

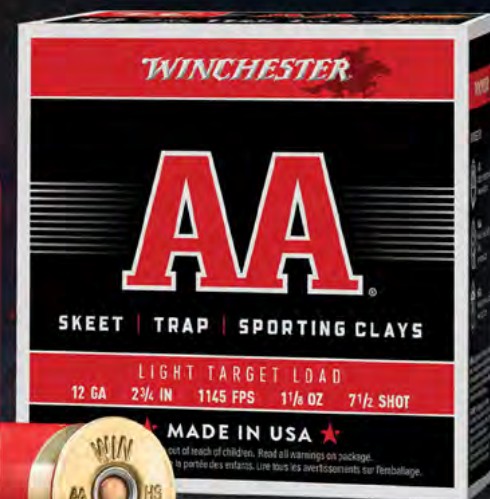
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12 year old Victorian,
Overall winner of the
New Zealand 12g Skeet
Championship

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Victorian shooter, 12 year old George Papachristoforos, recently competed at the New Zealand National Skeet Carnival, held at Waikato Clay Target Club in Hamilton, NZ.

George was ecstatic to shoot 100 straight and win the New Zealand National 12G title.

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ACTA CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Malcolm Dyson

A REVIEW OF 2024

With the end of 2024 upon us, we can now look back over our year's National events. The ISSF, Trap, Skeet and Sporting Championships were all, once again, well supported and very successful.

One of the year's memorable highlights was Colac member Penny Smith, winning a Bronze Medal at the Paris Olympic Games.

Membership for the 2024 year was 13,736

A reminder to Club Secretaries, you have until the 31st of December to pay your Club's affiliation fees and vote for the 2 positions on the ACTA Board. Voting is compulsory.

With 13,000-plus members it is disappointing that we only had 4 nominations for the 2 vacant positions on the board. One might presume that more members would be interested in offering their time and energy to assist in the running of the Association. Interestingly and alternatively we have numerous members willing to voice their opinions on social media, and in carparks but never availing themselves to nominate for a position on the Board.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

George Papachristoforos, a Junior Skeet Shooter just over 12 years of age, has achieved a remarkable feat by winning a National Title. At this young age George has won the coveted New Zealand 12g Overall National Skeet Championship, scoring 100/100. I cannot recall anyone of his age ever attaining the recognition of Overall National Title holder. Earlier to this George had wins in 2 State Titles, winning the Tasmanian 20g State Skeet Championship and the Tasmania Overall Open State Skeet High Gun. Congratulations to George on these great performances. In this edition you will see and read more of George's achievements.

ACTA BOARD/STATE PRESIDENTS MEETING

On the evening of the 28th of November, we again held our ACTA Board Members and State and Territory Presidents' quarterly meeting. During this meeting, those State members attending were brought up to date with all ACTA activities relevant for discussion since the last meeting. The meeting was without question worthwhile, with questions and general discussions covering an array of

pertinent topics. The next meeting is scheduled to be held in February 2025.

PERTH NATIONALS

A reminder that interstate members need to have a permit to take their Firearms into WA completed by no later than the end of February 2025. You can discuss applying for your permit with your State Secretary or the ACTA Office. I have been informed that there will be on-site firearm storage available at the grounds.

WAGC have purchased BRB Voice Release sets for all Skeet layouts, and DTL layouts will have hard wired Canterbury voice release. With reference to sub gauge ammunition, Anna (Bronze Wing) will be taking orders in early New Year, and John Dyas in WA, mobile 0419 954 357, will take orders for B&P and Falcon sub gauge.

FITASC COMPAK

As most of you are aware the ACTA has recently entered negotiations into acquiring the licence for Compak from FITASC.

Several factors were considered, not the least being competitor numbers at the recent National Sporting Championships, which confirmed that our member participation for sporting disciplines within the ACTA are reducing. Over the past 3 years, numbers at this event have continued to decline, this year we had less than 100 shooters participate, albeit that the ACTA are sponsoring 5 representative Sporting Teams to compete in Canada in 2025.

This is at odds with the feedback we are receiving that sporting is becoming much more popular amongst clubs outside the ACTA.

The granting of a FITASC Compak licence was an opportunity to take on a sporting discipline that is widely accepted within Australia, could grow the participation rate of present members and prompt more shooters into joining ACTA clubs.

At this point in time, we are waiting for confirmation from FITASC that we have been awarded this discipline.

I am hopeful of a positive outcome, but until this has been approved by their Board, we will wait for their decision.

I would like to address some concerns that have been raised by several people.

Firstly, if Compak is approved our intention is for this discipline to replace our current ACTA 5 Stand Sporting competition. For those who are unaware, Compak and 5 Stand are very similar. The same equipment and same targets can be used, particularly at club level. On a State and National level there are only a few differences, but we would be shooting Compak under FITASC rules.

Some members have raised the question of why we can't retain both disciplines. As these disciplines are very similar to each other and attract the same shooters, it is difficult to see how two disciplines could be supported. It would be both prudent and expeditious to put resources and costs into supporting one discipline and promoting it, hopefully ensuring its success.

Another concern expressed is that the acquisition of this licence should have been more widely consulted with shooters before proceeding. The issue here is that initial discussions had to be confidential, or this opportunity would not have emerged. Shooters should also understand that the ACTA Board is elected on behalf of the shooters to act in the best interests of the sport and to its future. This unfortunately means that at times consultation becomes difficult. You can rest assured, that the Board's intention on all decisions made are based on what is best for our sport. We, as a Board must look beyond the here and now, envisage where the sport is going, mitigate risks and take up opportunities to ensure its survival and growth. It made sense to take on a discipline that would attract more shooters from other organisations to join the ACTA and improve participation rates for clubs, States and National events.

It is disappointing to see some comments made by some Facebook warriors criticising the ACTA simply because we have differing opinions to their personal views. Everyone is entitled to their opinion. Just consider that the Board must act in the best interests of all members.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brett, Judy, Jenny, Nathan and Blue for all their work and support throughout the year and wish them all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

To all our ACTA members across our country can I also wish you a safe and merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Last, but not least, to Board members Ian, Les, Glenn, Michael and Malcolm C., thank you for your time and effort throughout the year in the organising and running the ACTA affairs.

Helen and I wish you well for the festive season and for 2025.

Good Shooting
Regards Malcolm

From the Rule Book —BAULK—

For the benefit of all shooters, but especially for those who referee when called on.

