters at the end of each day giving everyone an insight into the founding of the McGrath Foundation and difficulties it faced in the early days. He also spoke of the future direction for the Foundation which is exciting for all cancer patients.

Thank you to all the shooters who attended to make the 42nd Australasian Police & Services Clay Target Championships, Wagga Wagga 2024 one of the best yet. To friends old and new, see you in Tasmania on the 15-19 October 2025 at Mersey Clay Target Club for the 43rd edition of this great shoot.

*Rick Mathers and Matt Dwyer,  
Co-coordinators, 42nd Australasian Police & Services  
Clay Target Championships (Police Nationals)*



*Glenn & Jan Woodhatch enjoying the company of Glenn McGrath*



*Clare Kesby, Glenn McGrath & David Hegarty*





# QCTA State Skeet Carnival

*Townsville Gun Club, September 12–15, 2024*



High Gun winners

The Townsville Gun Club was proud to host the 2024 Queensland State Skeet Carnival, welcoming competitors, officials and supporters from across the State for an outstanding weekend of clay target shooting. With ideal weather conditions and a well-prepared facility, the event showcased not only the exceptional talent of our athletes but also the spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie that defines our sport. The carnival was a testament to the dedication of both the club's volunteers and participants, ensuring an unforgettable experience for all involved.



Thursday led off with the 28g Championship. John Rodden and Steven Makris both shot 50/50. The shoot-off was won by John Rodden from Cecil Park CTC, who secured the 28g Overall sash with a score of 68/68.

Townsville's Steven Makris claimed 1st in AA grade with

*Left: 28 Gauge Open winner John Rodden*

65/66, while Austin Gibbes from NSWGC took 2nd in AA grade with 48/50. Laurie Sceresini from Toowoomba 1st in A grade with a score of 49/50, and Phil Keller, also from Toowoomba, secured 2nd in A grade with 88/91. Megan Baldwin from Townsville took 1st in B grade with 47/50, and Jy Yarrow, also from Townsville, finished 2nd in B grade with 45/50. Gregory Steinhardt from Blackwater placed 1st in C grade with 42/50, while Max Baldwin from Townsville took 2nd in C grade with 42/51.

The Best Junior was Austin Gibbes from NSWGC with 48/50. Amberley Emmett won the Ladies category with 65/68 and 1st in Veterans went to Laurie Sceresini with 49/50.

The second event on Thursday was the .410



.410 Bore Open winner  
Nigel Hughes

bore Championship and Nigel Hughes from Caboolture winning the Overall sash with 49/50.

Austin Gibbes claimed 1st in AA grade with 48/50, while Paul An also from NSWGC took 2nd in AA grade with 46/50. Chris Barber from Townsville was 1st in A grade with a score of 47/50 and Phil Keller from Toowoomba secured 2nd in A grade with 45/50. Wayne Read

from Townsville took 1st in B grade with 45/50 and Luke Given from Caboolture finished 2nd in B grade with 43/50. Gregory Steinhardt from Blackwater placed 1st in C grade with 37/50, while Jessica Tate from Rockhampton took 2nd in C grade with 34/50.

The Best Junior was Austin Gibbes from with 48/50. Tracey Ashton won the Ladies category



20 Gauge B Grade Glenn Reeves



20 Gauge Veteran Laurie Sceresini

with 44/50 and Veterans went to Wayne Read with 56/62.

The first event on Friday morning was the Queensland State 20g Championship and Antony Ballarino from Port Denison won the Overall sash with 70/70.

John Rodden from Cecil Park CTC claimed 1st in AA grade with 69/70, while Athan Phillis from Townsville took 2nd in AA grade



20 Gauge AA Grade John Rodden

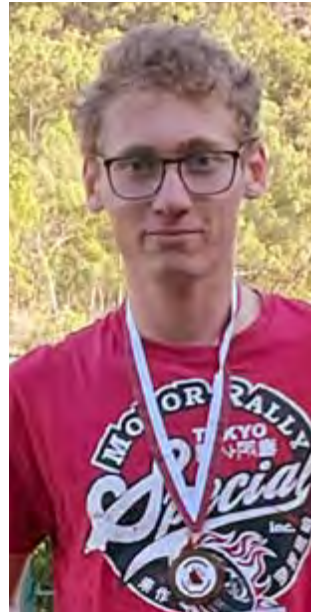


20 Gauge A Grade Jason Phillis



20 Gauge C Grade Gerard Battiato

with 61/62. Jason Phillis from Townsville was 1st in A grade with a score of 58/59 and Wayne Reeves from Normanton secured 2nd in A grade with 53/56. Glen Reeves from Townsville took 1st in B grade with 47/50, and Lindsay Groat, also from Townsville, finished 2nd in B grade with 50/54. Gerard Battiato from Ballandean placed 1st in C grade with 45/50, while Gregory Steinhardt from Blackwater took 2nd in C grade with 43/50. The Best Junior was Austin Gibbes with 53/54. Lorraine Hughes won the Ladies category with



Handicap 4th Max Baldwin



Handicap 5th Lindsay Groat



Handicap winner Clint Wilkinson

48/50 and Veterans went to Laurie Sceresini with 53/54.

Friday's second event saw some terrific shoot-offs in the Queensland State Handicap. After a long shoot-off 1st place and winner of the sash, cash and Queensland silver badge was Clint Wilkinson from Atherton with 205/205. 2nd was Michael Chelepy with 204/205 from Rockhampton, 3rd Joe Scalia with 128/129 from Townsville, 4th place went to Max Baldwin with 75/76 from Townsville and 5th to Lindsay Groat from Townsville 65/66. Well done to all. Saturday's 100 target Skeet Championship saw



Handicap 2nd Michael Chelepy



Handicap 3rd Joe Scalia



12 gauge Skeet Champion Amberley Emmett



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Amberley Emmett win the State sash shooting 116/118.

Cody Chapman was 1st in AA grade 102/104, with Austin Gibbes 2nd 99/101. Robert Wylie took out 1st in A grade 115/118, Jason Phillis came 2nd on 102/105. 1st in B grade was Tony Robinson 95/104 shooting off with Lindsay Groat who came 2nd 94/104. Clint Wilkinson claimed 1st in C grade 94/100 and Stephen Jones 96/108.

Austin Gibbes won the Junior section with 99/101, Lorraine Hughes was best Lady



Two Person Team Cody Chapman Antony Ballarino



Two Lady Team Tracy Ashton Amberley Emmett

101/108 and Phil Keller won the Veterans with 94/100.

The team events followed with strong performances in all categories. Well done to all Queensland representative team members who will compete in WA in 2025.

*Open Team:* Cody Chapman, Athan Phillips, Antony Ballarino, Jason Phillis, Darryl Chapman 1st reserve Steven Makris.

*Ladies Team:* Lorriane Hughes, Cherie Reeves and Megan Baldwin, 1st reserve Amberley Emmett.

*Junior Team:* Jy Yarrow, Max Baldwin and Luke Given, 1st reserve Ted Balwin.

*Veterans Team:* Phil Keller, Lindsay Groat and Pat Dury, 1st reserve Laurie Chelepy.

Sunday was the 50 target Yancoal Skeet Champion and Austin Gibbes won the State sash shooting 133/133.

Antony Ballarino was 1st in AA grade 132/133 with Craig O'Neill 2nd 125/127. Rodney Gibbes took out 1st in A grade 60/61, Michael

*Right: Yancoal AA Grade Antony Ballarino with his beautiful daughter*



Yancoal Champion Austin Gibbes





Doubles Open winner Cody Chapman



Doubles A 1st Dean Baird



Doubles B 1st Megan Baldwin



Doubles C 1st Clint Wilkinson

Chelepy 2nd on 67/68. 1st in B grade was Glenn Reeves 49/50, Tim Fuller 2nd 48/50. Bruce Murphy 1st in C grade 47/50 and Clint Wilkinson 2nd 55/59. Jy Yarrow won the Junior section with 45/50, Lorraine Hughes was best Lady 57/60 and

on 58/62. 1st in A grade was Dean Baird with 48/50, 2nd in A was Lorraine Hughes with 56/60. B grade 1st place was Megan Baldwin with 57/60 and 2nd was Robert Wylie with 56/60. Clint Wilkinson 1st for C grade shooting 48/54 followed by Victor Stiller with 47/54, 2nd place. Austin Gibbes was the best Junior 55/58, Megan Baldwin won the Ladies section 47/50 and Wayne Reeves won the Veterans shooting 46/50.

Below: High All Round Austin Gibbes & sponsor Pat Dury

Glenn Reeves won the Veterans with 49/50. The last event of the carnival was the 50 target State Doubles Championship. Cody Chapman came out on top shooting 56/58 to take the State title win. Antony Ballarino was first in AA on 59/62, Austin Gibbes for 2nd in AA





Overall High Gun Austin Gibbes

The 2024 Skeet Champion was Austin Gibbes with a great score of 247/250.

High All Around, combining the sub-gauge and carnival events, generously sponsored by Pat Dury, was Austin Gibbes with a very consistent 393/400 – well done Austin.



AA High Gun Antony Ballarino

Antony Ballarino took the AA grade High Gun on 245/250, with Robert Wylie winning A grade 243/250. Lindsay Groat won B grade 227/250 and Clint Wilkinson was the C grade High Gun winner 232/250. Junior was won by Luke Given 213/250, Ladies Amberley Emmett 237/250 and Laurie Sceresini won Veterans



A High Gun Robert Wylie



B High Gun Lindsay Groat



*C High Gun Clint Wilkinson*



*Ladies High Gun Amberley Emmett*

with 231/250. Congratulations to all the High Gun winners, some very impressive scores. A big thank you to the Townsville Gun Club and its members for hosting the 2024 State Skeet Carnival. We extend our gratitude to our sponsors – Yarrabee Mine Yancoal, CVC Clinics, Best, 24

Hour Hose and Pat Dury – for your continued support. Lastly, thank you to all the shooters who attended, especially those who traveled long distances to compete. Congratulations to all the winners and team members and we look forward to seeing you in Brisbane next year.



*Veteran High Gun Laurie Sceresini*



*Junior High Gun Luke Given*

# The Answer to Your Gun Club's Lead Shot Recovery

LeadPRO are the leaders in lead shot reclamation in Australia. It's now been 10 years since the company first embarked on their inaugural tour. Craig and Sharon Mitchell give us an insight into the early days and the journey so far.



It's been just over 10 years since LeadPRO embarked on its journey to collect lead shot across Australia. From humble backyard beginnings to becoming world-class leaders in the industry, the story of LeadPRO is nothing short of an epic road trip. Founders Craig and Sharon Mitchell share their remarkable journey.

“Craig was always an entrepreneur,” recalls Sharon. Before clay target shooting, Craig had already made his mark in the wakeboarding scene as a promoter and equipment innovator.

He developed the Urban Rider mobile wake winch and ran the “King of Winch” tour nationally. In 2009, Craig was honoured with the “Innovation & Progression of the Sport of Wakeboarding” award at the Wake Awards. It wasn't long before his talents shifted towards the shooting industry, where he began designing machines that would revolutionise the field.

Craig's roots in the sport go back to his childhood on the family farm in North West Victoria, where his father Stephen had built

a custom clay target DTL layout. All four of the Mitchell boys learned to shoot there, competing as teens. This early exposure to the sport rekindled Craig's passion when he later joined the Melbourne Cricket Club Clay Target Shooting Club (MCC), eventually winning National grade championships. Around this time, Craig and Sharon decided to start a family – and the concept for their lead reclamation business was born.

It all began with a conversation at the Frankston Australian Clay Target Club, where the couple learned about the club's struggles with lead contamination and the impact on their lease. Craig was determined to find a solution. After countless hours spent with his father in their backyard, they designed and built a machine to "harvest" shotgun pellets from the ground.

By February 2013, the first prototype was in action at Frankston, tackling environmental

challenges head-on. But the early attempts didn't go as planned – the machine struggled with Melbourne's wet weather. Undeterred, Craig collaborated with a U.S. engineer to develop what would become the world's leading lead collection system, now patented and in use not only across Australia but also the U.S.

Once the improved prototype arrived in Australia, it was tested at the Epping Gun Club in Melbourne, and after a few operational tweaks, the machine was a resounding success. Soon it was back at Frankston, literally "sucking lead out of the ground" and enabling the club to secure a certificate of works to extend their lease. Thus, LeadPRO was officially born, and a life on the road began.

"We had to follow the weather," Sharon recalls. In mid-2014, the Mitchells – now a family of four – packed up their home, bought a caravan, and headed north to Queensland, where they began the largest lead clean-up effort



*Craig, Indiana and Harley Mitchell - On tour at the World UT Championships in Italy 2022, where they watched Leadpro sponsored shooter Ash Hawker Win the World title*



*Sharon with daughter Indiana during the Cunnamulla gun clubs lead reclamation in 2014*

ever undertaken in Australia. “I hadn’t visited western Queensland before – it was amazing!” says Sharon. “The kids and I loved exploring, On tour at the World UT Championships, from the artesian mud baths in Eulo, to getting to know the locals at the gun clubs and shops.” Despite the challenges of towing a large caravan and raising two young children on the road, the experience was unforgettable, with stops in towns like Surat, Condamine, Toowoomba, Caboolture, Goondiwindi, Moree, Cobar, and Griffith.

In 2015, Craig’s ongoing research into environmentally sustainable shooting ranges led him to shot curtains. After months of investigation, he secured the Australian rights to the U.S.-made ShotStop product, the only system capable of capturing lead shot effectively. The shot curtain was a major success, most notably during the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, where it enhanced both the shooters’ experience and the televised coverage. Large-scale installations have since been made, including

at Mildura, with more on the way.

Now settled on the Gold Coast, the Mitchells have shifted their focus from full-time touring to managing the business from their home base. However, their work continues across the country. LeadPRO has consulted with and visited over 200 gun clubs in every State, helping clubs clean up their ranges, avoid closures, extend leases, and meet environmental regulations.

Along the way, LeadPRO has become a major sponsor of athletes, club shoots, and State and National events. Their commitment to solving problems has not only strengthened the shooting community but also left a lasting legacy, with LeadPRO even designing and building new grounds for clubs.

Though the full-time family road trip has ended, LeadPRO’s mission continues. If you or your club need help cleaning up your range, contact LeadPRO and start a conversation.

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# World Ranked #1 James Willett prepares for final competition of the year

The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Final will commence on Sunday in New Delhi, India.

As a late addition to the international calendar, this invitational event provides an opportunity for a small field of the world's best athletes in pistol, rifle and shotgun, to compete in an event to close out competition for the year. To be eligible to compete, athletes must have finished the year with a world ranking in the top 6, be the title defender from the previous years World Cup Final, or a medallist from the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Paris Olympian and current Men's Trap world ranked number 1, James Willett, was one of two Australian athletes to receive an invitation to compete, and has arrived in New Delhi as he enters the final stages of preparation ahead of the World Cup Final.

Willett, who was a finalist in the Men's Trap event at this year's Olympic Games, won a

World Cup gold medal in Azerbaijan in May, and a bronze medal at the World Cup in Morocco in February.

Reflecting on his year Willett says, "I am very proud to have finished the 2024 season as World Number 1.

I am really pleased to have won a World Cup in Baku [Azerbaijan] and a bronze in Morocco."

Having now arrived in New Delhi, Willett says, "The World Cup Final is a very prestigious event to qualify for and being able to shoot against the best in the world is a great privilege."

Paris Olympic Women's Trap bronze medallist Penny Smith also received an invitation to compete in the World Cup Final, but has chosen not to attend. Smith said, "I am not attending the 2024 World Cup Final in New Delhi because the Olympic Games was my priority event this year, at which I achieved a Bronze Medal. I'm having a well earned break in preparation for a bigger 2025 season."

Willett's competition will run from 15 to 17 October and can be followed via the ISSF website <https://www.issf-sports.org/competitions/3326/results> and YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/issfchannel>.