1.11 BAULK

- (a) Any extraneous occurrence, which in the opinion of the Referee materially interferes with the equity of the competitor after they call for their target constitutes a baulk.
- (b) The sun shall not be considered as interference. It must be considered as a normal hazard.
- (c) If a shooter fires a shot and the appearance of a target or piece of target from an adjoining field appears, it shall not be ruled as a BAULK unless the target or piece of target strikes or threatens to strike the shooter or the shooter's gun. The referee is the sole judge as to whether a baulk has occurred or not.
- (d) Under no circumstances will a baulk be granted unless claimed by the competitor immediately it occurs. If in the opinion of the Referee, a baulk has occurred, they may restore the competitor's target.

1.25 DUTIES OF REFEREES

- (e) The Referee has power to alter their decision. If altering their decision on "lost target" or "baulk" etc., during the competition, this must be done before the shooter in question shoots their next target or the shooter leaves the tracks should this be their last target.

**NOTE the 2 sections highlighted in Yellow

1. The referee can only grant a baulk when claimed by the shooter.
2. It must be done immediately before the shooter's next shot.

Jim Shepherd,
ACTA National Rules Supervisor

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2025 ACTA ISSF CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1 All competitors must present their current shooting licence/permit to the events office before competition. Failure to do so will incur a penalty of one (1) target.
- 2 The National ISSF Championships will be conducted under the ISSF rules governing International Competitions. ACTA dress rules to apply.
- 3 Any shooter wanting to compete in the “2025 ISSF Nationals” must be a registered competitor member of the ACTA for the financial year 2025, hold a current shooting licence/permit (all Junior Shooters must hold a valid Junior permit), or be a bonified International competitor holding Australian documents that allow the use of firearms for target shooting.
- 4 Entry and pre-squadding is by pre-nomination only through MCMS (MyClubsMyScores). Closing date for nominations is 5.00pm Monday the 13th January 2025. Squadding will be published on MCMS Tuesday the 14th January 2025.
- 5 Competitors who advise their withdrawal from an event prior to it commencing will be eligible for a refund less a \$10 administration fee. Competitors who withdraw after the commencement of an event will not be entitled to any refund for that event.
- 6 MCMS will automatically grade all entrants, in the case of insufficient data for a competitor, they will be graded after their first four (4) rounds.
- 7 Squads of up to 6 competitors will shoot a total of 125 targets per event, in brackets of 25 targets, shot one visit to a trap each 25.
- 8 Each shooter is to take enough cartridges to shoot at 25 targets.
- 9 If a shooter misses their squad they may be re-squadded, however that is not guaranteed and will incur a three (3) target penalty if they are re-squadded.
- 10 All competitors are to check and sign the score sheet after each bracket. Any score sheet not signed by the shooter will be credited with the score as recorded.
- 11 All competitors will be required to referee/score during the period of competition. The persons designated to referee/score must fulfill their obligation to do so. While replacement referees and scorers are permissible, if the replacement does not fulfil the obligation, the penalty of a loss of one (1) target for failing to officiate will be made against the officially designated person. Failure to either referee or score will incur a penalty of the loss of one (1) target in the next event. Should a competitor not be shooting a following event then the penalty will apply in the event concerned.
- 12 No competitor may interfere with or attempt to interfere with the traps, any competitor doing so will be automatically disqualified.
- 13 All appeals must be lodged in writing with the Technical Delegate, together with the \$80 appeal fee. The Technical Delegate shall arrange a jury hearing and should the appeal be upheld, the fee will be returned. If the appeal is not upheld the ACTA will retain the fee.
- 14 Entrants in the Mens and Womens Championships are entitled to receive awards in Junior and Veteran sections as well as grades if applicable.
- 15 There must be a minimum of three competitors in sections or grades, for any prizes to be awarded, and a minimum of 5 entrants to constitute a sectional National Championship.
- 16 Sectional & grade prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, with 2nd & 3rd place decided by count back, provided they meet clause 15.
- 17 Payment of the nomination only entitles the shooter to enter the event. Changes to the program including the number of targets shot will not entitle competitors to a refund.
- 18 Squadding details will be available on MCMS. It is the shooters responsibility to monitor for changes.
- 19 The setting of targets will be under the direction of the Technical Director prior to the start of the events each day. No further adjustment will be made without the authorization of the Technical Director.
- 20 A junior who has not previously competed at a National Championship in any discipline shall be entitled to shoot for the cost of the administration fee of \$10 per event. Claim for this concession can be made at the event or within 14 days of the completion of the event, ie; by Friday 31st January 2025.
- 21 The ACTA reserves the right to alter any conditions of the competition should it become necessary. Any interpretation of the program and conditions of entry will be the responsibility of attending members of the ACTA Board, their decision shall be final.



2025 ACTA NATIONAL ISSF SHOTGUN CHAMPIONSHIPS

15TH – 19TH January 2025

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Shooter must pre-register through MCMS

*Registrations are now open and will close Monday 13th January 2025 at 5pm
Squads listed Tuesday 14th January 2025 (Shooter limit for ISSF Trap is currently 106)*

*Unofficial Practice times: Saturday 11th January, Sunday 12th January, Monday 13th January
10am until 5pm – Contact Sydney International Shooting Centre*

Tuesday 14th January

Official PET for ISSF Skeet, ISSF Trap practice

Wednesday 15th January 9.00am

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Thursday 16th January 9.00am

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** There must be a minimum of 5 competitors in a section to be a recognized with a sash*

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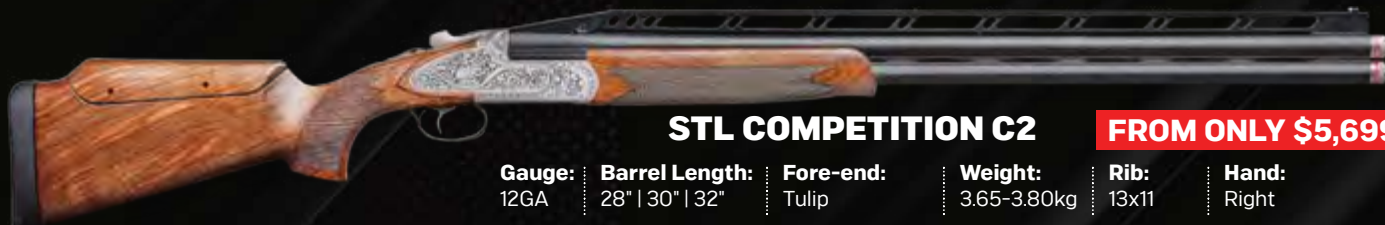
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Location: Swan Valley and Midland area, close to WA Gun Club, in Swan Valley – vineyards and artisan foods area, major tourist area

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The Sebel Swan Valley	The Vines	4 Star	Hotel	07 5501 7370
Maya Maya Mandoon	Mandoon	4 Star	Hotel	08 6279 0500
Quest Midland	Midland	4 Star	Hotel	08 6148 3900
The Swan Valley Hotel	Swan Valley	3 Star	Hotel	08 6388 4466
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
Discovery Parks Swan Valley	Caversham	4 Star	Caravan & Chalets	08 9279 6700
Big 4 Midland Tourist Park	Midland	3 Star	Caravan & Chalets	08 9274 3002
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Ingot Hotel	Ascot	4 Star	Hotel	08 9259 3888
Quest Ascot	Ascot	4 Star	Hotel	08 6146 6400
Perth Central Caravan Park	Ascot	3 Star	Caravan & Chalets	08 9277 1704

Location: Kingsley, close to WA Gun Club

Cherokee Village Kingsley	Kingsley	3 Star	Caravan & Chalets	08 9409 9039
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Quest Scarborough	Scarborough	4 Star	Hotel	08 6140 3500
Ramada by Wyndham Vetro Blue	Scarborough	4 Star	Hotel	08 6248 7000
Indian Ocean Hotel	Scarborough	3 Star	Hotel	08 9341 1122
Scarborough Apartments	Scarborough	3 Star	Apartment	08 9245 1038
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2024 SA State ISSF Titles

Well, here we all are again to compete at the 2024 South Australian State ISSF titles with many of our friends and few of our interstate counterparts who have made the pilgrimage over to join us. Being a quieter year for ISSF meant that there weren't too many travellers, but we were glad to see a few competitors come through to still make the event a success.

On the official practice day (Friday), we saw a decent contingent of competitors come through to shoot at our host Club, International CTC, prep their skills and get used to the different backgrounds for the 2 days of competition. At 3pm, the end of official practice, while the competitors had gone, all the officials were hustling over the trap layouts with their protractors, height sticks, angle and distance markers etc. to get everything right for the morning.

Leading up to our Carnival dates of September 28 and 29, we saw unseasonal weather conditions. Some rather cold and wet/rainy days mixed in with some pleasant, almost Spring days. And the next 3 days were going to be no exception with nice conditions expected over the Saturday but a possible shower or two on Sunday.

The first day started at around 12 degrees for the morning with breezy conditions.

At the Skeet end, the officials were out there early in the morning to make sure everything was fine for the beginning of the competition.

As everyone wandered around the grounds seeing who they were up against, there was the usual atmosphere of anticipation. Office staff was well catered for with lollies in the bowls for keeping the energy levels up. At 9am announcements were made, and Tournament Director Tania Evans called everyone out to the layout to see the targets. Everything looked fine, and the games got under way.

So today is the commencement of the qualifying 125 targets of which the first 75 would be shot today, and would also determine our SA Postal team. Four squads came in this year for Trap and three squads for Skeet.

Back at the Trench, a challenging first set of 75 with lots of low, fast and wide targets. The weather gods were not going to be kind to us this morning with that light breeze becoming a howling gale during the mid morning and leading up to the close of the day. It was no different at the Skeet end with some competitors needing tie-downs to stop them being blown over.



Skeet SA Postal Team: Tiger Lewis, Damien Yon, Deb McPherson, Hannah Munro, Jim Hallyday



Skeet Mens Overall Gold, Aaron Deans



Skeet Silver Medal, Damien Yon



Skeet Bronze Medal, Geoffrey Matthews

Both layouts were being used this year and steadily, but determined, they all got through their rounds. Competitors were coming in between the rounds to check the progressive scores and to see how they had fared up, and there were smiles as well as sad faces to be had, as



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Skeet B Grade 1st, Hannah Munro & sponsor Jas from Knight Adjustable Stocks

the targets were not flying nicely with those high winds to contend with.

Random cartridge checks were next on the agenda with competitors being asked for six cartridges of their chosen ammunition for scrutinising. A special word of thanks must be given here to the guys who give so generously of their time every day over the Carnival, year after year, to be at the grounds at the crack of dawn to get it all right so that the competitors can have a trouble free competition – Tania Evans and Guy



Skeet A Grade 1st,
Geoffrey Matthews



Skeet A Grade 2nd,
Aaron Deans



Skeet B Grade 2nd,
Damien Yon

the tougher conditions over past years, but unfortunately for some, hopes of being in the winner's circle had been dashed with scores almost being train wrecks.

At 2pm everything was over and everyone started making their way to the bars and hotels for some well earned rest and to get refreshed for the last 50 targets of the qualifier. Squad sheets were redrawn and rotated ready for a start on time.

We were very lucky with the predicted late afternoon showers holding off during the competitions.

By Sunday morning, we were back to clearer skies and about 18 degrees for the day and much calmer conditions. As the first wave headed out at 9am, everyone started contemplating where they were going to end up. Competitors went out and did whatever they had to do to stay in the running for the State titles that were on offer for the select few



Skeet C Grade 1st,
Jim Hallyday



Skeet C Grade 2nd,
Christos Staikopoulos

Yoannidis especially, with assistance from Rob – it's a pretty thankless task, but we would like to acknowledge your efforts. Thanks also to Jane Vella from Shooting Australia who was on standby remotely from interstate. Finally, the ICTC Club Committee and members who kept everything running smoothly, and to Phil and Mario for taking care of the traps – thank you all so very much.

At the end of the day, there were lots of smiles and lots of sad faces again as the scores came in and got tallied. The scoreboard certainly reflected



Skeet SA Champion Shooter with her coach/mentor Guy Yoannidis



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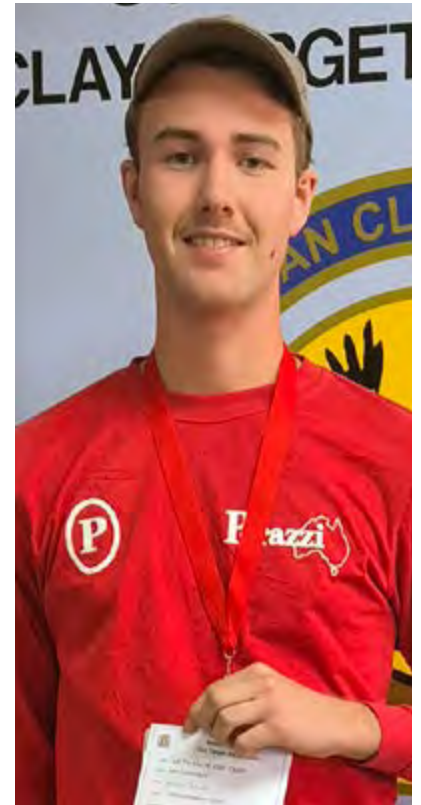




Trench Mens Overall Gold, Aaron Zupanic



Trench Silver Medal, Sam Daou



Trench Bronze Medal, Hayden Phillips

that could manage their way through the conditions. The last 50 targets were shot and calculations were being done in the office. A lot of head shaking was happening around the grounds and competitors were thinking – what could have gone so tragically wrong. The changing wind conditions of the day

before had already taken their toll and created some pretty average scores, however, it was a level playing field for everyone. A few however, managed to push through the day and come in with a decent score.