*World Cup Gold in Azerbaijan*



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## **CR KENNEDY appointed as exclusive distributor for Fabarm Italy in Australia**

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Hello Shooters,

How quick is this year flying by?

We have just completed the 2024 NSW State Trap Carnival, with around 300 shooters in attendance from all over the country.

This year saw the return of the Traders Passport, each shooter was handed a passport when checking in on the first day, they then went and visited each of the traders to get their stamps, completed the top of the form and placed it in the box in the Function Centre which enabled each shooter who participated, the chance to win without having to fire a shot.

There were 4 draws over the weekend and each time a name was drawn, they had 3 minutes to claim their prize. A few of them scraped in with just seconds on the clock to claim.

4 lucky attendees managed to walk away with some great prizes that had been donated by our traders on the grounds.

A special thank you to Filippo (Perazzi) and Dan Power (NSWCTA Executive) for seeing this project return for its 2nd year.

On the Thursday before the carnival the NSWCTA had a couple of programs that were offered for the first time.

The first one was a Referee Accreditation Course that was offered to all ACTA members. Two sessions were run, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. A few members took advantage of this program with Steve Cowell offering the course FREE of charge.

The second new program was our Junior Initiative Program that was a hit with our Juniors.

This program was dedicated to NSW Juniors that were attending the State Trap

Carnival for the first time. The idea behind the program was to take the pressure of not knowing what is expected of shooters when they attend a BIG shoot. It made the juniors feel more comfortable in the environment that would normally be a intimidating experience.

The Juniors were shown around the National Grounds by our Executive Phil Baker, they were introduced to all the important people on the grounds and made to feel welcome. They also got some great bonuses from the traders that had already set up and taken to the practice trap for a free round on the house.

The feedback from this program was very positive and we are certainly hoping to bring it back next year.

A full report will follow in next month's CT, so keep an eye out for the December 2024 issue.

We are busy with finalising our Blue Book in the State Office currently.

Anyone wishing to advertise in next year's NSW Shooting Program, should contact the State Office on the above details for more information.

Your Executive Committee for next year is as follows:

President: Brad Kidd

Senior Vice President: Phil Baker

Junior Vice President: Dan Power

Treasurer: Paul O'Neill

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That's all for now, see you all next month with some more important information.



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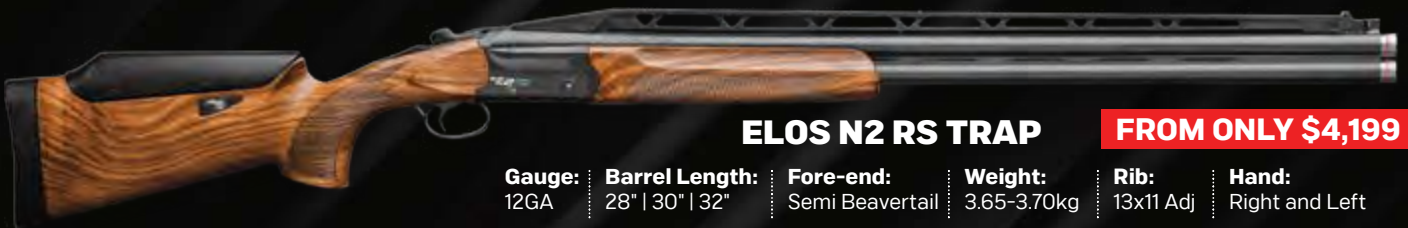
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# 42nd WORLD UNIVERSAL TRENCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

## YCHOUX, FRANCE



*Australian UT Team at World Championships in Ychoux*

The 42nd World Universal Trench Championships took place in Ychoux, France, approximately 75km south of Bordeaux, in the famous French wine regions, very close to the Bay of Biscay.

The range has recently been taken over by the French shooting association, FFBT, and boasts 8 Universal Trench layouts which have the ability to drop a DTL house on top, 1 full-time DTL layout, and 2 Compak Sporting layouts. Plans to add more UT layouts and a new 2-storey club room are in place, which will make it the “Mecca” for UT Shooting.

Our team members mostly started arriving in France around Friday, August 16th, on a number of different routes, with all but one having a pretty seamless and easy arrival. Charlton Vella was the exception, having issues coming from Cyprus on a family holiday when the airport

was closed due to fog, causing him to miss a connecting flight. What was supposed to be a 4-hour trip for him turned into 34 hours! Most of us spent a day or two in Bordeaux to get over jet lag and take the time to visit the sights Bordeaux city has to offer. It also gave us a chance to act as a buffer in case any baggage, or more importantly, our guns, went missing or were late arriving.

With hire cars all collected, we headed off on Sunday, August 18th, to the lovely town of Arcachon, located on Arcachon Bay approximately a 45-minute drive from Bordeaux airport. A beautiful coastal town full



*Australian team lead by Flag Bearer Kiara Dean at the Opening Ceremony of the World Championships for Universal Trench*

of restaurants and shops, and our home for the next week. Our accommodation was Hotel Le Dauphin, a quick 5-minute walk from the heart of the city in a quiet area. The hotel was very old and looked more like it belonged in a kids'



*The team hotel which looked like it belonged in a fairytale book*

fairytale book. Like most hotels in the region, it was old, clean and comfortable; however, as we found with all of France, VERY EXPENSIVE, especially being peak tourist season and right in between the Olympics and Paralympic Games.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday were practice days and all of our team members and the additional Aussies shooting as individuals were able to get plenty of rounds in despite booking practice rounds being a bit of a hassle, although not as bad as the year before. Ammunition was all sorted, with a large majority of the team taking up the generous offer from Bronzewing Australia to have NSI ammo sent over for them, while the club had a range of Cheddite, FOB, Mary Arm and some Bornaghi that was also sent over for the Aussie Team, which was almost completely sold before we got there!

Tuesday night, we held our team dinner where all Aussies present were able to get together, have a few laughs, and wish everyone well for the competition commencing on Thursday. It also gave us a chance to congratulate team member Gabe Sensi and his wife-to-be Pypier on their recent engagement while in Paris. Congratulations again, guys! Our team flag



*Our flag bearer for 2024, Kiara Dean*



*Some of the Aussie Crew taking a break while sightseeing in the lovely town of Bordeaux*

bearer was announced, and this year it went to Kiara Dean, who had a very good year in our series as well as some great finishes in the previous 2 years at the World Champs.

The opening ceremony was held on Wednesday evening after practice, and what a great event it was. Our Aussie team looked the part thanks to Martin Collumb for decking us all out, and as always, we were the first to march out, led by Kiara holding the flag and Max Psaras holding the AUSTRALIA sign (or Australie in French). All teams were marched out to their National anthems, and then we were treated to a display from the local "Hunt Club," who paraded the hounds around the shooting venue.

Bib numbers and timetables were then collected and everyone knew what squads, times and layouts they would be on for the next 4 days. A total of 580 competitors were entered. We headed off from the range, grabbed a quick bite

to eat, and had an early night ready for the next day's competition to begin.

All Aussie team members were in the afternoon squads on Day 1 of the competition, so we didn't start until 12:30 pm. This gave us all, except Craig, a chance to sleep in. As we will host the World Championships in 2026 in Melbourne, Craig was undergoing his Referee course so he can train referees in Australia for the event. Little did Craig know he would be stuck refereeing squads when he wasn't shooting.

The scores this year, compared to the event held on the same range in 2019, were considerably lower over the next 4 days, especially on day 3, which proved to be a very tricky day with dark, dull skies and a blustery wind. The Aussies' scores were varied, with most struggling to adapt to the conditions, but we did have 2 shooters going into the last day with a chance

*The local Hunt Club with their hounds at the Opening Ceremony*



of finishing in the placings: Andrew Cameron in the Seniors and Erin Guy in the Ladies. Both were shooting consistently and had managed to fight through the tough conditions on day 3, still in the hunt.

Day 4 dawned, and you could not get a better day to shoot. Approximately 27 degrees, not a cloud in the sky and hardly a breath of wind. We had the morning session, which did start out a little cool, but it didn't take long for it to warm up. Andrew shot 22.24 for the day to finish on 185/200, which placed him =11th in the Seniors, and Erin shot 21.22 to finish on 175, placing her =6th in the Ladies. A great effort from both shooters at their first UT World Champs.

Unfortunately for Craig Bentley, he was unable to complete his last 2 rounds on Day 4. Craig had struggled with illness upon arriving in France, which had gradually worsened as the week went on. He tried his hardest to fight it out till the end but woke up Sunday morning feeling even worse.

*Full Aussie results were as follows:*

*Men:* Gabe Sensi 189/200 =20th, Charlton Vella 184/200 = 77th, Craig Henwood 181/200 =122nd. Team – 6th Place.

*Ladies:* Erin Guy 175/200 =6th, Kiara Dean 171/200 = 10th, Anna Shedrina 156/200 = 27th. Team – 5th Place.

*Junior:* Cameron Ford 170/200 – 19th, Max Psaras 169/200 – 20th, Bella Woolcock 165/200 =21st. Team – 4th Place.

*Senior:* Andrew Cameron 185/200 =11th, Mark Coleman 170/200 =85th, Phil Matthews 168/200 =96th. Team – 6th Place.

*Veteran:* Kim Nealon 172/200 =29th, John Wojcik 153/200 =64th, Craig Bentley 130/150 – DNF – 76th. Team – 6th Place.

Although we were not successful in bringing any prizes back home to Australia, everyone gave it their all and was a credit to their team and country. UT groups are a great supportive group to travel with, and this one was no different. A lot was learned by everyone on how they can improve their shooting, and all look forward to returning back stronger than ever.



*Peter Digiannantonio tries out some of the local seafood*

Next year's World Championships are to be held in Rome, and accommodation is already becoming hard to find, so we suggest if you intend to travel to Rome, book a room now! The team has secured rooms for all team members already, thanks to the hard-working Universal Trench Australia team!

Sunday night, we all headed back to the hotel, where pizzas and a few beers by the hotel pool were had before a few went off to try their luck at the local Casino and see what Sunday night life in Arcachon was like (not much, haha). The long trek home then began on Monday morning!

We would like to thank everyone for making this trip such a great experience, including all shooters, mums, dads, partners, etc. A huge thank you to everyone who sponsor our series and to the clubs who host our rounds for us. Without you, none of this could happen, and it is greatly appreciated.

Dates of our 2025 series are: Melbourne GC – Nov 30 – Dec 1; Echuca CTC – Feb 15 & 16; Brisbane GC – Mar 15 & 16; Melbourne GC – April 5 & 6.

We look forward to seeing you all at our 2025 series!



# VCTA North West Zone 2024 DTL Carnival MARYBOROUGH & DISTRICT GUN CLUB

On Saturday the 28th September the VCTA North West Zone conducted their 2024 DTL Carnival, hosted by the Maryborough & District Gun Club. Maryborough is situated in the Central Goldfields Shire and is virtually located right in the geographical centre of Victoria, which allows the Club to draw good competitor numbers for larger events.



Over past years, this fourth weekend in the month of September, the AFL Grand Final weekend, has traditionally produced poor attendance, however, this year proved to be a welcome exception with 114 nominations being taken for the first event.

Club members, particularly Darren Watts and Nathan Cassells, with a small group of other club stalwarts, had spent hours completely servicing all traps in the week leading up to this carnival, ensuring (with the exception of Murphy's Law), that on the day, trap

problems would hopefully be eliminated. On the Friday, when beautiful calm weather prevailed all day, every trap was fine tuned to throw the best possible legal targets. Visitors already on the ground commented on just how good the targets looked and how each trap threw identical to the other.

Resident groundsman, Garry Cassells, had the entire venue looking immaculate, with every blade of grass on the layouts, and then some, trimmed to perfection. We cannot thank Garry enough for the enormous amount of time and effort he puts into this role, as well as being the Maryborough Club Secretary.

With several caravans already on the ground the night before, we were beginning to suspect a reasonable attendance of shooters, however we now acknowledge that the 114-plus competitors who shot, probably made this the largest attendance ever for a North West Zone carnival.

Zone President Wayne Sanders welcomed all shooters to the carnival, and noted that with the large attendance and the fact that we were running four events that shooters needed to be ready to back up and keep the day moving. Meanwhile in the Events office, staffed by Zone delegates Zac Biggin, Kim Thompson and Katie McPherson, assisted by Zone



NW Zone President Wayne Sanders, Overall Carnival High Gun Daniel Camilleri & NW Zone Secretary Chris Langridge

Secretary Chris Langridge quickly and efficiently accepted nominations, printed squad sheets and the event started on time and without any hold ups. Father and son team Garry and Nathan Cassells acted as the Shoot Marshals for the day.

Unfortunately on Saturday morning, the Wind Weather God was not playing fair and shooters had to contend the entire day with a variable quarter crossing head wind, that at times gusted quite strongly. The effect on the targets in these conditions was as expected, a fact accepted by 99 percent of the shooters.

Almost every North West Zone Club had shooters competing and the event also attracted shooters from each of the other three Victorian Zones.

The first event of the day was the 25 target NW Zone Double Barrel Championship. The Overall and AA grade winner was Travis Gull from the Maryborough club. Travis finished with a score of 70/70 after a shoot-off that relegated William Camilleri, Werribee-Victoria CTC, to second place. A grade went to Greg Powell, also from the Werribee club who shot 57/58, with Zone President Wayne Sanders from Hopetoun GC finishing second.



Double Barrel – Greg Powell 1st A



Double Barrel – Ted Weeks 2nd B

In B grade, Bill Sands from the Beaufort GC who is a very regular visitor to Maryborough, took away the first place sash and prize, shooting a score of 30/31 after a shoot-off with Ted Weeks from Castlemaine who ran second. Maryborough club Treasurer Mark



Double Barrel – William Camilleri 2nd & Travis Gull Overall and 1st in AA grade



Double Barrel – Roy Davis 2nd & Mark Passalick 1st

Passalick won C grade with a score of 25/27 with junior shooter Roy Davis from Bendigo coming second.

Event two, the NW Zone 25 target Single Barrel Championship was won by



Single Barrel –  
Roger Lehman Overall & 1st in AA

Warracknabeal club legend Roger Lehmann. Roger who was shooting a new gun, proved to be too good on the day, winning with a score of 28/29 after a short shoot-off with Carl Comensoli from the Cohuna CTC.

A grade went to Daniel Camilleri, Werribee-

Victoria, with a score of 23/25, with local Maryborough member Lachlan Hurse winning a shoot-off for second place.

Ted Weeks again featured in this event winning B grade with a score of 23/25. Earlier in the day at practice, he shot abysmally, declaring "I'm shooting so bad I don't know why I am even here". Well done Ted. Running second to Ted in B grade was Chris Jones from the Bendigo CTC. Doug Harris from Horsham, shooting 21/29 won C grade, with Bendigo's Ken Smith winning a shoot-off for second place.



Single Barrel – Ken Smith 2nd & Doug Harris 1st

With the wind still blowing, event three, the 25 target NW Zone Points Score Championship got underway resulting in three shooters finishing one point down. Maryborough President Nathan Cassells won the shoot-off for Overall and AA grade with a final score of 103/105. This meant that Matt Appleby from the Loddon District club finished second in AA with a score of 101/105. Eric Yetman from Patchewollock, who was also in the shoot-off for Overall won A grade 85/87, and Daniel Camilleri backed up his first place in the Single Barrel with a second place in this event.

The B grade sash and prize went



Single Barrel –  
Daniel Camilleri 1st A



Single Barrel –  
Ted Weeks 1st B



Points Score –  
Nathan Cassells Overall & 1st AA







Points Score – Daniel Camilleri 2nd & Eric Yetman 1st



Veteran HG BarrySmith with Junior HG Harley Ash

to Carl Bartlett from Cohuna with a score of 71/75, with Grace Hesse, Werribee-Victoria, coming second. Jim Shepherd won C grade with a 69/75 with Jamie Bettess claiming second place.