Top off the gun scores of the competition was a 112/125 by Aaron Zupanic (Trench) and Geoff Matthews 102/125 (Skeet) – an indication of how



Trench AA Grade 1st, Aaron Zupanic



Trench A Grade 1st & Veteran, Craig Bentley



Skeet A Grade 2nd, Sam Daou



Trench C Grade 1st, Andrew Hoare



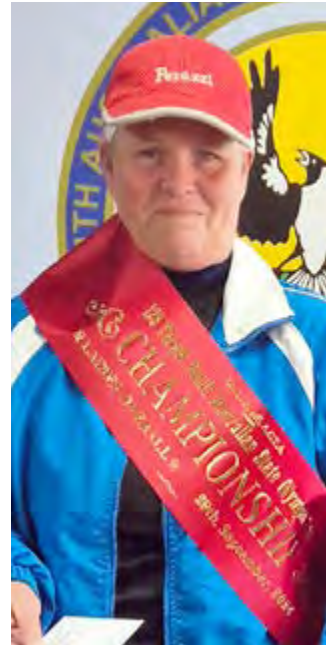
Trench C Grade 2nd,
Rito Borzillo



Trench B Grade 1st & Junior,
Hayden Phillips



Trench B Grade 2nd,
Dino Oliviero



Trench Ladies,
Kerry Anderson

tough the conditions were this year, but still a great effort to shoot that well.

The numbers were tallied, the bib positions allocated, and the top scores went out to face it off. There was no womens final this year due to a lack of competition. The Mens final was Aaron Zupanic, Craig Bentley, Sam Daou, Bronte Evans, Hayden Phillips, and Dino Oliviero.

Men's final got started and after the first 25 targets, the first to leave was Dino. Now the competitors

do a series of sets of five with one person leaving after every set. Next to leave were Bronte and Craig. Hayden Phillips picked up the Bronze. The Gold and Silver match got under way between Aaron and Sam. Eventually Aaron Zupanic came out victor to the huge cheers of his friends. Well done to both these guys and congratulations to Aaron on the Gold medal and Sam with Silver.

Meanwhile, down at the Skeet end, it was Geoffrey Matthews, Aaron Deans, Damien Yon, Jim



Trench SA Postal Team: Sam Daou, Craig Bentley, Aaron Zupanic, Hayden Phillips, Dino Oliviero, Andrew Hoare.
Front: Kerry Anderson, Tania Evams



*Trench SA Champion Shooter,
Aaron Zupanic*



*Trench SA Junior Champion Shooter,
Hayden Phillips*

Hallyday, Nick Dimasi and Christos Staikopoulos on the battlefield for the Mens Finals. Competitors had to deal with the same changing conditions. Grey skies, as well as a breeze which had come in, had made the targets a little more unpredictable. When all was said and done, the Bronze went to Geoff, Silver to Damien, and Aaron Deans scored the Gold in the Mens.

Here in South Australia we also have this event graded and like to reward the participants for their efforts in Grade.

When it was all put together, it looked like this: In Trench, C grade winner was Andrew Hoare 89/125 and Rito Borzillo 2nd with 87/125. B grade went to Hayden Phillips 93/125, with Dino Oliviero 2nd on 91/125. A grade was taken by Craig Bentley 107/125, 2nd being Sam Daou 101/125. AA grade winner was Aaron Zupanic 112/125. What a huge effort considering the changing conditions of the day. Junior went to Hayden Phillips, Veteran was Craig Bentley and Ladies was Kerry Anderson.

SA Champion shooter for the Trap was Aaron Zupanic with 112, and the recipient of the SA Junior Champion was Hayden Phillips 93. Great effort!! Congratulations to everyone who made the Postals.

In the winner's circle for Grades at the end of

the Skeet's qualifiers and shoot-offs was Jim Hallyday for C grade 87/125, Christos Staikopoulos 2nd 70/125. Hannah Munro took out the B Grade 1st with a 101/125, with Damien 2nd on 92/125. In A Geoff Matthews took out the grade 102/125 with Aaron Deans 2nd on 97/125. Hannah also was the Ladies winner. The Junior winner was Vasilis Christopoulos.

The SA Champion shooter this year in Skeet was Hannah Munro, and SA Junior Champion shooter was Vasilis Christopoulos, who was also the recipient of the Yoannidis Perpetual Shield presented by Guy. Congratulations to all that took home some honours.

A shout out has to go again this year to Guy Yoannidis who, always single handedly runs the complete operation of the Skeet titles for the duration of the Carnival. Thank you Guy – we don't see you, but you make sure it all happens for us – you're an absolute legend!!

After all was said and done, another successful Carnival, albeit somewhat confusing weather conditions for the three days. We hope that our interstate friends can come and join us again next year. A word of thanks has to go out here to our volunteers that always contribute on the grounds and in the clubhouse, and to the limited office staff that did a magnificent job at keeping the Carnival running on time on all 3 days. A big thank you also to Joe from Melisi Projects and George Kontopolous from Omega Foods for your continuing support and contributions and also Jas from Knight Adjustable Stocks. Special thanks also to our host Club (ICTC) State Shooting Park Committee that do an exemplary job at keeping our grounds in pristine condition.

On a last note, thanks to all the shooters/competitors who participated and travelled to compete and helped make it a great weekend.

On behalf of the State Board, we hope to see you all again in 2025. Thank you all.

*Len DeCandia,
State President*

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VCTA State Trap Carnival

State Grounds, Echuca Clay Target Club 7th - 10th November 2024

A fantastic State Carnival was recently held at the State Grounds—Echuca Clay Target Club over the weekend of November 7-10.

379 competitors made it to the Echuca facility, which remains the showpiece of the Victorian Clay Target Association.

The weather in Echuca was cooler than last year, with wind, frequent clouds, and changing light conditions, making shooting challenging. Once again, the grounds crew provided an immaculate venue, the product of hours of hard work by Echuca Gun Club and VCTA volunteers. They also set a truly “carnival” atmosphere with flags, banners and a myriad of sponsor and display tents, all adding to the event.