The final event of the program was the Zone Handicap and it was great to see veteran shooter Don Hinks from the Geelong CTC win the event with the only possible. Congratulations Don, a great effort. Second to Don, and after a shoot-off for all 4 minor placings, was Alister Clark, Beaufort CTC, who finished with a score of 29/30. This consigned Ashley Bolwell, Horsham CTC, shooting from

Below: Handicap – Roy Davis 4th, Don Hinks 1st & Alister Clark 2nd



25 metres to third place, Roy Davis to fourth and Trevor Dehne from Cohuna to fifth.

Daniel Camilleri won the NW Zone Carnival Overall High Gun with a score of 152/160. Only one target behind and winning the AA High Gun was Cameron Ford from Yarrawonga, shooting 151/160. Eric Yetman took home the A grade High Gun 140/150, Carl Bartlett B grade 139/150, and a very surprised Doug Harris won C grade on 134/150.

The Carnival Junior High Gun was awarded to Harley Ash from Kerang shooting 136/150, Stephanie Bartlett from Cohuna took the Ladies High Gun 131/150 and Barry Smith representing the Patchewollock club and finishing the day on 134/150 walked away with the Veteran High Gun.

#### ZONE TEAMS:

**Open Team** in order of qualification including emergencies – Nathan Cassells, Carl Comensoli, Chris Jorgensen, Ashley Bolwell, Carl Bartlett, Travis Gull, Mark Collins and Darren Watts.

**Junior Team** in order of qualification including emergencies – Harley Ash, Hunter Ash, Annabel Funcke, Emmett Fergusson, Amy

Bolwell and Kirby Brown.

**Ladies Team** in order of qualification including emergencies – Stephanie Bartlett, Arianne James, Sandy Ellis, Katie McPherson, Val Dehne and Kim Thompson.

**Veteran Team** in order of qualification including emergencies – Roger Lehman, Ray Peatling, Barry Smith, Ted Weeks, Dallas Fisher and Paul West.



*Grade High Guns – Doug Harris, Eric Yetman & Cameron Ford*

It was somewhat disappointing, seeing that the day ended quite early, to see so many winners not present to receive their prizes and for a photo opportunity at presentations.

President Wayne expressed the Zone's appreciation to our sponsor Lee Berger from the Outdoor Trading Company, for his generous sponsorship on the day. He said, "the assistance provided by any sponsor is an invaluable part of ensuring the success of a carnival, I think we have seen that today". OTC is the supplier of the Promatic Soft Red clay targets used for the day's events.

Wayne thanked the Maryborough Club for their preparation of the grounds and traps prior to the event and for keeping traps filled to allow the shoot to run smoothly throughout the day.

Wayne also paid tribute to the many shooters who had acted as referees and scorers and lastly but certainly not least, acknowledged the work of the Maryborough ladies in the running

of the club canteen and providing both the shooters and their families with a large selection of food and drinks to choose from.

To finish the presentation formalities, the Zone Special Effort raffle was drawn. Many Zone clubs took the opportunity of buying whole books as part of their support of the Zone and this year it definitely paid off with the Maryborough club winning the first draw and Kerang CTC picking up second place.

We are now looking forward to an even better Carnival next year.



*Right: Office staff – Kim Thompson, Zac Biggin & Katie McPherson*



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## Trap 10–15, 2025

Have a good look at all online booking companies (Booking.com / Trivago / Expedia, etc) plus contact the named accommodation directly.

**Location: Swan Valley and Midland area, close to WA Gun Club, in Swan Valley – vineyards and artisan foods area, major tourist area**

<i>Accommodation</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Novotel Swan Valley / Vines Resort	The Vines	4 Star	Hotel	08 9297 3000
The Sebel Swan Valley	The Vines	4 Star	Hotel	07 5501 7370
Maya Maya Mandoon	Mandoon	4 Star	Hotel	08 6279 0500
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Budget Motel Midland	Midland	2 Star	Hotel	08 9250 2688
Swan Valley Serviced Apartments	Middle Swan	3 Star	Apartments	Online booking only
Swan Valley Sisters	Henley Brook	3 Star	Chalets	0498 008 656
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Big 4 Midland Tourist Park	Midland	3 Star	Caravan & Chalets	08 9274 3002
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**Location: Ascot and Belmont, close to WA Gun Club and airport, restaurants, takeaway and shopping centre close by**

Ingot Hotel	Ascot	4 Star	Hotel	08 9259 3888
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**Location: Kingsley, close to WA Gun Club**

Cherokee Village Kingsley	Kingsley	3 Star	Caravan & Chalets	08 9409 9039
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There are also a lot of hotels around **Hillary's and Scarborough** that may be of interest because of the beach

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Rendezvous Hotel	Scarborough	4 Star	Hotel	08 9245 1000
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**See Accommodation List on Page 46**



# 89th WORLD SKEET SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

## *SAN ANTONIO TEXAS*

It was great to be back in San Antonio, Texas, for the Mini World and World Skeet Championships, catching up with some old friends and making new friends as well as the food and shopping. The 5 Man Team all met up at the National Shooting Complex on Thursday 26th of September for registration and to enter the ACTA Skeet 5 Man Team, also to pick up our pre-ordered ammo ready for 10 days of Skeet shooting.

We had a total a 17 Australians attend the World Skeet shoot with 6 of them being first time attendees and I'm sure that they will be back at some stage.

Friday the 27th was the start of the Mini World Doubles, 443 shooters, 33 degrees and sunny. After all the qualifying scores were in the Aussies headed down to field 5 to watch team member Austin Gibbes shoot off for Junior 3rd place against seven other juniors. He qualified with a 94 and after 16 targets in the shoot-off young Austin emerged a winner, finishing 3rd overall in the junior class.

Then we all headed next door to field 4 where Michael Buttigieg was shooting off for his age group with the other 98's, where he finished 3rd as well. Then we had first time attendee Aussie, Jimmy Wilberforce, shooting off in class with 91.

Saturday 28th was Mini 12g, 501 shooters, and Mini 20g, 488 shooters 34 deg and sunny. This was a big day with the first event starting at 9am (12g) and all the shoot-offs not finishing until about 9pm.

Again, it was Michael Buttigieg shooting off with a 100 for overall against 40 others and



*Shane Bennett, Austin Gibbes, Benn Baker, Michael Buttigieg, Matthew DePaoli*



*Austin Gibbes*

one being Aussie shooter John Rodden as he had also shot the 100 in the 12g. Austin was shooting off for juniors with a 99. There were 2 x 100's scores in for the juniors and eight 99's. Also, we had Ryan Miller shooting off in Class (99).

20g saw 43x 100 straights come in and again Buttigieg and John Rodden were the two Aussies shooting off. Rodden dropped out early with Buttigieg finishing the first box in the shoot-off and heading up to the stadium field to determine the final 3. After 4 stations Buttigieg dropped a high 4, however this wasn't all bad news as he finished runner-up out of 488 shooters. Other Aussies shooting off for age groups and classes were Benn Baker (99), Nigel Hughes (99) and Ryan Miller (99).

Sunday 29th was the Mini World 28g and .410 bore events, 34 degrees and sunny with 493 shooters for the 28g and 484 shooters for the .410.

28g was the first event with only 1 Aussie, John Rodden, shooting the 100. We also had Paul Johnston shooting off for first in class with the other 99's finishing runner-up.

Next was the small gun (.410) and the top scoring Aussie was again John Rodden with a 96 making Rodden just 4 targets down for the HOA 396/400. It was again a long day with all the 28g and .410 shoot-offs as well as all the

HOA shoot-offs and then presentation.

Monday 30th was the start of the Main World Championships with the Wayne Mayes event in the morning and Doubles after lunch (34 deg and sunny with 345 shooters for the Wayne Mayes and 547 for the Doubles). With sixteen 100-straight's our two top scoring Aussie's in the Wayne Mayes were Lorraine Hughes and Shane Bennett both with 99. After all the class and concurrent shoot-off's (.410 doubles) Lorraine finished ladies world runner-up.

We had 7x 100 straight's come in for the Doubles with our top scoring Aussies Michael Buttigieg, Benn Baker and Austin Gibbes all shooting 99, however the shoot-off's for the Doubles wouldn't be until tomorrow afternoon.

Tuesday the 1st was day one of the 12g event with 100 targets today (East) and 100 targets tomorrow (West) (35 degrees and sunny with 603 shooters for the 12g). The top scoring Aussies in the 12g East were Michael Buttigieg, Shane Bennett, Nigel Hughes and Lorraine Hughes all with 99. Before any of the shoot-off's the NSSA had an opening ceremony where all the countries in attendance would march out on the stadium field holding their country's flag. We nominated young team member Austin Gibbes to take our flag out.

Wednesday the 2nd was the second part of the

12g, with 12x 200 straight's. (33 deg and sunny with 603 shooters.) The 12g West top scoring Aussies were Benn Baker and Buttigieg with 100. Now that all the 12g scores were in we could see how the ACTA 5-man Skeet Team scored – Michael Buttigieg 199, Austin Gibbes 191, Shane Bennett 197, Benn Baker 198, Matthew De Paoli 194 and with a total score of 979/1000 making the Australian ACTA 5-man Skeet Team the champions for 2024.

Thursday 3rd was the 20g event with 31x 100 straight's – 32 deg and cloudy with 581 shooters. The top scoring Aussies for the day were Michael Buttigieg, Shane Bennett and Matt De Paoli all with 99. There were a few class and concurrent shoot-off's with Sarah Caldwell winning her class shoot-off, finishing 4th in her class, however the highlight shoot-off for the day was Sarah Bennett and Lorraine Hughes having to shoot-off against two American ladies to determine the Two Lady Team champions, and after 16 targets the Aussie girls did us proud and finished as champions. Up to this point Sarah and Lorraine had won the 2 Lady Team in Doubles, 12g and now 20g so what would the next day bring.

Friday 4th was the 28g event with 35x straight's



*Sarah Bennett & Lorraine Hughes*



Mark Vaillancourt, Lauren Burge & Michael Buttigieg



Austin Gibbes

(33 degrees, sunny and windy with 576 shooters), with top scoring Aussie Buttigieg shooting a perfect 100.



Joshua Guess, Jason Ward & Matthew De Paoli

Jimmy Wilberforce had a shoot-off on field 7 for D Class Champion with 2 other 96's so we all headed down to watch. After a few stations Jimmy dropped a target finishing him as D Class runner-up.

Saturday 5th was the last day, the .410 Bore event with 8x 100 Straights. It was 33 degrees and cloudy with 565 shooters, with our very own Matthew De Paoli shooting a perfect 100.

The shoot-off was called and the 8 shooters entered the shoot-off stadium and the Aussies were in the grandstand waiting to see who would be crowned



*Australia – 5 Man Open Team winners,  
Shane Bennett, Benn Baker, Matthew De Paoli,  
Michael Buttigieg & Austin Gibbes*

the 2024 World Skeet .410 champion. After the first station we were down to 6 and Matty was still hanging in there. After 2 more stations we were down to 3 shooters, so at worst, Matty would be 3rd overall. The 3 shooters then stepped up to station 4 where Matty was the first shooter to drop a target, the next shooter hit both his targets, and the 3rd shooter also dropped a target so at this point we had a champion, but no runner-up or 3rd place. After a few more stations Matty was victorious finishing the 2024 World Skeet .410 as runner-up – this was truly incredible.

After all the dust had settled there had been about 640,000 targets shot over the 10 days, not including practice or shoot-off targets.

And the ACTA Australian 5 Man Team had won the 5 Man Country/Zone 12g, 20g, 28g, .410, Doubles and the HOA, (clean sweep).

We also entered the 5 Man Open Team which we had won the 20g and Doubles and was runner-up in the .410.

On behalf of all the skeet shooters we would like to thank the ACTA for their continued support in funding this world skeet team.

## Mini Worlds

	<i>Mini D</i>	<i>Mini 12g</i>	<i>Mini 20g</i>	<i>Mini 28g</i>	<i>Mini .410</i>	<i>Mini HOA</i>
Shane Bennett	95	97	98	97	90	382
Michael Buttigieg	98	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	98	95	393
Austin Gibbes	94	99	97	97	90	383
Benn Baker	91	97	99	93	94	383
Matt De Paoli	98	98	99	98	95	390
Sarah Bennett	96	95	96	96	91	378
Brian Clarke	76	91	92	83	84	350
John Rodden	90	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	96	396
Jimmy Wilberforce	91	96	95	90	75	356
Ryan Miller	94	99	99	97	94	389
Paul Johnston	89	94	90	99	89	372
Leonie Johnston	79	NA	85	70	NA	155
Nigel Hughes	92	95	99	92	95	381
Lorraine Hughes	96	94	96	97	93	380
Rodney Gibbes	76	97	94	96	84	371
Chelsea Beechey	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sarah Caldwell	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA



### Main Worlds

	<i>Main</i>	<i>Main</i>	<i>12g</i>	<i>12g</i>	<i>Main</i>	<i>Main</i>	<i>Main</i>	<i>Main</i>	<i>Main</i>
	<i>WM</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>20g</i>	<i>28g</i>	<i>.410</i>	<i>HOA</i>	<i>HAA</i>
Shane Bennett	99	96	99	98	99	98	94	488	584
Michael Buttigieg	97	99	99	<b>100</b>	99	<b>100</b>	95	493	592
Austin Gibbes	98	99	98	93	96	95	92	474	573
Benn Baker	94	99	98	<b>100</b>	98	93	89	478	577
Matt De Paoli	97	94	95	99	99	96	<b>100</b>	489	583
Sarah Bennett	95	96	97	99	95	93	92	476	572
Brian Clarke	89	75	83	75	91	82	NA	331	406
John Rodden	93	94	97	99	94	94	94	478	572
Jimmy Wilberforce	93	79	93	97	95	96	83	464	543
Ryan Miller	98	96	97	98	98	98	98	489	585
Paul Johnston	92	90	95	92	93	98	91	469	559
Leonie Johnston	NA	78	NA	79	79	78	68	304	382
Nigel Hughes	96	95	99	97	97	97	95	485	580
Lorraine Hughes	99	95	99	94	98	97	94	482	577
Rodney Gibbes	87	86	93	95	93	94	75	450	536
Chelsea Beechey	NA	87	91	88	81	79	85	424	511
Sarah Caldwell	92	85	93	95	91	86	88	453	538



# ***Psychological Skills for Shooting***

by Michael Kruger-Davis

## **Is the clay target your friend or foe?**

Over the years, when a shooter has told me they don't like 'right hand swingers' or 'high 2 or low 6' or 'a springing teal', my response has always been to say; "make that target your friend, treat it like it's your favourite. If you do this and get some effective coaching, you will eventually start to hit your demon target over and over again and the negative mindset you have regarding this target will fade away.

Clay targets are inanimate objects. They are not alive and therefore cannot never be blamed for trying to undermine the shooter. But often the talk in the clubhouse and around the tracks would make you think that some targets are actually out to get you or are actively planning to avoid being hit. Clay targets are not quail streaking away from you or trying to beat you by screaming past you.

John Shima, argues that the target, every target you will shoot at should be considered your friend because only the target (when it emerges) can tell you the direction, speed and distance. In essence the target it's telling you everything you need to know so that you can shoot it. John writes, "When shooters detect the movement of an emerging clay target, with their eyes in expanded soft focus, the visual data transmitted to the visual cortex to instantaneously determine the targets distance, speed, and direction of travel." He continues by stating, "While the shooter's mind (watching reflex) watches the target continuously, the adaptive unconscious (shooting reflex) automatically determines where to point the muzzle, at the correct lead in the break zone." *Therefore, 'the clay target is your friend because it tells shotgun where to point'.*

The target therefore provides you with everything you need to know, so that you can

point your shotgun in the right spot. Knowing the speed is important so that you can match gun speed with target speed and let your brain calculate forward allowance (lead) so the target will break when you pull the trigger. In some disciplines the direction of the target is already known (skeet, sporting, double rise) but it is still vital that your brain sends through the correct message as to where the target is going, rather than where it should be going. In DTL, UT or trench it is even more important that the target provides the shooter with the information as to where the target is going. For most targets the speed will determine the distance but this can be confusing in some sporting events where the target might be travelling fast but not going far such as a battue or springing teal.