Thursday, the first day of competition, was Champion of Champions day. Bronze Wing Australia sponsored the event, and once the guns fell silent, it was Echuca’s own Stephen Atkins wearing the Overall winner’s sash with a 124/125. The top three in AA were tied on 123/125, and Greg Coleman (NSWGC) 171/175 emerged victorious after a shoot-off. A Grade was won by Hecta Crawford

Left: Carnival High Gun, Alex Dallas

Below: Bronze Wing’s Anna Shedrina with Champion of Champions Overall Steve Atkins





Champion of Champions AA Grade
2nd Graham Reed, 1st Greg Coleman

(Woods Point GC) 119/125, B Grade by Harley Pickford (Noorat) 112/125 and C Grade by Jack Brady (MCC) 148/175. Kelly Coogan (MCC) took out the Ladies 122/125, Fred Heinze (Alexandra) the Veterans and the Juniors and Sub-Juniors were won by Harry Brown (Hamilton) and Aiden Calleja (Echuca) respectively.

Friday dawned, the beginning of a mild day with NW wind. The competition for the day started with the Double Rise Championship, sponsored by Clay & Hunt. NSW Carnival DR winner, Peter Attard (Echuca), again showed he was the man to beat in DR, winning the Overall with a 48/50. Once again in AA, the first three were tied, and in the ensuing shoot-off, Nathan Cassells (Maryborough) took the win 101/110.



Champion of Champions A Grade
2nd Adam Monaco, 1st Hecta Crawford



Champion of Champions B Grade
2nd Matthew Koncewicz, 1st Harley Pickford, 3rd Kal Marcolongo



Champion of Champions C Grade
2nd Mel Chapman, 1st Jack Brady



Champion of Champions
Ladies Kelly Coogan, Juniors Harry Brown, Sub-Juniors Aiden Calleja



Double Rise Overall,
Peter Attard



Double Rise Ladies Kelly Coogan, Junior Harry Brown, Sub-Juniors Dean Rumbel, Veteran Frank Bagnato, Sponsor Renae Birgan from Clay & Hunt

A Grade was taken by Frank Bagnato (Bairnsdale) 44/50, B Grade by Steven Howlett (Woods Point) 41/50, and C Grade by Joshua Pringle (Warrnambool) 41/50. Kelly Coogan (MCC) was the Ladies

Winner, the Veterans was won by Frank Bagnato (Bairnsdale), Juniors by Harry Brown (Hamilton) and Sub-Juniors by Dean Sniz Rumbel (Guyra).

At the conclusion of the Double Rise, the Official Opening Ceremony was conducted. After an introduction from VCTA President Chris Langridge, it was Victorian MP for Murray Plains, Peter Walsh's turn to address the crowd. Peter delivered a welcoming and supportive speech in support of our sport. It was then Peter's turn to fire the official opening shot of the event; we won't divulge the score!

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Double Rise A Grade
Frank Bagnato & Clay & Hunt's Renae Birgan



Double Rise
AA Grade 2nd Steve Haberman, 1st Nathan Cassells



Double Rise B Grade
2nd Hayley Carlesso, 1st Steven Howlett, 3rd Trevor Dehne



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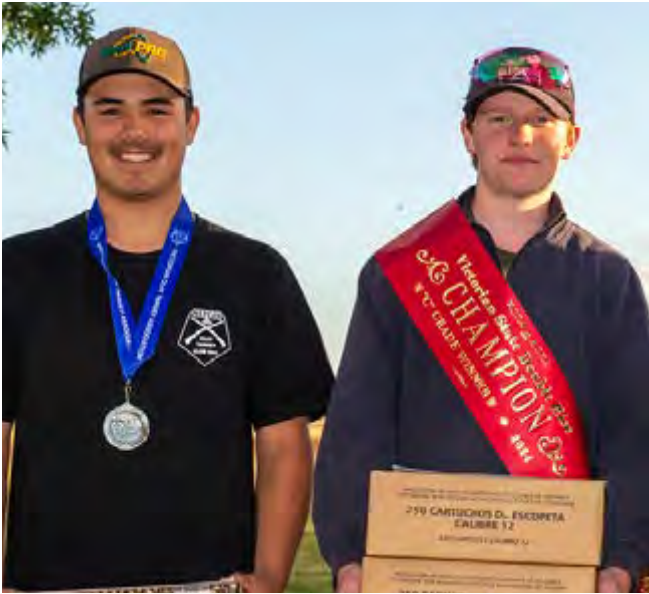
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Double Rise C Grade 2nd Dylan Naylor, 1st Joshua Pringle

During the resetting of traps from DR back to singles, the four State Zones shot their teams' competitions. The North West Zone, represented by Nathan Cassells, Carl Comensoli, Chris Jorgensen, Ashley Bolwell, and Carl Bartlett, won the Open Team. The North East Zone won the Ladies Team. The South West Zone won the Veterans Team event, and the South East Zone



MP for Murray Plains, Peter Walsh, firing the opening shot and speaking at the Opening Ceremony



took the Juniors Team. The overall champion team was the South West Zone.

The afternoon session was allocated to the State Handicap Championships, which Beretta Australia and the VCTA sponsored. The event's Overall winner and recipient of a Beretta Silver Pigeon was Lloyd Parks (Mansfield), 54/54, after a shoot-off with sub-junior Harry Mulvahill (Echuca), who shot a 53/54. Third place went to Zak Biggin (Callawadda Stawell), fourth to Lenny Dobbins (Myamyn), and fifth to Bruce Dean (Callawadda Stawell). The 25m Backmarker trophy,



Handicap winner Lloyd Parks with State Executive member James Patterson



25m Champion Andrew Fiek with Clay & Hunt's Renae Birgan



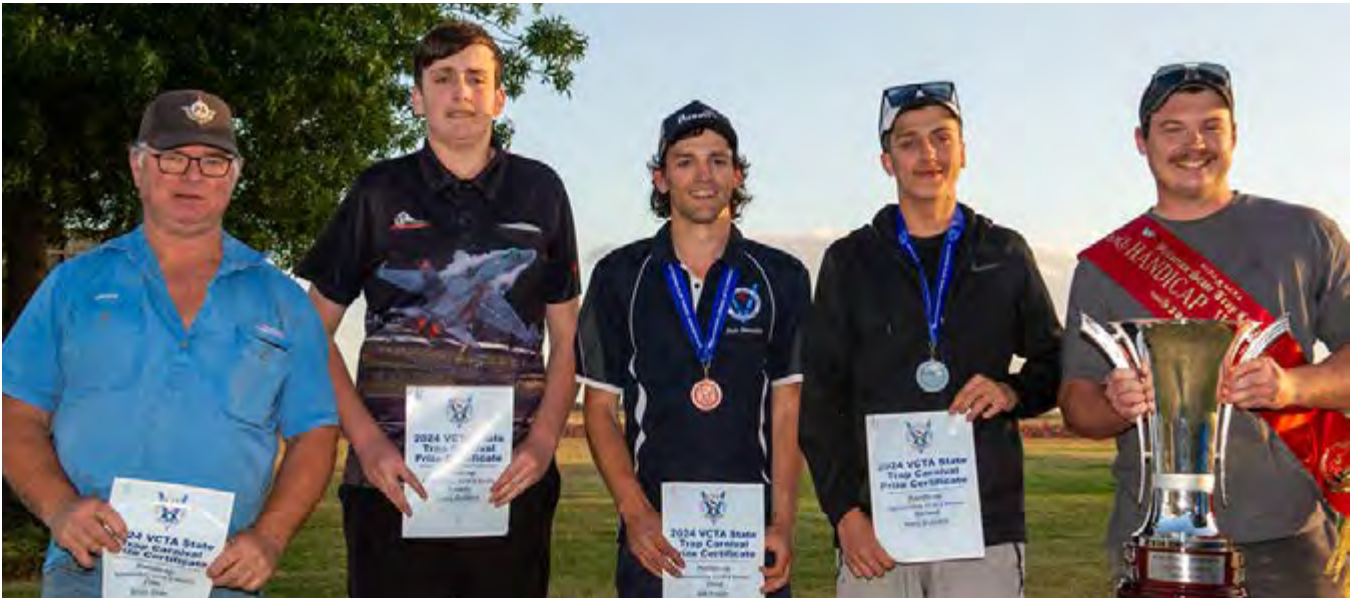
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sponsored by Clay & Hunt, was won by Andrew Fiek (Echuca) 47/50.

A new post-competition event was introduced for Friday evening. The VCTA provided a free BBQ dinner and live entertainment. Jessica Lorraine sang her heart out while the volunteers from the Kyneton Clay Target Club cooked up a storm. Enjoying the protein donated by Scott McKenzie and salads prepared by Simone Tannous, many punters took advantage and helped create a real Carnival atmosphere. This was a wonderful evening and will undoubtedly feature as a permanent fixture of the Carnival.

The weather was a bit cooler for the third day, and

Single Barrel Overall Steve Atkins with Nathan Cassells from OTC

the wind dropped during the Single Barrel and Double Barrel events. With 357 competitors vying for the Outdoor Trading Company sponsored Single Barrel, Stephen Atkins (Echuca) won a four-way shoot-off on 63/63, who again collected an Overall.

Steve Haberman (Echuca) took AA Grade with 62/63. Lachlan Hurse (Maryborough) 47/50 took out A Grade, while Zachary Rossetto (Nepean) 50/54 took a B Grade. C Grade was won by Don Hinks (Geelong) 45/50. Paris 2024 Olympic Trap Bronze Medallist Penny Smith (Colac) finished first in the Ladies, Gary Kelly (Geraldton) took the Veterans; Dustin Hone (Walcha) the Juniors and Aiden Calleja (Echuca) won the Sub-Junior division.

In a break from tradition, the 2024 VCTA Hall



Single Barrel AA Grade
2nd Alex Dallas, 1st Steve Haberman, 3rd Greg Pridmore



Single Barrel A Grade 1st Lachlan Hurse, 3rd Terry Burns



Single Barrel Ladies Penny Smith, Junior Dustin Hone, Sub-Junior Aiden Calleja



Single Barrel B Grade 2nd Graham Menhennet, 1st Zachary Rossetto



Hall of Fame Inductee, Craig Fitzgerald



Single Barrel C Grade 1st Don Hinks

of Fame recipient was announced between the SB and DB events. Stephen Atkins handled the MC role with aplomb, welcoming Craig Fitzgerald into the Victorian Hall of Fame. Smiling like a Cheshire cat, Craig delivered a short speech and smiled proudly for the camera. Congratulations Craig!

The Double Barrel event also had 357 competitors. Proudly sponsored by J & A Shooting and OSA Firearms, the calmer day had many squads achieving a perfect 50/50.

The competition continued until the last light and resumed early on Sunday morning until the event was decided on the 411th target.

At the end of this battle, Jamie Dunn (Mount Gambier) emerged victorious and won the Overall trophy with a 411/411; not only did he win the cash, but he also took home a brand new Miroku shotgun supplied by the J & A and OSA teams! Mitchell Iles finished on 410/411 and took the AA Grade medal.

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Bill Jorgenson from J & A Shooting and OSA Firearms with Double Barrel Overall Jamie Dunn

A Grade was won by Ray Copping (Springsure) 82/83, B Grade was taken by Barry Smith (Patchewollock) 78/79 and C Grade by Lenny Dobbins (Myamyn) 62/65. Ladies winner was Penny Smith (Colac), Veterans was won by Barry Smith (Patchewollock), Sub-Junior by Harry



Double Barrel C Grade
2nd Adam Maltman, 1st Lenny Dobbins, 3rd Patrick Siciliano



Double Barrel AA Grade
2nd Steve Haberman, 1st Mitchell Iles, 3rd Peter Attard



Double Barrel A Grade
2nd Dylan Naylor, 3rd Bruce Dean

Below: Double Barrel Veterans Barry Smith, Ladies Penny Smith, Junior Dylan Naylor, Sub-Junior Harry Mulvahill

Below: Double Barrel B Grade
1st Barry Smith, 3rd Ryan Pitts





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Mulvahill (Echuca) and Juniors by Dylan Naylor (Melbourne).

Sunday morning started early with the final event, the Points Score Championship, sponsored by Bronze Wing Australia. 340 competitors fronted for this event in slightly warmer conditions than the previous two days.

After shooting off, Dan Power (Majura Park) won the Overall Trophy with an impressive 228/228. Malcolm

Pain (Brisbane) took AA Grade 227/228. Roger Duthie (Hamilton) 149/150 won A Grade, Harley Pickford (Noorat) 147/150 snagged B Grade and Brenton Pump (Colbo) 143/150 took C Grade. Ladies was won by Aimee Norris (Melbourne), Veterans by Roger Duthie (Hamilton), Juniors by Dustin Hone (Walcha) and Sub-Juniors by Harley Pickford (Noorat).

The VCTA sponsored the State High Gun Awards with contributions from BEST, Collumbo Shooting and Shoot Off Australia. Alex Dallas (Blackall) won the Open High Gun with a score of 457/475. Mitchell Iles (Melbourne) won AA Grade with



High Guns Veteran Shane Stokes, Ladies Penny Smith, Junior Harry Brown, Sub Junior Aiden Calleja

456/475. Harrison Glennen (Noorat) won A Grade, Harley Pickford (Noorat) won B Grade, and Jack Brady (MCC) C Grade. The Ladies High Gun was won by Penny Smith (Colac), Veterans was won by Shane Stokes (Colbo), Juniors was won by Harry Brown (Hamilton), and Sub-Junior was Aiden Calleja (Echuca).