If shooters adopt the 'me against the target mindset' it heightens the 'tension of execution' which leads to impatience, and creates visual and mechanical faults. Impatience will cause the shooter to move their gun before they see the target, meaning you will miss that vital information about speed, direction and distance that the target will provide. Impatience will also cause the shooter to focus too hard too soon leading to premature engagement of the target; you will focus on your barrels rather than the target and most likely stop your gun. Impatience will lead to faults in target acquisition.

On a totally unrelated note, I subscribe to a UK based online shooting magazine called *Sporting Gun*.

In the November issue 2024 issue there is a fascinating advertisement by *Beretta*, entitled *Nobody's Perfect*.

On a full-page spread they list the Paris

Olympic Shooting results. Under the headings of each event is a visual of the Gold, Silver and Bronze medals, the National Flag of each winner and the brand of gun that the shooter used to win the medal.

For the Skeet Men, Trap Men, Mixed teams and Skeet Women each of the medals Gold, Silver and Bronze has the National flag and the word Beretta. Towards the bottom of the page, they list the Woman Trap:

Gold medal, Guatemala Flag and Beretta

Silver medal, Italian Flag and Beretta, and

Bronze medal, Australian Flag and Not Beretta

Penny Smith was obviously the only shooter at Paris to win a medal not using a Beretta.

The final line in the advertisement is a humble acknowledgement by Beretta:

“Kudos to the medalists, thank you to all the shooters and also to those that spoilt our en plein.”

Not often a company thanks you, even though you stopped them getting a clean sweep.

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## What's happening in the VCTA

It has been some time since our last VCTA update however there is still plenty of action afoot.

September saw the running of the Victorian State Ball Trap Championship at the Morwell Gun Club. After 100 Ball Trap targets on a windy and challenging day, both Todd Malone and Nathan Cassells were tied on 93/100. After a brief shoot-off, Todd emerged victorious and is the 2024 VCTA Ball Trap Champion, congratulations Todd!

October sees preparations continue for November's 2024 VCTA State Trap Carnival. Victoria's premiere DTL event will be held at the Echuca Gun Club starting with the



Nathan Cassells & Todd Malone

Champion of Champions on Thursday 7 November 2024 through to the Points Score on Sunday 10 November 2024. We welcome entrants of all abilities and will do our utmost to ensure a pleasant and memorable Carnival.

A highlight of this year's Carnival will be the Friday post shoot FREE BBQ and live entertainment. The VCTA invites all attendees to take advantage of what promises to be an enjoyable evening.

Carnival nominations are now open on MCMS and the State Ground at Echuca has unpowered camping/caravan sites available at only \$10 per night. Please send any enquiries to [info@vcta.com.au](mailto:info@vcta.com.au)

November also brings our next Club Coaching Course. VCTA Coaching Director, James Willett, will be hosting a session at the Werribee Victorian Clay Target Club where prospective coaches can gain training as well as facilitating re-accreditation of lapsing coaches. Club coaches are an important part of our sport and all clubs should ensure they have one on hand to assist with newcomers and beginners. Again, please send any enquiries to [info@vcta.com.au](mailto:info@vcta.com.au) and we will help you make a booking.

# Competition Results



## SACTA

### Broken Hill 14/09/2024

Cold & Windy: 25T Silver City PS CS: OA & AA: D Nicholls 75/75, R Walsh 98/102; A: P Grossi 79/81, E Yetman 76/81; B: N Ham 79/81, D Ashwood 78/81; C: A Ashwood 70/75, W Channing 68/75; JNR: L Holtham 63/75; LAD: T Harman 68/75; VET: P McLaughlan 97/102; 25T Silver City SB CS: OA: D Peters 34/36; AA: S Gallagher 33/36, T Knight 31/33; A: A Farnsworth 24/26; B: D Comelli 22/25, C Knight 21/25; C: A Reed 27/30, J Caskey 26/30; JNR: C Gallagher 20/25; LAD: K Rees 21/25; VET: P McLaughlan 23/25; 25T Silver City DB CS: OA & AA: D Nicholls 102/102, T Knight 101/102; A: A Farnsworth 73/74, T Harman 30/31; B: G Bollen 36/37, D Ashwood 35/37; C: T Clarke 24/25, P Smith 36/38; JNR: L Holtham 29/30; LAD: K Rees 23/25; VET: S Chambers 52/53; 25T Silver City Dble HC: 1st: T Knight 36/36, 2nd: T Clarke 35/36, 3rd: D Nicholls 36/37; Saturday HG: OA: D Nicholls 146/150; 40T State Mxd CS: OA & AA: D Nicholls 73/7, T Knight 72/74; A: T Harman 68/74, E Yetman 66/74; B: N Ham 57/60, D Ashwood 56/60; C: P Smith 52/60, D Dwyer 45/60; JNR: L Holtham 50/60; LAD: C Gallagher 39/60; VET: A Pollock 55/60; HG: OA: D Nicholls 205/210; AA: T Knight 201/210; A: E Yetman 193/210; B: D Ashwood 197/210; C: P Smith 183/210; JNR: L Holtham 174/210; LAD: T Harman 191/210; VET: N Ham 195/210.

### International

(12): Dry, Sunny patches, low 20's, gusts; 30T MT: AA/A: H Phillips 46/50; B: R Pace 68/75; C: P Borne 39/50.

### International

Dry, Glare, Gusty (50): 25T Peter Marcoianni Memorial PS CS: OA/AA: S Daou 111/111, H Phillips 110/111, R Warden 108/111; A: R Rossi 73/75, A Sologub 72/75, S Parletta 71/75; B: S Bowley 73/75, B Quinzi 71/75, K Anderson 88/93; C: D Robinson 83/87, A Trimarchi 82/87, E Bria 68/75; JNR: S Parletta 71/75; LAD: L Smith 74/75; VET: S Brynes 70/75; 30T POLYAIRES DB CS: OA/AA: A

Zupanic 55/55, R Clark 54/55, E Parletta 35/36; A: T De Padova 46/47, R Borzillo 40/41, D Oliviero 37/38; B: K Anderson 33/34, S Bowley 30/31, G Charalambous 29/31; C: M Collumb 36/37, A Trimarchi 35/37, L Carlesso 34/37; JNR: S Parletta 33/34; LAD: T Evans 29/30; VET: J Hawker 33/34; 25T Artie Dallemolle Memorial Special HC: 1st M Collumb 25/25, 2nd A Panazzolo 36/37, 3rd G Letterio 35/37, 4th A Zupanic 28/30, 5th L Carlesso 27/29; Two Day HG: OA: A Zupanic 304/310; AA: R Clark 296/310; A: D Oliviero 288/310; B: S Bowley 288/310; C: L Carlesso 253/310; JNR: H Phillips 294/310; LAD: K Anderson 278/310; VET: R Warden 289/310.

### International 05/10/2024

Gusting NW/W Wind, Cloud, Low Light, Showers (59): 30T CofC 18M (10DB/10SB/10PS): OA & A: D Oliviero 49/50, Z Drawing, Rito Borzillo; AA: A Zupanic 51/53, J Hawker 50/53, B Evans 47/50; B: B Duncan 47/50, B Quinzi 44/50, S Bowley 65/75; C: M Collumb 62/75, M Cavuoto 58/75, A Pike 57/75; JNR: H Phillips 65/75; LAD: K Anderson 42/50; VET: R Warden 46/50; 25T SB CS: OA & AA: R Clark 31/32, E Parletta 27/29, H Phillips 26/29; A: Z Drawing 30/32, P Marmorale 23/25, R Stopp 32/35; B: S Bowley 29/31, R Frocione 28/31, P Baldock 27/30; C: J Hatzis 23/25, A Trimarchi 21/25, P Ward 19/25; JNR: S Parletta 18/25; LAD: K Anderson 20/26; VET: R Borzillo 28/31; 25T PS CS: OA & AA: A Zupanic 75/75, B Evans 74/75, H Phillips 73/75; A: P Marmorale 104/108, R Rossi 103/108, R Borzillo 74/78; B: R Frocione 74/75, G Charalambous 72/75, M Pontifex 71/75; C: M Cavuoto 68/75, L Carlesso 68/78, E Bria 65/78; JNR: S Parletta 67/75; LAD: K Anderson 68/75; VET: D Oliviero 71/75; 30T DB CS: OA & AA: A Zupanic 80/80, E Parletta 79/80, R Clark 73/74; A: R Borzillo 54/55, N Pike 53/55, L Forza 47/49; B: S Bowley 29/30, G Charalambous 68/70, B Quinzi 67/70; C: M Cavuoto 28/30, A Trimarchi 29/32, L Carlesso

28/32; JNR: S Parletta 28/30; LAD: K Anderson 27/30; VET: P Marmorale 29/30.

### Lower North 21/09/2024

(49): 50T DB CS: OA: J Tapscott 96/96; AA: J Tapscott 96/96, R Clark 76/77; A: Brett Duncan 95/96, T De Padova 49/50; B: K Anderson 66/67, G Tapscott 65/67; C: P Saldaris 50/55, M Cavuoto 49/55; 30T PS CS: OA: T De Padova 89/90; AA: J Tapscott 90/96, R Andrews 87/96; A: T De Padova 89/90, T Carlesso 86/90; B: M Sutton 96/102, B Quinzi 93/102; C: M Cavuoto 86/90, R Spinella 82/90; 30T Ch/Ch: OA: R Damin 72/75; AA: R Damin 72/75, J Tapscott 71/75, R Clark 48/50; A: Brett Duncan 49/50, D Oliviero 48/50, L Forza 45/50; B: A Souter 66/75, K Anderson 65/75, N Crowe 44/50; C: Lorry Carlesso 43/50, D Piteo 64/75, P Bourne 39/50.

### Lower North 22/09/2024

Overcast & breezy both days (50): 50T DB CS: OA: R Clark 50/50; AA: R Clark 50/5, R Andrews 67/68; A: R Rossi 49/50, B Duncan 65/67; B: K Anderson 50/51, P Marmorale 49/51; C: J Finis 47/50, R Spinella 46/50; 25T PS CS: OA: R Clark 75/75; AA: R Clark 75/75, R Collumb 74/75, J Tapscott 76/78; A: R Rossi 74/75, B Duncan 73/75, G Karageorgis 72/75; B: T Wilton 72/75, K Anderson 71/75, M Collumb 68/75; C: Lorry Carlesso 73/75, R Umback 75/84, E Bria 72/84; 25T HC: 1st G Karageorgis 25/25, 2nd A Sologub 40/41, 3rd J Tapscott 39/41, 4th B Quinzi 36/38; OA 2 Day HG: J Tapscott 328/340; JNR HG: T Lewis 39/50; LAD HG: K Anderson 317/340; VET HG: D Oliviero 320/340.

### Monarto Clay 07/09/2024

Fine (31): 25T SB: AA: J Hawker 25/25, G Coppola 25/26; A: M Williamson 23/25, G Carter 20/26; B: M Sutton 25/27, M Pontifex 24/27; C: P Dunn 23/25, G Schmidt 24/27; 25T DB: AA: J Hawker 25/25, M Batten 35/36; A: G Carter 36/38, M Williamson 35/38; B: M Sutton 25/25, G Hopgood 29/30; C: T Oakes 24/25, G Schmidt 32/34; 25T PS: AA: R Damin 74/75, B Cook 72/75; A: G Foster 68/75, M Williamson 66/75; B: P Kay 96/99, M Pontifex 93/99; C: P Bourne 66/75, E Gunby 63/75; 25T CONT: AA: R Damin 61/61, J Hawker 60/61; A: M Williamson 23/25, G Foster 25/28; B: M Sutton 24/25, Z Hawker 24/25; C: P Dunn 23/25, B Miller 32/35; HG: R Damin 147/150.

### Monarto 14/09/2024

Terrible winds for afternoon (33): Cool Night Shoot; 25T SB: AA: P Kelly 22/25, R Clark 21/25, B Sims 21/25; A: N West 21/25, S

Zadow 21/25; B: M Sutton 23/25, L Hopgood 22/25; C: M Bugar 23/25, P Dunn 21/25; 25T HC: AA: B Sims 17/25 (22m), P Kelly 15/25 (21m); A: S Zadpw 21/25 (A23m), M Williamson 15/25 (23m), N West 16/25 (19m); B: T Scarff 22/25 (17m), M Sutton 20/25 (19); C: T Bright 19/25 (15m), M Bugar 19/25 (15m); 25 PR D/R: AA: R Clark 40/50; A: S Zadow 41/50, B. Sims 34/50; B: G Foster 24/50, I Hopton 24/50, T Scarff 24/50; C: G Hopgood 38/50, N West 37/50; 50T STATE NIGHT DB: AA: R Clark 50/50, B Sims 39/50; A: M Williamson 42/50, S Zadow 40/50; B: G Hopgood 42/50, T Scarff 38/50; C: T Oakes 38/50, Tiger Lewis 33/50; OA HG: S Zadow 123/150.

### Mount Gambier 14/09/2024

Rain, Windy, Hail, Sunshine (28): 50T SKT Dbls: A: K Atkin 38/50; B: G Kessegian 37/50, W Lindner 36/50; C: A Hoare 38/50, D Murrell 34/50; 50T B/T: AA: A Hoare 41/50, H Brown 40/50; A: M Medhurst 43/50, J Murrell 42/50; B: M Little 39/50, D Robertson 31/50; C: R Marcato 36/50, T Crouch 32/50; 25T DB: OA & AA: H Brown 40/50, G Height 39/40; A: J Murrell 31/32, K Atkin 30/32, M Little 23/25, A Mckinnon 21/25; C: T Crouch 24/25, G Allison 23/25; HG: A Hoare 103/125.

### South Australian 15/09/2024

Cold, Fair (28): 50T SKT: A: T Pipicella 50/50; B: A Forza 48/50; 25T CONT: AA: G Coppola 24/24, B Cook 22/25; A: R Borzillo 25/25, D Oliviero 23/25; B: M Pontifex 23/25, B Mudge 23/25; C: D Robinson 23/25, R Spinella 14/25; VET: D Lynn 22/25; 25T PS: AA: G Coppola 64/75; A: D Oliviero 75/75, R Borzillo 71/75; B: B Quinzi 69/75, B Mudge 67/75; C: R Spinella 63/75; VET: P Marmorale 70/75; 50T DB: OA: R Borzillo 50/50; AA: G Coppola 47/50; A: R Borzillo 50/50, D Oliviero 48/50; B: B Quinzi 48/50, B Mudge 47/50; C: D Robinson 44/50; VET: M Pontifex 44/50; HG: D Oliviero 146/150.

### Southern 29/09/2024

(22): 25T SxS: AA: L Higgins 25/25, D Ryan 21/25; A: M Humberstone 23/25; B: G Schmidt 22/25, M Sutton 18/25; C: M Bugar 23/27, M McEwan 22/27; JNR: M Schuette 8/25; LAD: J Huppertz 18/25; VET: P Dunn 11/25; 25T DB CD: AA: D Ryan 24/25; A: G Karageorgis 23/25, A Sologub 23/25; B: M Sutton 25/25, G Schmidt 25/25; C: R Umback 24/25, A Souter 23/25; 50T S/C: AA: L Higgins 46/50; A: A Sologub 38/50, G Karageorgis 33/50; B: R Frocione 42/54, M McEwan 41/54; C: G Schmidt 40/52, D Bishop 41/52.



## South Australian Clay Target Association Inc.

# STATE SKEET CARNIVAL

## 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

Venue: State Shooting Park, Carmelo Road, Buckland Park, Virginia

Nominations open on MCMS September 2024

**Pre-Nominations close Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - \$20 one time fee to nom on the day**

### Friday 9-00 am

**Event 1: SACTA "Adelaide Gun Shop" 50t State Skeet 20 Gauge Championship**

Pre-nominations \$50 V,L \$45, Jnrs free



**Event 2: SACTA "SACTA" 50t State Skeet Handicap Championship**

Pre-nomination \$50 V,L \$45, Jnrs free

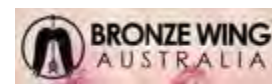
**Saturday 8-00 am for zone teams - TONIGHT – HALL OF FAME INDUCTION Nathan**

**Campbell & Saturday night shooters HAPPY HOUR & Q&A lucky door prizes & nibbles**

**8am start - Event Z: 25 Tgt Open Zone Team Shoot**

**Event 3: SACTA "Bronzewing" 100t State Skeet Championship**

Pre-nomination \$80 V,L \$75, Jnrs free



### Sunday 8-00 am

**8am start - Event T: Postal Teams Match Open, W,V,J**

**Event 4: SACTA "Bronte Evans Chartered Accountants" 50t State Champ of Champions**

Championship 25t 12g / 25t 20g

Pre-nomination \$50 V,L \$45 Jnrs free



**Event 5: SACTA "Adelaide Gun Shop" 50t State Skeet Doubles Championship**

Pre-nomination \$50 V,L \$45 Jnrs free



State Sashes for Overall on Events 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> AA, A, B, C and 1<sup>st</sup> J/L/V on Events 1, 3, 4 & 5 Event 2 - 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>

Overall High Gun on Events 1 - 5



Graded High Guns Events 1 – 5 sponsored by **Goolwa PipiCo**

Junior High Gun Sponsored by **Collumbo Shooting**

Postal Team Selected over Events 2 & 3



All Juniors are entitled to free noms and eligible for all trophies. Reduced nominations does not affect Team Selection.

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**SATURDAY NIGHT HOF -SHOOTERS Q&A HAPPY HOUR – after presentations**

**Southern Yorke Peninsula  
15/09/2024**

Sunny & very windy (8): 25T PS Gr: A: T Johnson 66/75, A Winen 61/75; B: S Bowley 65/75, J Winen 59/75; C: T Haggerty 67/75, B Cripps 58/75; 50T DB Gr: A: T Johnson 47/50, A Winen 44/50; B: J Winen 44/50, S Bowley 41/50; C: T Haggerty 46/50, B Cripps 41/50; 25T HC: 1ST: T Haggerty 23/25, 2ND: T Johnson 22/25; OA HG: T Haggerty 136/150.

**Wilkawatt 04/08/2024**

Fine & Sunny (22) (73): 50T Medley: AA: M Batten 123/124, T Shaddock 120/124; A & OA; R Andrews 100/100, B Peter 99/100; B: G Carter 120/124, B Mudge 117/124; C: P Baldock 95/100, R Faux 93/100; 50T SB: AA & OA: R Clark 57/58, W Hawker 48/50; A: J Hawker 56/58, M Raper 55/58; B: M Sutton 48/50, B Mudge 46/50; C: P Bourne V 45/50, B Morris 42/50; Day 2 HG: OA: B Peter 156/160; JNR: Z Hawker J 134/150; LAD: K Estcourt L 140/150; VET: J Hawker 153/160; 2-Day Gr HG: AA: L Batten 339/350; A: B Peter 341/350; B K Estcourt 330/350; C: P Baldock 324/350; 2-Day HG: OA: D Oliviero 342/350; JNR: Z Hawker 328/350; LAD: K Megson 275/350; VET: R Andrews 339/350.

**Wilkawatt 10/08/2024**

Fine & sunny (21) (73): 50T PS: AA & OA: L Batten 194/195, T Shaddock 150/152; A: Oliviero V 193/195, D Morgan 148/150; B: Z Hawker 145/150, B Duncan 144/150; C: P Baldock 143/150, A Souter 140/150; 50T DB: AA & OA: L Batten 101/101, M Batten 68/69; A: J Hawker 100/101, C Windham 98/99; B: R Wheaton 50/50, Z Hawker 104/105; C: P Bourne 48/50, A Megson 47/50; Day 1 HG: OA: Luke Batten 213/216, JNR: Z Hawker 194/200; LAD: K Estcourt 190/200; VET: D Oliviero 210/216.

**Wilkawatt 08/09/2024**

Overcast, windy (18) (18): 50T SKT Dbls: A: M Batten 39/50; B & OA: S Zadow 45/52, D McPherson 44/52; C: L Decandia 38/50, B Peter 35/50; 15 PR DR EZ CS: AA & OA: R Andrews 26/30, S Zadow 24/30; A: D Beelitz 23/30, M Batten 23/31; B: D McPherson 18/30, S Crane 15/30; C: V Batten 24/30, B Peter 18/30; 30T DB CS: AA & OA: K Hawker 30/30, S Zadow 54/55; A: D Morgan 29/30, B Peter 28/30; B: S Crane 36/39, K Pfeiffer 35/39; C: O Knight 27/30, D McPherson 26/30; HG: OA: S Zadow 96/110; JNR: V Batten 79/110; LAD: D McPherson 87/110; VET: D Beelitz 85/110.



**VCTA**

**Ararat 07/09/2024**

Cool but fine 15oC (28): 10T E/O PS CD: J McIlree 30/30, T Gull 30/30, J Patterson 30/30; 40T P/S Gr CS: AA: T Gull 128/135, J Patterson 127/135; A: B Dean 118/120, N Haydon 110/120; B: T Perry 115/123, G Horrigan 114/123; C: A Long 102/120, G Leslie 96/120. OA: B Dean 118/120; 25T DB HC: T Gull 23/35, A Long 32/35, R Harris 27/31; HG: OA: T Gull 166/175; LAD: T Perry 159/175; VET: B Sands 161/175.

**Bendigo 05/10/2024**

Overcast with showery rain. (20): 25T HC: OA: M Easton 47/47, C Smith 46/47, K Evans 36/37; 75T Ch/Ch CS: OA: F Heinze 120/125, D Knight 114/125; A: G Daley 142/150, T Karakizos 141/125; B: M Carr 140/150, C Jones 138/150; C: R Davis 114/124, K Evans 106/125.

**Cosgrove 29/09/2024**

20T PS CD: AA: R Peatling, D Hunt, C Ford, P Finn 60/60; A: D Camilleri, P Antonello 60/60; B: C Repacholi, J Ford 59/60; C: A

Attwood, 60/60, G Parker 55/60. 40T MT CS: OPEN & AA: S Atkins 92/95; AA 2nd D Saunders 91/95; A: G Morey 57/60, M Lindsay 88/95; B: J Ford 55/60, A Kidd 54/60; C: G Parker 55/60, L Tonks 53/60. 25PR NEZ DR CS: OPEN & AA: 48/50, 2nd AA R Felmingham 35/50; A: D Honebone 43/50, R Peatling 41/50; B: L Vella 50/60, P Finn 48/60; C: A Kidd 37/50, J Ford 36/50.

**Euroa 08/09/2024**

Breezy (39): 25T DB CS: A & OA: R Burgess 26/26, P Watkins 24/25; AA: R Whyte 25/26, A Rohrlach 50/51; B: J Briggs 24/25, I Towers 23/25; C: B Asquith 31/33, P Gorrie 30/33; 25T DB CS: A & OA: R Burgess 55/55, S Murphy 25/26; AA: F Heinze 54/55, R Whyte 24/25; B: J King 34/35, L Fitzpatrick 33/35; C: I Larner 24/24, S Makin 40/43; 25T HC: 1st: S Kirley 29/30, 2nd: R Burgess 28/30; 3rd: R Whyte 27/29; BM: P Calandro 21/25.

**Maryborough 28/09/2024**

NWZ Carnival: Fine, sunny. (114).

# North East Zone/V.C.T.A. NOVEMBER 2024 PROGRAM

**Saturday 2nd November**

**Bendigo 10.00am**

30tgt D/B C/ship  
30tgt P/S C/ship  
50tgt Tony Moroni S/B C/ship  
High Gun over program

**Tuesday 5th November**

**Numurkah Shepparton 9.00 am**

Melbourne Cup Day  
100tgt P/S C/ship

**Thursday 7th, Friday 8th, Saturday 9th, Sunday 10th**

**Echuca 9:00am**

**Victorian State Trap Carnival**

See CTSN for full details

**Sunday 10th**

**Euroa 10.30 am**

20tgt SxS Gr C/D  
90tgt Medley Gr C/ship  
Shoot cancelled if total fire ban

**Yarrowonga 11.00 am**

100tgt D/B C/Ship

**Friday 15th**

**Cosgrove 7:00pm**

75tgt Twilight/Night P/S Gr C/ship,  
4 gr, 1 & 2

**Saturday 16th**

**Bendigo 10.00am**

100tgt S/C Compak C/ship  
Wangaratta 11:00am  
30tgt Cont.  
25tgt D/B  
25tgt S/B  
Club Ch/Ch

**Sunday 17th**

**Kyneton 11:00am**

50tgt D/B Gr C/ship  
50tgt P/S Gr C/ship

**Mansfield 10.30 am**

5tgt E/O  
75tgt Medley C/ship  
25tgt Cont. D/B C/ship  
O/A High Gun over ev. 1-4

**Friday 22nd**

**Mathoura 7.00 pm**

20tgt Night D/B C/D  
30tgt Night P/S C/ship, OA, 3 gr  
30tgt Night M/T C/ship, OA, 3 gr

**Sunday 24th**

**Colbinabbin 11.00 am**

20tgt S/B C/ship  
20tgt D/B C/ship  
20tgt H/cap  
20pr D/R

**Saturday 30th**

**St. James 11:00am**

30tgt D/B  
30tgt P/S  
30tgt S/B



# 2024 STATE TRAP CARNIVAL

STATE GROUNDS- ECHUCA CLAY TARGET CLUB

7TH, 8TH, 9TH & 10TH NOVEMBER 2024

**NOMINATION via MCMS - Pre-nomination close at 4:00pm Tuesday 5th November**

All nominations after this date will incur a \$10 per event administration fee

## CARNIVAL PROGRAM

Adults	Junior	Optional
Ladies	Sub-Junior	Purse
Veteran		

### Thursday 7th November

Event 1	State Champion of Champions 75 tgt	\$85	\$65	\$5
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### Friday 8th November

Event 2	State Double Rise Championship 25 pr	\$55	\$40	\$5
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Event 3	State Handicap 50 tgt	\$55	\$40	\$5
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### Saturday 9th November

Event 4	State Single Barrel Championship 50 tgt	\$55	\$40	\$5
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Event 5	State Double Barrel Championship 50 tgt	\$55	\$40	\$5
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### Sunday 10th November

Event 6	State Points Score Championship 50 tgt	\$55	\$40	\$5
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**Ladies-**  
all female  
competitors

**Veteran-**  
competitors  
65 years or  
over

**Junior-**  
competitors  
15 years to  
under 18  
years

**Sub-**  
**Juniors-**  
competitors  
under 15  
years

on day of  
competition

**Free Post Shoot BBQ with Live Entertainment**  
**Friday 8th November!**



#### **Fine Print:**

VCTA reserves the right to refuse any request or nomination.

You may only nominate once and must select the events you are shooting.

Optional purse will be paid out 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be divided 60%, 30%, 10%

*First time Junior/Sub Junior shooters to the Carnival will be refunded their Double Barrel/Single Barrel/ Point Score nominations on application to the VCTA secretary.*

#### **Shooters will be pre-squadded.**

*Shooters wishing to nominate in the same squad with other shooters need to send ALL nomination forms and payment together*

Shooters are to remain in their allocated squads for the duration of the Carnival. Squads will rotate daily.

Request for preferential squadding will only apply to pre-nominations. (conditions apply)

**Administration fee:** An administration fee for on day nominations is a charge that covers the cost of running and managing the program so that the level of service and quality provided is of the highest professional standard in the time allocation.



# FRANKSTON AUSTRALIAN CLAY TARGET CLUB INC.

ABN 85 255 281 411

**Club Address:** 123 Rossiter Road Carrum Downs VIC 3201

**Postal Address:** PO Box 340 Patterson Lakes VIC 3197

**Email:** factcsecretary@gmail.com

**Phone:** 03 9782 1626

## NOVEBER 2024 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**

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### SUNDAY 3rd November 11.00am Start

## STATE TITLES WARM-UP

**25 Target Points Score** – AA, A, B, C – OA, 1st & 2nd \$18

**25 Target Single Barrel** – AA, A, B, C – OA, 1st & 2nd \$18

**50 Pair Double Rise** – AA, A, B, C – 1st & 2nd \$70

### GRADED SASHES

*Day's Nominations \$100 if shooting the entire program*

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### SUNDAY 17th November 11.00am Start

**30 Target Single Barrel** – AA, A, B, C – 1st & 2nd \$22

**30 Target Points Score** – AA, A, B, C – 1st & 2nd \$22

## DUKE OF GLOUCESTER

**30 Target Handicap** – 1st, 2nd & 3rd \$26

### Also SUNDAY 17th November

## SKEET 11:00am START

**50 Target Skeet Handicap** – 1st, 2nd & 3rd \$35

**50 Target Skeet Doubles** – AA, A, B, C \$35

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Visit our website [www.factc.com.au](http://www.factc.com.au) or Facebook for up to date information, shoot calendar and results.

25T NWZ DB CS: OA & AA: T Gull 70/70, 2nd AA: W Camilleri 70/70; A: G Powell 57/58, W Sanders 39/40; B: B Sands 30/31, T Weeks; C: M Passalick 25/27, R Davis 24/27. 25T NWZ SB CS: OA & AA: R Lehmann 28/29, 2nd AA: C Comensoli 27/29; A: D Camilleri 23/25, L Hurse 26/29; B: T Weeks 23/25, C Jones 22/25; C: D Harris 21/25, K Smith 23/29. NWZ 25T PS CS: OA & AA: N Cassells, 2nd AA: M Appleby; A: E Yetman, D Camilleri; B: C Bartlett 71/75, G Hesse 70/75; C: J Shepherd 69/75, 69/78. NWZ 25T HC CS: D Hinks 25/25, A Clark 29/30, A Bolwell 28/30, R Davis 25/27, T Dehne 25/27. HG: OA: D Camilleri 152/160; AA: C Ford 151/160; A: E Yetman 140/150; B: C Bartlett 139/150; C: D Harris 126/150; JNR: H Ash 136/150; LAD: S Bartlett 131/150; VET: B Smith 134/150.

**Melbourne 14/09/2024**

Rain and Cold (10) (37): 100T ISSF: OA: Skye 84/100 + 21/25; AA: C Henwood 93/100, J Dunn 84/100; A: R Speranza 86/100, C Ford 72/100; B: R Hughes-Gage 68/100, F Sensi 67/100; C: J Ford 68/100, R Demaria 64/100; 30T PS: AA: S Incani 85/90, B Jones 81/90; A & OA: R Nash 89/90, N Dunn 85/90; B: M Rocca 87/90, G McClure 85/90; C: M Incani

84/92, J Brady 83/92; 30T SB: AA: B Jones 31/33, S MacKenzie 30/33; A & OA: L Primavera 39/20, N Dunn 29/34; B: G McClure 24/30, M Rocca 23/30; C: J Brady 25/30, Chloe Hughes-Gage 23/30; 40T DB: AA & OA: B Jones 41/42, S MacKenzie 37/40; A: L Quirk 40/42, L Primavera 38/40; B: G McClure 35/40, F De Nino 32/40; C: L McKeon 37/40, M Incani 34/40.

**Melbourne 28/09/2024**

Fine and Breezy (33): 25T PS: OA & B: R Williams 77/78, S Fox 74/78; AA: S Trembath 70/75, D Saliba 69/75; A: G Shore 72/75, L Primavera 74/78; C: R Bethune 55/75, L McKeon; 50T DB: OA & AA: R Jackson 49/50, D Appleby 48/50; A: L Primavera 48/50, G Shore 47/50; B: G McClure 48/50, S Fox 52/55; C: L McKeon 44/50, B Battle 41/50; 25 HC: 1: L McKeon 26/27, 2: B De Schwartz 25/27, 3: K Edwards 24/26; BM: S. Trembath 28/31.