James Willet (Open), Harry Brown (Junior), Penny Smith (Ladies), and Bill Harris (Veterans) won the Team High Guns.

Shoulder to Shoulder Teams

Open Team: Gabriel Sensi, Andrew Brady, James Willet, Mitchell Iles, Rowen Foote.

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Grade High Guns: AA Grade Mitchell Iles, A Grade Harrison Glennen, B Grade Harley Pickford, C Grade Jack Brady



Points Score B Grade
2nd Ted Weeks, 1st Harley Pickford, 3rd Denis Comelli



Above: Points Score Overall Dan Power with Anna Shedrina from Bronze Wing

Left: Points Score A Grade 1st Roger Duthie Roger was also the winner of the Veterans

Below: Points Score AA Grade 2nd Alex Dallas, 1st Malcolm Pain, 3rd Steve Trembath



Points Score C Grade
2nd Val Dehne, 1st Brenton Pump, Patrick Siciliano



Points Score Ladies Aimee Norris, Junior Dustin Hone, Sub Junior Harley Pickford







Open Shoulder to Shoulder Team, Rowen Foote, James Willett, Andrew Brady, Gabriel Sensi, Mitchell Iles



*Junior Shoulder to Shoulder Team,
Harrison Glennen, Harry Brown, Riley Hughes-Gage*



*Ladies Shoulder to Shoulder Team,
Kelly Coogan, Penny Smith, Aimee Norris*

Ladies Team: Penny Smith, Aimee Norris, Kelly Coogan.

Junior Team: Harry Brown, Riley Hughes-Gage, Harrison Glennen.

Veterans Team: Shane Stokes, Allan Pollock, Frank Bagnato.

Postal Teams

Open Team: Steve Trembath, Gabriel Sensi, Rowen Foote, Andrew Brady, James Willett, Andrew Cameron, Steve Haberman, Lloyd Parks, Ben De Pedro, Mitchell Iles, Phil Grainger, Todd Malone, Shane Stokes, Peter Attard, Nathan McDonnell.

Ladies Team: Penny Smith, Kelly Coogan, Hayley Carlesso, Aimee Norris, Slap Comensoli, Lyndall McNeil.

Junior Team: Harry Brown, Riley Hughes-Gage, Harrison Glennen, Harley Pickford, Aiden Calleja, Dylan Naylor.



*Veterans Shoulder to Shoulder Team,
Shane Stokes, Frank Bagnato. Absent Allan Pollock*



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VCTA Club Team: MCC CTC, Kelly Coogan, James Willett, Andrew Brady, Nathan McDonnell



MP Peter Walsh & State Executive member Fiona Dobbins with the overall Zone Team Shield which was won by the South West Zone

Veterans Team: Shane Stokes, Allan Pollock, Frank Bagnato, Ray Peatling, Trevor Dehne, John Wojcik, Bill Harris.

Winning Club team was Melbourne Cricket Club Clay Target Club. Team members were Kelly Coogan, James Willett, Andrew Brady and Nathan McDonnell.

As ever, such an event doesn't happen on its own. A huge thank you to all those who assisted with running the event. Such events are so successful only through the help and assistance of those who gave up their time and effort. It would be very remiss not to mention particular groups and individuals – especially the members of the VCTA Executive who worked tirelessly all weekend and leading up to the event. Special mention goes to Zak Biggin, who ran MCMS before and during the

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Winning Zone Veterans Team, South West Zone: Steven Holt, Malcolm Dyson, Allan Pollock



Winning Zone Ladies Team: North East Zone: Olivia Ford, Jo-Anne Ford, Elleasha Brown

event. Kim Thompson, Katie McPherson, Fiona and Katie Dobbins were outstanding in their administration and assistance in the office. With further special mentions to Chris Langridge, Allan Kidd, Trevor Dehne and Mark Vistarini, who worked extremely hard to make sure all was ready for the event.

Another requiring special mention is Simone Tannous. Simone and her team were responsible for the excellent catering of the event for the entire Carnival (including the Friday meal), and they are to be congratulated on the variety of fare and level of service!

Finally, to the very generous sponsors who assisted with trophies and prizes and added to the carnival atmosphere with their displays and banners: Bronze Wing Australia, Perazzi Australia & SH Shooting, Beretta Australia, Shoot Off Australia, Best, Stewart Gillman Internationale, Clay and Hunt, OSA, J & A Shooting Supplies, Collumbo Shooting and Outdoor Trading Company (OTC). A special mention goes to Mark Coleman, who generously donated the ammunition prizes for the Sub-Junior category. We can have such an outstanding event only through your generosity, and we are most grateful for your contributions.

During the Carnival, attendees were encouraged to complete our online survey. We have read each and every submission and taken all on board, good and bad. Notwithstanding the event's overall success, we have learned many lessons that will be implemented to make Carnival 2025 even better. See you in 2025.

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George Papachristoforos 12 year old Champion at New Zealand Skeet Nationals

George Papachristoforos, a Grade 6 student and member of the Metropolitan Clay Target Club in Melbourne, started his competitive shooting career in June 2024 when he turned 12. Since then, George, who is also a Junior School Sports Captain, has enjoyed competing in the Sporting, Trap and Skeet disciplines. He also loves to shoot in the field.

Coached by his father, George decided to focus on the American Skeet discipline and mostly trains at his home ground of Werribee Clay Target Club, who have been very supportive.

His first Skeet event was 9th June at Echuca where he won C grade in both the Singles and Doubles events. Receiving the sashes at the presentation was a turning point as the fire for competing was lit.



Tasmanian State Titles



Handicap win at Cecil Park Sydney



First Career 100 target at Cecil Park, Sydney

On August 11th, as a B grader, George competed at the Cecil Park Clay Target Club in Sydney, winning his first Handicap event against Australia's top shooters. At this event, he earned his first 100 target break badge and set a modern record for the youngest person to shoot 100 straight in open competition: 12 years and 2 months old.

From that time on, George has been training almost every weekend to improve his shooting. On 19th October George competed at Lake Macquarie Gun Club in Newcastle NSW where he won the Overall A grade and moved up into AA0 grade for Skeet Singles. He was so happy when he told a skeet stalwart, Wayne Petersen, that he made AA0 and Wayne responded by saying: "Welcome to the club, George" and gave him big hug. This was another memorable moment.

On the weekend of October 26, George competed at the Tasmanian State Skeet Carnival, winning the 20g State Skeet Championship with a score of 50/50. He followed up with a strong performance in windy conditions winning the Overall Open State High Gun and the Junior High Gun. George's mother was present, and he was so happy for making her proud.

At just 12 years old, and with two State titles under his belt, George began to see firsthand his hard work paying off.