**Melbourne 05/10/2024**

(51): 25T CONT PS: OA & AA: D Appleby 71/75, D Hutchins 70/75; A: D Ball 70/75, L Quirk 64/75; B: M Koncewicz 70/75, G McClure 67/75; C: L McKeon 59/75, E Fennell 54/75; 25T CONT SB: AA: J Barclay 29/34, D Appleby 20/25; A: D Ball 23/28, P Arbaci 22/28; B: V Burzomi 21/26, M Rocca 20/26;

OA & C: J De Schwartz 30/34, C Hughes-Gage 21/25; 50T CONT DB: OA & AA: D Appleby 49/53, J Barclay 43/50; A: D Naylor 45/50, L Quirk 47/53; B: G McClure 48/53, M Koncewicz 44/50; C: L McKeon 43/50, B Hales 42/50; Combine HG: OA: D Appleby 137/150; LAD: C Hughes-Gage & L Tingate 111/150; 100T UT: OA: C Henwood 97/100; AA: R Speranza 91/100; A: L Grapiglia 95/100, S Pienudomkijlert 93/100; B: D Mould 92/100, T Caldwell

88/100; C: D Naylor 83/100, M Di Paolo 61/100.

**Mt Bogong 06/10/2024**

Cloudy & showers (23): 80T Medley Mem: OA: G Evans 119/120; AA: D Sutherland 140/145, D Hunt 135/145, B McInnes 113/120; A: G Evans 119/120, D Taylor 117/120, G Schmidt 115/120; B: P Wilkins 116/120, G Pronk 99/120; C: B Duncan 109/120, S Welsh 105/120, D Crothers 99/120.

**IT'S ALMOST HERE:**

**Maryborough & District Gun Club  
45th Annual  
Central Victorian  
Grand Prix  
October 26th**

**Free camping, hot showers  
Contact Secretary Garry Cassells  
0418 501 339**



**Bendigo Clay Target Club Inc.**

551 Bendigo – Pyramid Road Woodvale

**Tony Moroni Memorial**

**2nd November 2024 10am start**



Event 1. **50 Target Double Barrel Championship** Noms: \$40 Red: \$35

1st each grade 10 Pkts Shotshells  
2nd each grade 5 Pkts Shotshells,

Event 2. **25 Target Points Score Championship** Noms: \$20 Red: \$15

1st each grade 6 Pkts Shotshells  
2nd each grade 3 Pkts Shotshells,

Event 3. **50 Target Tony Moroni Memorial Single Barrel C/ship**

**Overall – \$900.00 GIFT VOUCHER**

**Northern Vic Ammo Supplies**

1st remaining Grades – Rossi  
22 Rifle with Scope Value \$450.00  
2nd Place 15 Pkts Shotshells Value \$225.00

Noms: \$50 Ladies, Veteran, Junior \$40

ALL EVENTS GRADED

Overall AA, A, B, C. –  
O/A takes grade in each event

**High Gun over Events 1, 2 & 3**

**Overall High Gun – Sash and Slab Shotshells  
Value \$145.00**

Full Noms \$110.00 L V J Noms \$90.00

Enquiries: **Robert Ross 0428 470 367  
Glenn Daley 0493 542 035**

Email: [info@bendigoclaytargetclub.com](mailto:info@bendigoclaytargetclub.com)

Ammunition, Full Catering & Hospitality

*The Committee reserves the right to alter the programme and prizes if required*

EFTPOS AVAILABLE



**LLOYD LANCASTER SHOOT**  
**50 DBL, 50 Continental**  
**Tuesday 5 November**  
**10:30am start**  
**DAY PROUDLY SPONSORED BY**  
**LANCASTER FAMILY**

**BARRAGE FINAL**  
**PRIZES**



- 1st place - Berretta Silver Pigeon valued at \$3300
- 2nd place - Kings 50L Fridge valued at \$290
- 3rd place - \$200
- 4th place - \$100

Cash prize for anyone who shoots the day clean!  
**JACKPOT** Now at **\$650** and rises by \$100 per month until it goes off!

**\$70 nomination, \$60 veterans, Juniors Shoot FREE**  
**SASHES for High Gun over both events.**

**Lunch included - Lancaster Pavlova included! Come early and have a free breakfast as well**

**High gun from each grade to shoot a BARRAGE FINAL shoot off 25 tgt Continental AA-0 Targets, A-1 Target, B-2 Targets, C-3 targets**

**Bar open after shoot.**

**STEEL SHOT ONLY - Ammo for sale - Falcon, Clever, NSI and GameBore.**

**Any questions - [info@mctc.com.au](mailto:info@mctc.com.au) or 03 8592 0182 or Phil Lancaster - 0427 004 431**

**370 Craigie Road, Mount Martha VIC 3934**



# 2025 VICTORIAN STATE SKEET CARNIVAL

23<sup>rd</sup> January to 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Hosted by Melbourne Gun Club



192 Victoria Road, Yering

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## Event restricted to 20 Squads.

6 Person Squads will only be used once 20 squads of 5 shooters have been filled  
Pre-nominations to be received no later than **FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY 2025.**

Squad information will be available on MyClubsMyScores by **MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2025.**

Start Time: **9:00 AM** Each Day and Competition will be run over 5 Grounds.

Practise available on Wednesday 22nd January 10am to 6pm.

Shooters who do not pre-nominate may nominate prior to 10 AM on the  
day for an additional \$10 per event if positions available.

Nominations will be refunded to any shooter unable to attend so long as notice is provided

**PRIOR** to the commencement of the Carnival minus a \$5 per event booking fee.

## THURSDAY 23rd of JANUARY – 9:00AM START

- Event 1. 50Target Vic State Skeet 28g Championship** Open \$50 LV \$45 Jnr \$25  
OA, AA.A.B.C 1st & 2nd – Ldy, Jnr Vet
- Event 2. 50Target Vic State Skeet 410 Bore Championship** Open \$50 LV \$45 Jnr \$25  
OA, AA.A.B.C 1st & 2nd – Ldy, Jnr Vet

## FRIDAY 24th of JANUARY – 9:00AM START

- Event 3. 50Target Vic State Skeet 20g Championship** Open \$50 LV \$45 Jnr \$25  
OA, AA.A.B.C 1st & 2nd – Ldy, Jnr Vet
- Event 4. 50Target Vic State Skeet Handicap** Open \$50 LV \$45 Jnr \$25  
1.2.3.4.5 – Ldy, Jnr Vet

## SATURDAY 25th of JANUARY – 9:00AM START

- Event 5. 100Target Vic State Skeet 12g Championship** Open \$90 LV \$80 Jnr \$45  
OA, AA.A.B.C 1st & 2nd – Ldy, Jnr Vet

## STATE POSTAL TEAMS MATCH (Shooters to qualify)

## SUNDAY 26th of JANUARY – 9:00AM START

- Event 6. 50Target Vic State Skeet Champion of Champions** Open \$50 LV \$45 Jnr \$25  
OA, AA.A.B.C 1st & 2nd – Ldy, Jnr Vet
- Event 7. 50Target Vic State Skeet Doubles Championship** Open \$50 LV \$45 Jnr \$25  
OA, AA.A.B.C 1st & 2nd – Ldy, Jnr Vet

## HIGH GUNS OVER EVENTS 3-7

OA, AA.A.B.C.LDY.JNR.VET

**ALL PRE NOMS TO BE DONE VIA MY CLUB MY SCORES APP**

For additional information and Conditions of Entry, please visit

[www.melbournegunclub.com](http://www.melbournegunclub.com)



# NSWCTA

### Boorowa 28/09/2024

Windy Sunny: 25T HC: K McDonnell 25/25, M Logan 24/25, A Reid 23/25; 25T SB Grd CD: AA: M Gerstenberg 25/25; A: W Barton 22/25; B: R Murphy 21/25; C: M Logan 22/25; 50T DB CS: OA: M Harris 56/56; AA: W Cameron, C Foster; A: B Murphy 49/50, M Aitken 48/50; B: K McDonnell 48/50, G Mason 45/50; C: M Logan 45/50, G Oliver 44/50; 50T PS CS: OA: W Cameron 147/150; AA: G Evans 191/195, C Foster 190/195; A: B Murphy 144/150, P Bradford 135/150; B: K McDonnell 141/150, J Twarloh 128/150; C: M Logan 135/150, P Nauthie 127/150; OA HG: G Evans 249/260; JNR HG: K McDonnell 234/260; LAD HG: T Barton 234/250; VET HG: W Cameron 248/260.

### Cowra 05/10/2024

Blustery (25): 25T Gr DB CD:

AA: P Phillpott, G Serafin 25/25, P Sullivan 23/25; A: C Agustin, B Wilson 25/25; C O'Leary, N Donnelly, R Johnstone 24/25; B: P Rosconi 23/25, M Drury, B Dent 22/25; C: G Oliver 23/25, A Muzevic 21/25; Central Tablelands 50T PS CS: OA: B Wilson 146/150; AA: P Phillpott 140/150; G Serafin 133/150; A: N Donnelly 142/150, R Johnstone 138/150; B: M Drury 144/150, B Dent 135/150; C: G Oliver 122/150, M O'Leary 120/150; HC: C Agustin 24/25, M Lawford 25/28, P Sullivan 24/28; HG: OA: B Wilson 188/200.

### Majura Park 11/09/2024

Calm (16): 40T SB CS: OPEN: D Power 59/60; AA: D Brighenti 58/60; A: M Harris 37/40; B: C Ewing 35/40; C: D Churchill 29/40. 50T ISSF HCP: OPEN: 1st A Vaccaro 44/50 + 4, OPEN: 2nd D Jarvis 43/50 + 4, OPEN: 3rd D Power 45/50 + 0 + 22/25.

### Majura Park 15/09/2024

14 degrees and gusty winds (9): 100T ISSF Trap CS: OPEN: T Brand 100/125; AA: D Power 98/125; A: J O'Brien 75/100; B: C Goodwin 70/100; C: D Meakin 57/100.

### Majura Park 25/09/2024

Light wind and rain (6): 50T HC: Masters Rnd 9 CS: 1st A Jarvis 50/50, 2nd C Goodwin 47/50, 3rd M Harris 52/58.

### Majura Park 02/10/2024

Cold and still (17): 25T PS CD: AA: S Askie 75/75, J O'Brien 75/75; A: M Aitken 73/75; B: D Tutalo 73/75; C: D Churchill 65/75. 30T DB CS: OPEN: C Goodwin 108/108; AA: B Burgess 107/108; A: T Quill 29/30; B: D Tutalo 29/30; C: G Nicita 27/30.

### Majura Park 06/10/2024

Cold and blustery (8): 10T PS E/O: OPEN: J Winters 29/30, 2nd M Harris 27/30, 3rd P Hart 26/30. 50T DB + 50T PS (1 event): OPEN: J Winters 196/200; AA: M Harris 185/200; A: P Place 179/200; B: B Coutts 184/200; C: B Frost 172/200.

### Newcastle Lake Macquarie 07/09/2024

Fine (18): Ian Cogle Memorial 100T MXD: HG: C Diaz 156/175; AA: M Attard 144/175, M Cook 117/175; A: G Gosling 152/175, M Kruger- Davis 137/175; B: J White 146/175, R McBride 122/175; C: R Dolphin 124/175, R Bordett 116/175.

### Richmond River 15/09/2024

Windy (26): 15T D/R: AA: B Wild 20/30; A: D Bodley 22/30, J Beddoes 21/30; B: G Bruce 22/30, J Oliver 20/30; C: A Snelling 23/30, F Binding 22/30; 50T HC CS: 1st: G Joass 47/50, 2nd: Dave Smith 46/50, 3rd: L Hart & Donnie Johnson 45/50; 45T Medley: AA: B Wild 69/75; A: F Binding & G Bruce 70/75; B: G Joass 67/75, E Snelling 66/75; C: J Tait 59/75, P Consalvo 42/75; OA HG: G Joass 114/125; Intermediate HG: Dave Smith 110/125.

### Richmond River 05/10/2024

(17): 50 U.T.: AA: B Wild 47/50; A: L Hart 47/50, G Bruce 46/50; B: P McKenzie 44/50, M Perkins 42/50; C: C Maher 47/50, J Oliver 39/50.



# GRAFTON CLAY TARGET CLUB INC.

Appreciates the Sponsorship of

**McLennan Earthmoving**

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## JACARANDA OPEN CLASSIC

**SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2024 Start 9.00am**

**Contact: McLennan Earthmoving for all your Earthmoving needs**

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# GRAFTON CLAY TARGET CLUB INC.

Presents the

## McLennan Earthmoving JACARANDA OPEN CLASSIC

**SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2024**  
**Start 9.00am**

**EVENT 1. 50 T JACARANDA POINTS SCORE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Peter McGuire Memorial Trophy**

Overall Sash & Trophy – 1st & 2nd Each Grade Cash

**Sponsored by McGuire Family**

**EVENT 2. 50 T JACARANDA DOUBLE BARREL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Overall Sash & Cash – 1st & 2nd Each Grade Cash

**Sponsored by McLennan Earthmoving**

**EVENT 3. 50 T JACARANDA CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Overall Sash & Cash – 1st & 2nd Each Grade Cash

**Sponsored by Grafton Clay Target Club**

**4 Championship sashes & \$2,400 cash available over the program**

**Overall High Gun – Sash & Winchester Esky (Value \$300)**

**Grade High Guns – Cash**

Winchester White Flyer Targets

**Sashes sponsored by Seventh Heaven Pet Cremations**

**Nominations \$100.00**

**Juniors – \$50.00** (if shooting the whole program)

*The Committee reserves the right to alter the program and / or shoot-offs*

**Lunch & Afternoon Tea Available**

President: Barry Cameron 0427 248 066

Secretary: Rus Wesslink 0407 257 326

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# **DOWNSIDE CLAY TARGET CLUB**

***You are invited to the Club's***

## ***LAST SHOOT***

***To be held on Saturday 23/11/24  
At the ACTA Ground, Wagga Wagga  
To start at 11am***

**After 47 years, it is with a heavy heart that the Downside Club will close on the 31st December 2024 – with the last shoot to be held on 23th November, 2024 – We would love members past and present to come along and enjoy our last shoot.**

### **Programme as follows:-**

- Event 1 – 25 TARGET DOUBLE BARREL
- Event 2 – 25 SINGLE BARREL
- Event 3 – 25 POINTS SCORE
- Event 4 – 25 TARGET HANDICAP
- **CHRIS MASON MEMORIAL CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS –**  
QUALIFIERS – Overall & 1st and 2nd place winners from events 1 – 4
- CASH PRIZES + CHRISTMAS HAMS
- CANTEEN OPEN FOR THE DAY AND DRINKS AND NIBBLES AFTER THE EVENT

***For any further information, please contact  
Peter Whitlock on 0434043699 or Des Mason 0427800699***



T A M W O R T H Clay Target Club

presents the

***Northern NSW  
Schools DTL  
Shooting Carnival***

**Friday 8th November 2024**

**Shooting starts at 10am**

***\$2000 in Cash & Prizes***

**Come and represent your school or  
shoot as an individual**

- ***25T Double Barrel***
- ***25T Single Barrel***
- ***25T Points Score***
- ***10 pair Double Rise***

To be eligible to enter you need to be at school plus  
be a member of the ACTA

***Entry fee \$55***

***Top three scores from each school will go  
towards overall trophy***

***Individual Sashes for High Guns***

**Free sausage sizzle lunch, snacks and drinks  
for sale in the canteen**

Further information contact:

**Peter Holmes 0447 197 142 or Mark Ullman 0408 282 283**



# QCTA

### Brisbane 11/09/2024

Mild (35): 75 T Medley: OPEN: A Incani 123/125; AA: J Rapisarda 121/125, M Davis 177/125; A: P Strange, R Esposito 116/125; B: M Baumer 121/125, G Facer 120/125; C: B Daniels 119/125, C Faull, J Voutounos 101/125.

### Brisbane 18/09/2024

Mild (20): 75 T Night Universal Trench: A: M Psaras 62/75, M Pain 59/75; B: N Muller 62/75, P Naude 55/75; C: M Voutounos 57/75, R Esposito 53/75.

### Brisbane 25/09/2024

Mild (30): 75 T Night 50T PS, 25T SB: AA: M Davis, A Incani 164/175; A: S Shariati Rad 158/175, R Esposito 155/175; B: D Smith 157/175, G Facer 153/175; C: M Partridge 133/175, J Voutounos 123/175.

### Brisbane 22/09/2024

Mild (46): 25T DB CD: AA: B Jurd, G Langridge, M Davis, A Incani, J Porter, M Welk 25/25; A: S Hyde, S Patrick, S Shariati Rad, G Crouch 25/25; B: G McClymont 25/25, J Rodgers 24/25; C: B Chapman, V Burmester 23/25; 50T SB: AA: G Langridge 28/50, G Watson 49/52; A: S Patrick 45/50, C Koutsakis 47/54; B: C McMahan 43/50, D Young 41/50; C: A Gardett 52/60, V Burmester 51/60; 25T PS: AA: J Porter 78/78, G Watson 77/78; A: A Hyde 73/75, J Laird 71/75; B: C McMahan 72/75, G McClymont 71/75; C: V Burmester, M Partridge 63/75; 25T HC: 1 R Esposito 28/28, 2 V Burmester 27/28, 3 A Hyde 29/30; Congratulations to Relph

Esposito for winning the Charlie Camilleri Cup: HG: OPEN: G Watson 167/175; AA: J Porter 166/175; A: A Hyde 161/175; B: G McClymont 167/187; C: V Burmester 155/175.

### Brisbane 06/10/2024

Warm & 33 degrees (23): 125T SKT: AA: M Briggs 119/125, D Baird 115/125; A: L Sceresini 121/125, T Ashton 112/125; B: G Goody 107/125, G McKay 104/125; C: R Chounding 103/125, G Rogers 100/125.

### Bundaberg 05/10/2024

(8): 25T SKT CD: B: A Spinks, T Delley 223/25; C: G Seiler 20/25; 25T SK HC: 1st D Large 25/25, 2nd A Didone 24/25, 3rd B Saunders 22/25, ALL WITH HC; 26T SKT DBLS: A: A Spinks 20/26; B: A Didone 19/26; C: T Delley 21/26.

### Bundaberg 07/10/2024

Windy (24): 25T DB: AA: G Mathews, A Ford 25/25; A: P Rehbein 25/25; B: C Large 24/25; C: B Otto 24/25; 25T DB: AA: D Large, G Mathews 25/25; A: P Rehbein 25/25; B: G Bartlett 24/25; C: Connor Large 25/25; 25T DB PTS: AA: D Large 74/75; A: P Rehbein 72/75; B: G Bartlett 73/75; C: Connor Large 75/75; 25T DB PTS: AA: G Mathews 75/75; A: P Rehbein 73/75; B: G Bartlett 71/75; C:

M Holmes 69/75; HG: OA: P Rehbein 194/200; JNR: Connor Large 182/200; 100T BDGE: P Rehbein 99/100.

### Gold Coast 02/10/2024

Windy (28): 75T Night Medley: AA: A Incani 122/125, B Jurd 116/125; A: S Harker 119/125, K Stevens 117/125; B: D Smith 116/125, P Strange 114/125; C: J Cai 109/125, N Hooper 105/125.

### Port Denison 22/09/2024

(26): 25T DB Graded SS: AA: B Gall, M Zabala, T Coco, A Zarb 25/25; A: J Cerqui, K Zarb 25/25, J Campbell, G Maltby 24/25; B: D Stitt 24/25, J Kinnonmonth 23/25, M Simpson 21/25; C: B Bonanno, A Furini 24/25, R Ness, G Clarke 23/25; 25T DB Trophy: AA: A Zarb 52/52; A: J Campbell 25/25; B: D Stitt 24/25, C: A Gangemi 26/28; JNR: R Zarb 24/25; 25T SB CONT: OA & AA: T Coco 24/26; A: J Cerqui 30/33; B: M Simpson 19/25; C: R Ness 19/25; JNR: R Zarb 22/25; 15 Pr D/R Graded SS: AA: A Zarb 25/30, M Zabala, T Coco 23/30; A: B Murphy 25/30, A Lord, C Edgerton 24/30; B: G Maltby 24/30, J Campbell 22/30, D Stitt 21/30; C: A Bennett 22/30, R Zarb 20/30, R Ness, A Furini 19/30.



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# TCTA

### Hobart 15/09/2024

Cool & Windy (14): 50T SKT HC: 1st - J Briggs 50/50, 2nd - G Arnol 57/58, 3rd - I Leighton 56/58; 50T SKT Dbls: AA: D Evans 39/50; B: C Kenny 37/50; C: S Blazley 41/50.

### Spring Bay 14/09/2024

Appalling - Antarctic blast! (18): 20T PS CD: AA: G Peck 56/60;

A: S Glover 57/60; B: A Creed, S Ellis 55/60; C: A Sculthorpe 50/60; 50T CONT DB: AA & OA: S Bennett 49/50; A: Jake Wilson 45/50; B: A Creed 47/50; C: J Briggs 42/50; 30T CONT DB: AA: G Peck 30/30; A: Jake Wilson 30/32; B: A Creed 28/30; C: J Briggs 28/30.

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# WACTA

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TASMANIAN CLAY TARGET ASSOCIATION

# DTL CARNIVAL

## 24-27 January, 2025

STATE SHOOTING GROUND, EVANDALE

### DAY 1

1. Champion of Champions

③ High Roller (**TBC**)

- 100 Targets Points Score

**24**  
FRI

### DAY 2

2. Double Rise

3. Handicap

**25**  
SAT

### DAY 3

4. Single Barrel

5. Double Barrel

**26**  
SUN

### DAY 4

6. Points Score

③ Tasmanian Postal Team

**27**  
MON

### COST & NOMINATING

③ Tasmanian High Gun:

- Event 1: O,L,V \$98, J \$88
- Event 2-6: O,L,V \$65 per event, J \$55 per event
- Whole Carnival: O,L,V \$420, J \$360

③ All nominations are inclusive of an administration fee.

③ Pre nominations via MCMS only; pre nominations open late December 2024 and close 23rd January 2025.

③ Late Nominations:

- Nominations taken at the Carnival will incur a \$10 late fee **per event entered** (excluding High Roller).
- Nominations at the Carnival are **CASH ONLY** payment.



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**250 FREE shells on Saturday and Sunday for practice**

### PROGRAM

### SPONSORS

#### Day 1: Friday November 15, 2pm start

**Event 1: 60 Continental \$55.00**

Sponsored by Geographe Earthmoving

**2 x 30 visits**

OA and 1, 2 & 3 in each grade (shells)

#### Day 2: Saturday November 16, 9am start

**Event 2: 60 Points Score Continental \$55.00**  
Commonwealth Title

**2 x 30 visits**

OA: \$500.00 and 1, 2 & 3 in each grade (\$150, \$100, \$75)

**Event 3: 60 Double Barrel 'Mincon Classic' \$55.00**  
**2 x 30 visits**

OA: \$500.00 and 1, 2 & 3 in each grade (\$150, \$100, \$75)

#### Day 3: Sunday November 17, 9am start

**Event 4: 75 Medley 'Champ of Champs' \$70.00**

Sponsored by Peel Gun Club

OA: \$500.00 and 1, 2 & 3 in each grade (\$150, \$100, \$75)

**Event 5: 30 Single Barrel \$25.00**

Sponsored by Alltrax Mining

OA: \$500.00 and 1, 2 & 3 in each grade (\$150, \$100, \$75)

**Total nominations for the weekend (90c per target) \$260.00**

**Saturday and Sunday only \$205.00**



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# Charters Towers CTC Annual

## 5-6 October 2024

We were 30k's north of the Towers, contemplating a stop to water the horse at Fletcher Creek, when a 50-strong herd of goats came out of right field and bounded across the road in front of us. Checking the rear view mirror for a road train on my tail (thankfully no!), I slowed to a crawl to navigate through the energetic mob. Encountering stray cattle is commonplace along the Sir John McEwen Beef Road, even an occasional emu dad with his chicks, or the odd donkey or camel. Goats, however, were a first.

Turning into the grounds of the Charters Towers Clay Target Club feels like arriving at a second home. Setting up camp in a shady spot with lush green grass underfoot a few steps from the clubhouse, it was easy to become distracted by a delicious smell wafting around the grounds. Before long club president Mark Simpson appeared with a plate of smoked venison back strap to hand around. Mmmm boy! Friday night set the tone for the weekend – perfect temperature, crystal-clear Southern Cross, groovy music and a communal campfire. Paradise!

Saturday started with a 45 target Medley to warm everyone up, with Tony Vincenzi (Townsville) shooting the possible. In all, a total of 20 possibles were shot across six events throughout the weekend. One noteworthy score was C Grade's Burdekin's Rob Ness' possible in Event 6, the 30 target Continental. Of the nine possibles shot in that Continental,

Rob was the only shooter outside of AA/A grade to achieve this. What a top effort!

A handful of shoot-offs were required to settle placings in several events, but there were none of epic proportions, much to the relief of those involved.

An inspirational effort was put in by Burdekin's 87-year-old Lui Populin, a shooter with decades of experience, who showed incredible focus and determination across the weekend. After an extended break from competition, Lui has returned this year, shooting from his mobility scooter. In the 50 target Double Barrel event, Lui posted scores of 23 and 25! He is fine-tuning what works best with his scooter, and is determined to continue travelling to – and competing in – events throughout the Northern Zone. He made the trek out to Normanton for their 40th Anniversary shoot in May, and hasn't stopped since.

Comprehensive results are available on My Clubs My Scores.

*Event 1 – 45 target Medley sponsored by Milray Contracting and Charters Towers Toyota*  
AA Michael Zabala (Burdekin) 74/75, Joe Davis (Charters Towers) 74/75, B Tony Vincenzi (V) (Townsville) 75/75, B Ross



Peter Scott & 87-year-old Lui Populin



Medley C Grade, Lynda Potter (1st) & Kellie Rea (2nd)



C Grade 1st Single Barrel,  
Brian Bonanno



C Grade 2nd Single Barrel,  
Paul Coleman



Medley B Grade, Ross aka Charley Pryde

Pryde (V)  
(Normanton)  
72/75,  
C Lynda Potter  
(Townsville)  
69/75.

Event 2 –  
30 target Single  
Barrel sponsored  
by Repco  
Charters Towers  
and Direct  
Wholesale Tyres  
AA Andrew  
Bowater  
(Burdekin)  
30/30,



Single Barrel, Glen Rea

A Ben Beazley  
(Townsville)  
44/46, B Ryan  
Groves (Charters  
Towers) 29/30,  
C Brian  
Bonanno  
(Burdekin) 26/30.

Event 3 –  
50 target Double  
Barrel sponsored  
by Ballymore  
Resources  
AA Col  
Edgerton (V)  
(Port Denison)  
79/79, A Alan

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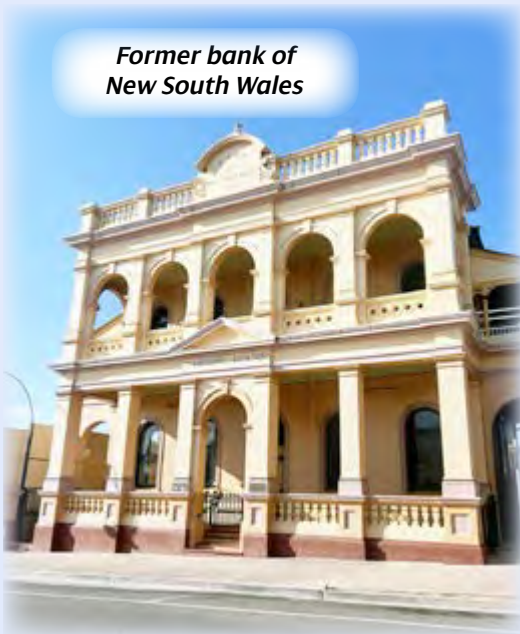


Single Barrel 1st A Grade, Ben Beazley & David Hobbs



Kinno & Mark checking out Kinno's prize from the raffle

# *Some of the beautiful old heritage buildings to be seen in Charters Towers*







L – R: Double Barrel, Col Edgerton, Lindsay Groat, Alan Lord, Peter Wade, Mark Simpson, Aiden Sebastiani, Paul Coleman, Kellie Rea

Lord (V) (Port Denison) 132/133, B Mark Simpson (Charters Towers) 50/50, C Kellie Rea (L) 52/53

*Event 4 – 50 target Points Score sponsored by Titleys*

AA Joe Davis (Charters Towers) 149/150,  
A Larry Archer (V) (Townsville) 148/150,  
B Ryan Groves (Charters Towers) 170/177,  
C Paul Coleman (Charters Towers) 146/150.

*Event 5 – 30 target Handicap sponsored by Eagle Drilling NQ and Bev Guy and Family*

Open 1st – Lindsay Groat (V) (Townsville) 46/46. 2nd – Glen Rea (Burdekin) 45/46.  
3rd – Benji Micallef (Burdekin) 42/43.

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Points Score B Grade 2nd Chantal Morelli & 1st Ryan Groves



Points Score AA Grade 2nd Phil Scalia & 1st Joe Davis



Points Score C Grade 2nd Sam Isaac & 1st Paul Coleman



*Dave Guy Memorial Handicap, 2nd Glen Rea, Eagle Drilling's Sarah, 3rd Benji Micallef & 1st Lindsay Groat*



*Rob Ness, Alf Gangemi, Paul Coleman & Mark Simpson*



*Benji Micallef, Ben Beazley & Tony Vincenzi*



*Col, Mick, Cisco, Ant & Jarrod*



*Club Secretary Noelle Young  
& President Mark Simpson*



*High Guns*

Open Benji Micallef, Burdekin, 377/385. AA Grade Joe Davis, Charters Towers, 376/385. A Grade Tony Vincenzi, Townsville, 350/365. B Grade Ryan Groves, Charters Towers, 345/365. C Grade Paul Coleman, Charters Towers, 341/365. Ladies Riley Mikkelsen, Townsville 348/365. Junior Aiden Sebastiani, Townsville,

347/365. Veteran Lindsay Groat, Townsville, 353/365.

In a small club there is almost no one to delegate jobs to, and certainly no paid workforce. All involved roll up their sleeves to help with the multitude of tasks required to run a 2-day carnival. At practice on Friday afternoon one of the junior shooters



*Overall High Gun Benji Micallef*



*AA Grade High Gun Joe Davis*



*C Grade High Gun Paul Coleman.*



*B Grade High Gun Ryan Groves*



*Veterans High Gun Lindsay Groat*



*Ladies High Gun Riley Mikkelsen*



*Juniors Jarrod Coleman, Junior High Gun Aiden Sebastiani & Mark Simpson*

commented on the president's vehicle being gone from home by 5:30am that morning. "Because I was here," was Mark's reply. Between shooting in their own squads, the members of this cracking little club ran non-stop, doing all the things that needed to be done to make the weekend a success. The traps ran like a charm, helping everything to run smoothly.

Club treasurer, Noelle Young, loves the people and the personalities in the rural clay target shooting community. With the passing of her husband some years ago, Noelle was faced with the decision as to whether or not to continue with shooting. Ultimately, she chose to stay, and credits the supportive club structure with helping her through a difficult time. Over the course of the weekend, Noelle runs the office, shoots, juggles prize money into envelopes and finds time to gravitate to the kitchen to help for a while. Calm under pressure, she is an extraordinary multitasker.

If the success of a trap carnival were to be judged by the quality of its food, then the Towers crew smash it out of the park! The kitchen team of Janet Davis, Noeleen Ferguson, Kylie Simpson, Ryan and Emma Groves, Nicole Davis and Kellie Rea turned out the most stunning array of smoked meats, and to-die-for salads and desserts across the

entire weekend, including feeding the lingering campers for the NRL grand final on Sunday night. CJD (club stalwarts Jim and Joe Davis) were generous sponsors of breakfast, making sure that everyone was fuelled up at the beginning of each day.

The generous support of local businesses helps small clubs to run their 2-day carnivals, and the Towers business community stepped up. Sincere thanks for their support of the weekend goes to: Eagle Drilling NQ, Titleys, Millray Contracting, Charters Towers Toyota, Repco Charters Towers, Direct Wholesale Tyres, Ballymore Resources, Bev Guy and Family, CJD Contracting, A and D Auto Electrical, Jett Industrial Supplies, Zapps Retravisation Charters Towers, Towers Power Equipment, Jodrell Contracting and Plant Hire, Towers Motor Cycles, Groves Fabrications.

Having the Towers Annual on the King's Birthday long weekend means there is no rush to get away. Sunday night was a laid-back vibe consuming left-overs and watching the NRL Grand Final. As the last few campers began their pack down on Monday morning, the club president rolled in and continued with the last few bits of tidying up.

Bush clubs are just the best!

*Rowena Draper,  
Atherton Tableland Gun Club*

# From Our Archives – 20 YEARS AGO

If you are interested in reading more, the story below is from the December 2004 Clay Target News – 20 years ago. Copies of all Clay Target News editions from 1947 are available via the ACTA website.

## Junior Development Squad at ACTA National Grounds, Wagga Wagga, October 2004



## Wilkawatt Gun Club - Anniversary Shoot *by Hot Shot*

The Anniversary shoot of the Wilkawatt Gun Club was held on Saturday the 11th & Sunday the 12th of September. 45 shooters from far and wide braved the wind, rain, hail, and cold to compete on this weekend. Our oldest veteran shooter for the weekend was 79 years young and another celebrating his 78th birthday on the day.

There was at least a 1/2-hour delay with the 1st event due to heavy rain but it did not stop the keen ones from starting. A 10tgt Double Barrel Graded Cash Divide started the day with W. Hawker, E. Hall, D. Oliviero, P. Hendy, P. Fabris, P. Clarke P. Rundle all



**Grade Winners of Wild Dog Skeet (l-r) Clinton Wohlfell (A grade) Peter Rundle (B Grade) Peter Fabris (C Grade)**

shooting 10/10 in AA grade. T Famiglietti, K. Mules, D. Inge, B Clothier shot 10/10 in A grade. B grade saw P Johncock shoot the only 10/10 with W Perry, N. West, T Marshall, L. Hawker, I. Dunbar 9/10. C grade had K Cornwell with 10/10, and J Ough, B. Lock (9/10)



**State Continental C/ship winners (l-r) Jim Ough (C grade), Mark Booker (B grade), Tony Famiglietti (A grade), Tim Steer (AA & O/all)**



**High Gun winners over the two days (l-r) Bill Perry (Veterans) Wayne Hawker (AA grade & O/all) Tim Steer (Winchester) Kevin Mules (A grade) Mark Booker (B grade) Jarrod Spratt (C Grade) Lisa Hawker (Ladies).**

**Written By — WHO WAS HOT SHOT???**

# Chinchilla Annual 2 Day Carnival

Chinchilla Annual 2 Day Carnival was held over the October Long Weekend, 5th and 6th October 2024.

98 Shooters attended vying for a piece of the \$12,000 prize money on offer. The weather was kind with clear blue skies for most of the weekend, but a slightly moderate breeze on Saturday made the targets dance a little, although the targets were still there to be hit.

A huge \$5000 was on offer to anyone who could shoot the program clean. This was offered by Warren Daniells and Family, a long standing member of our club and community, who has donated the money to the Western Zone Clay Target Association to be held in an investment fund to build upon over the years. This will ensure the continued success of the WZ and the newly formed WZ Legends Club. Unfortunately, or fortunately, the money remains in trust until the next Western Zone Club 2 Day Shoot.

The Carnival included 5 events with a 230 target program. Due to some quite warm spring days, we shot the



Medley B Grade winner Cam Sturgess

50 target events over 2 visits of 25 targets to make it a little easier on the shooters.

Event 1 was the 30 target Healy Contracting Medley. 94 shooters contested the event and after the completion of the rounds, a tense shoot-off between Bill Gall from Port Denison Club in North Queensland and Bryan Sanderson from the Caboolture Club fought it



Medley Overall winner Bill Gall



Medley C Grade Herb Smith



Single Barrel B Grade Bill Gall



Single Barrel C Grade Drew Sturgess



*AA Grade Double Barrel  
Geoff Seawright*



*A Grade Double Barrel  
Craig Barnes*



*A Grade 2nd Double Barrel  
Bill Allan*

out for top honours. Bill came away with the win on 75/75.

Next was the 50 target Stayover By Ausco Single Barrel Championship which was hard fought amongst the grades, with Clayton Cusack from the neighbouring Condamine Club taking out the event with a 49/50 on a skinner.

The last event for Saturday was the 50 target RIE Group Double Barrel Championship. After a 4 way shoot-off for the 50/50's, our very own member, Cam Sturgess, took out the coveted prize on 73/73, closely followed by Jack Moller with a 72/73 to claim 1st in A Grade.

Sunday started with a couple of fluffy clouds in the sky, but soon cleared to make the day warm and sunny.

Event 4 was the prestigious 50 target First National Surat Basin Points Score Championship. Once again, only the grades had to fight out positions, as Clayton Cusack won with the only, and impressive, 150/150.

Event 5 was the event that everyone aspired to win with a massive \$3000 in prize money



*Handicap winner,  
Robert Delbridge*



Warren Daniells with Overall Points Score Clayton Cusack



C Grade 1st Points Score  
Lachlan Karez



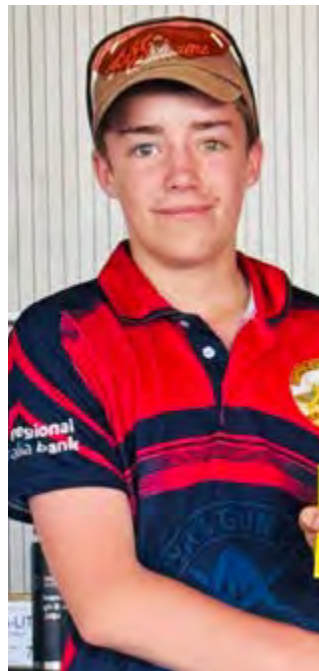
C Grade 2nd Points Score  
Richard Gore



AA Grade Points Score  
John Langridge



A Grade Points Score  
Les Merton



Juniors winner Points Score  
Jack Bach



Veteran winner Points Score  
Paul Hill

### High Guns

Overall Robert Delbridge, Toowoomba 340/350. AA Grade Clayton Cusack, Condamine 339/350. A Grade Les Merton, Chinchilla 328/350. B Grade Cam Sturgess, Chinchilla 325/350. C Grade Andrew Mitchell, Dalby 310/350. Junior John Langridge 332/350. Ladies Erin Guy, Maryborough 324/350. Veteran Paul Hill, Brisbane 325/350.

Our club ran a special event on Saturday night,

for the 50 target CFP Australia Cash Handicap. The eventual winner, Robert Delbridge from the Toowoomba Club, took home \$1500 for his efforts and 1st prize with the only possible for the event of 50/50. Congratulations to the other placegetters for this event, Les Merton 2nd, John Langridge 3rd, Kim Block 4th and James Pocock from Top End, NT in 5th place.



*Overall High Gun Robert Delbridge with Montana Brown from Black Toyota Chinchilla*



*Ladies High Gun Erin Guy with Spike Scouller*

where 12 lucky random shooters were drawn, and they had to the chance to shoot off their Handicap marks under our impressive lights. The 12 shot at 10 targets each in 2 squads, and then the 6 best scores then shot another 10 targets. The top 3 shooters from this then fought it out for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. The eventual winner was Kim Block from the Maryborough Club with Steve Harker from the Brisbane Club and Shane Streeter from Callide Dawson tied for 2nd Place. A substantial prize pool was given for this event which was sponsored by the Western Downs Regional Council.

We would like to thank all members, travelling shooters and family members, catering staff, bar staff and anyone who helped make this event a very successful weekend. We hope you enjoyed it and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

Last but definitely not least, is our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to our valued sponsors. We cannot thank them enough and their continued support over the years for their help in making our shoots an event not to be missed – Black Toyota Chinchilla, MFE, Brandon & Associates, Keith Crawleys Industrial and Rural Supplies,





*Junior High Gun John Langridge with Brian Muirson*



*Veteran High Gun Paul Hill with Mal Collins*

RMC, Queensland Police Clay Target Club, Spike Scouller, Collins Family, Healy Group, Stayover By Ausco, RIE Group, First National Surat Basin and CFP Australia. Also huge thanks to Speciality Services, Electeck Services, Cleanaway, CS Energy, WDRC, Cameby Downs Mine for their valued support over the year. Our club would like to acknowledge all our

hard working members, family and friends who with the lead up to our shoot, helped install and complete our new toilet block in record time. This is a welcome addition to our grounds, as it provides a closer walk for visitors and shooters to our club. Thank you to the Queensland State Government Gambling Benefits Fund for helping us with this project.



# Fun Day at Bega

Twenty-four shooters attended the October shoot at Bega to test their skills in a three event program. A little cloud, a little sun and at times, some very unkind wind catered for everyone's weather tastes.



*Scoring is so relaxing at Bega.  
George Toyne in the chair, Bert Deacon "assisting"*



*Squad 4 feeling relaxed*

The opening event of 25 target Points Score saw Ray Welch take out A Grade with a nice 70/75 with Chris Brown taking second. Craig Field scored 66/75 to win B Grade from John Walker on 65/75. In C Grade, Zip Summerell took the honours scoring 67/75 to Bert Deacon's 62/75.

Event two, something we have not offered for a while, was a 25 target Single Barrel. Dean Shipton celebrated his return to the shoot with a 24/25 to win A grade from Ray Welch who scored a 23/25 for second. In B Grade Dan Hyland missed only three for a well earned 22/25 and the first prize, leaving Greg Lye and John Walker, 21/25, in a shoot-off for second. John kindly dropped his third target after Greg had collected his for Greg to take second.



*Ray Welch,  
1st A Grade DB; 2nd A Grade SB*



*Craig Field,  
1st B Grade DB*



*Dean Shipton,  
1st A Grade SB; 2nd A Grade DR*



*Dan Hyland,  
1st B Grade SB; 2nd B Grade DR*



Brian Moffitt,  
1st C Grade SB



Brian Smith,  
2nd C Grade SB



Alf Niesar, 1st C Grade DR &  
Chris Brown, 2nd A Grade DB; 1st B Grade DR



Greg Lye,  
2nd B Grade SB



Charlie Smith,  
1st A Grade DR, High Gun

C Grade went to Brian Moffitt with a score of 19/25 with Brian Smith in second on 18/25.

Our club programmer cheered us all up by offering 25 targets Double Rise as a final reward for coming along. We think it was him who also invited the wind to lift and add further interest to the competition. In A Grade, Charlie Smith rose to the occasion capturing 39 of the elusive little things to win with Dean Shipton taking second with a score of 35/50. Chris Brown celebrated in B Grade with a score of 37/50, whilst Dan Hyland added to his earlier efforts with second place on 35/50. C Grade went to Alf Niesar with 32/50 with Tom Boyton taking second with a score of 30/50.

Charlie Smith added another shoot High Gun to his collection with a score of 126/150 and Tom Boyton settled for the voucher on the shoot raffle after missing the second target.

Next month's offering is the very popular RV Repairs 100 target Continental Points Score, once again graciously sponsored by Pauline and Phi Body .

On a sadder note, the Club members offer their sincere sympathies to the family of past, member Allain Magri who passed suddenly just recently. A long-standing member who's contribution to our Club will be sorely missed.



Deep thinkers

# SHOOT CALENDAR

## 2024

November 1 – 3	SACTA State Skeet Carnival	State Shooting Park, Buckland Park, SA
November 7 – 10	VCTA State Trap Carnival	State Ground Echuca, Vic

## 2025

January 24 – 27	TCTA State Trap Carnival	State Shooting Ground, Evandale
February 7 – 9	Seaside Carnival	Warrnambool Clay Target Club
April 2 – 8	National Skeet Championships	Whiteman Park, Perth
April 10 – 15	National Trap Championships	Whiteman Park, Perth

## Break Badges

NAME	HOME CLUB	ACHIEVED AT	BREAK	NAME	HOME CLUB	ACHIEVED AT	BREAK
Alho,H	The Forest	NSW State Carnival	Trap 50,75	Jeffrey,D	Mendooran	Tamworth	Trap 50
An,P	New South Wales	West Australian	SKT 20g 50,75	Large,C	Bundaberg	Bundaberg	Trap 50
Anderson,J	Caboolture	ADF Carnival Wagga	SKT 50,75, 100	Millar,M	Condamine	Goondiwindi	Trap 150
Barber,C	Townsville	ADF Carnival Wagga	SKT 20g 50	Murphy,J	Canberra	ADF Carnival International	SKT 20g 50
Bertholino,D	Shoalhaven	ADF Carnival Wagga	Trap 50,75, 100	Normington,R	Eastern Goldfields	West Australian	D/R 50
Burgess,B	Majura Park	Sydney	D/R 25 pr	Parfitt,A	Nepean	Mornington	Trap 50
Filan,S	Eumamurrin	Goondiwindi	Trap 50	Rehbein,P	Bundaberg	Bundaberg	Trap 100
Flaxman,R	Sydney	Kempsey	Trap 75	Saville,J	Eastern Goldfields	West Australian	Trap 150
Gibbs,M	Goondiwindi	Texas	Cont 50	Scalia,A	Ballandean	Texas	Trap 100
Guadagnino,R	Boyup Brook	West Australian	Trap 100	Scott,M	Toowoomba	Townsville	S/C 50
				Tolland,M	Noorat	Noorat	Trap 100
				Wilson,B	Canowindra	Cowra	Trap 75

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# Australian Clay Target Association Inc

## 2025 ANNUAL REGISTRATION & CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Membership Number <i>(compulsory)</i>		Shooters Licence Number	
Surname <i>(compulsory)</i>		Given Name <i>(compulsory)</i>	
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Email <i>(compulsory)</i>		Post Code	
Mobile Ph Number <i>(compulsory)</i>		Date of Birth <i>(compulsory)</i>	/ /

I hereby apply for membership of the **Club**  
**Please tick one:** As a  continuing, or  new member, together with my application for A.C.T.A. registration for the year ending 31st December 2025.  I have previously been a registered member with the A.C.T.A.

**Type of Membership: (Membership includes Insurance)**

Club Membership		\$
State/Zone affiliations if applicable		\$
A.C.T.A. Full Membership	\$133.00	\$
Partner (spouse) of a Full Member of common address	\$93.00	\$
Veteran <b>(Eligible to apply for Pension/65 years at 31/12/25)</b>	\$93.00	\$
Concession/Loyalty <b>(30 years adult membership)</b>	\$93.00	\$
Junior Membership <b>(Under the age of 18 at 31/12/25)</b>	\$44.00	\$
Recreational Member <b>(Shoot TARGETS ONLY &amp; PRACTICE at any A.C.T.A. Club)</b>	\$67.00	\$
Levy (applies to ALL new memberships <b>except Juniors and Complimentary Free Limited Members</b> )	\$10.00	\$
Failure to provide all information will see your application declined and returned	<b>Total</b>	\$

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I undertake to abide by the Rules and By-laws of the above-mentioned Club, my State Association and the Australian Clay Target Association and I advise that I conform with my State of residence Firearm Regulations and shall notify my Club immediately upon non-renewal, cancellation or suspension of my shooter's licence.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date / /

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