The following weekend George competed at the South Australia State Skeet titles. At this event, he earned himself two 75 break badges shooting off for the Handicap and the Skeet Doubles titles. Unfortunately, the hot and windy conditions caused havoc, but George managed to shoot a



New Zealand trophies, 100 targets & Juniors

98/100 in the Singles, 50/50 in the Handicap and a 47/50 in the Doubles. Winning the A grade Doubles after a shoot-off, George was happy with his performance and had a chance to become friends with two other very talented juniors: Jack Bateman and Austin Gibbes.

His father promised George that if he put as much effort into his schooling as he did into his shooting, he would take him to New Zealand for the National Skeet Carnival that was being held at Waikato Clay Target Club in Hamilton. The hard work continued both on the scholastic and shooting front as George prepared for the New Zealand Nationals in late November. Prior to leaving for New Zealand, George attended Grade 6 Camp for a week.

Upon arrival at Waikato GC, George was a little overwhelmed by the entire experience and it took some time to find his form. On Friday 22nd November, George competed in the coveted 100 Target National 12g Championship. Being in the third wave, he carefully studied the field he was rostered to shoot and got a good read

on the targets, finally deciding on his shooting lense colour. George started in a strong position posting a straight 25 after his first round. He was ecstatic to shoot his first 25 in New Zealand. Continuing with a maniacal focus, he then shot 50 straight. George was absolutely delighted to be shooting so well, which certainly relieved some pressure.

The last 50 targets were going to be tough for squads shooting late in the day. The weather had turned for the worse with strong winds, a light drizzle, and overcast conditions coming and going. George was not deterred as he had trained in horrible conditions at his home club and learned how to handle wind-affected targets, (as in one training session, his coach had him shoot in strong winds while standing on one leg). After shooting a 25 straight in these conditions, George proved to himself that he could handle the wind if he took that extra millisecond to read the target, and the time to work the target properly.

With a 75 straight and a quick 2–3 minute break to replenish cartridges, George was back into it. He was moving well through the pads until he got to station 4, where on his call the machine malfunctioned. The referee called for a trapper who worked on the high house. Within 10 minutes, which seemed like an eternity, the machine was ready, and George was back on the pad. After seeing a proof target, George broke the high 4 and then the low. He was relieved that he could get back into the zone so quickly. As most skeet shooters know, station 5 can be insidious. Spending a lot of time and running training drills on this pad paid off as stand 5 was shot clean. Moving to stand 6 George continued to stay focused and cleaned this stand too.

At this point George become aware that he had a great chance to shoot the 100 if he could remain focused and not to get to sticky under the pressure. There is no such thing as an easy target. At this point a crowd gathered around the skeet field where the spectators were watching history unfold. Maintaining his hard focus, George shot his last target for the 100 straight, with the gallery erupting in cheers. George was elated to shoot another career 100, but did not know at the time that the highest score with all shooting concluded was 99. Andy Peter, a Legendary New Zealand

Skeet shooter, told George while congratulating him that not only did he shoot the 100 straight, but also won the National title. The news could not have come from a better person as Andy spent some time talking to George in the carpark on the first day and they struck up a good rapport.

George was completely shocked and in disbelief. He asked Andy 3 to 4 times if he had won the National title as it had not sunk in. In that moment, a 12 year old boy, still in primary school, became the youngest Australian to win a National title, setting an unbelievable record that will stand for a long time.

In the clubroom Andy Peter showed him the past luminaries and legends who had their name on the perpetual cup. Andy told George that his name will be engraved on this cup, and he had now joined a group of the most elite shooters going back to 1937.

In under six months of competing, George has earned himself two State titles and one National title, consequently earning 40 Championship Hall of Fame points. Truly an astonishing achievement for any competitor let alone one so young.

When not shooting, George enjoys being your average 12-year-old kid, training in karate twice a week at orange belt grade, riding his bike, playing soccer and tinkering with radio-controlled cars. George is banned from using technology. This is a strict rule that his parents enforce without remorse.

George shoots a 28" Beretta 682 silver action skeet gun that was manufactured in 1985. The gun weighs 4.5kg (or 9.9lbs) in total and he cleans it meticulously after every shoot or practice session. His father who is a part-time gunsmith keeps the gun in service.

He has personalised his firearm with the words "Molon labe" (come and take [them]) across the barrels, a Greek phrase credited to Leonidas I of Sparta on the eve of the Battle of Thermopylae in 480 BC.

George is very proud of what he has achieved thus far and would personally like to thank Mr Gary Jones and Mr Antonio Carta for all their help along his journey. He continues to work towards building his skills and competing with the skeet community he has grown to admire and respect.



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Understanding Atrial Fibrillation: Causes, Symptoms and Treatment Options

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Atrial fibrillation (AFib) is the most common type of irregular heartbeat or arrhythmia, affecting millions of people worldwide. It occurs when the heart's electrical signals become disorganized, leading to rapid and irregular contractions in the heart's upper chambers, called the atria. This condition can increase the risk of stroke, heart failure, and other heart-related complications. Despite its prevalence, AFib often goes undiagnosed, and its symptoms can be subtle or mistaken for other conditions.

This article will explore the causes, symptoms, risk factors, diagnosis, and treatment options for atrial fibrillation, offering a comprehensive guide to understanding the condition and its impact on health.

What Is Atrial Fibrillation?

Atrial fibrillation is a condition where the electrical activity in the atria, the heart's two upper chambers, becomes chaotic and disorganized. Normally, the electrical signals that regulate the heart's rhythm begin in the sinoatrial (SA) node, a specialized area of the right atrium. These signals prompt the atria to contract in a coordinated manner, pushing blood into the ventricles (the heart's lower chambers).

In AFib, however, the electrical signals in the atria fire at an extremely fast and erratic rate, causing the atria to quiver instead of contracting normally. This results in inefficient blood flow into the ventricles,

which may cause a range of symptoms, including dizziness, shortness of breath, and palpitations.

Types of Atrial Fibrillation

There are several types of atrial fibrillation, classified based on their duration and frequency:

1. **Paroxysmal AFib:** This type of AFib comes and goes. Episodes may last for a few minutes to a few hours but typically stop on their own without treatment.
2. **Persistent AFib:** In persistent AFib, the irregular heartbeat lasts for more than seven days and does not stop on its own. It may require medical intervention to restore normal rhythm.
3. **Permanent AFib:** In this case, the irregular heartbeat is constant, and attempts to restore normal rhythm may no longer be effective. Treatment focuses on managing symptoms and reducing the risk of complications.

Causes and Risk Factors

Atrial fibrillation can be caused by various factors, including underlying heart disease, high blood pressure, and other medical conditions. Some of the most common causes and risk factors for AFib include:

- **Heart Disease:** Conditions such as coronary artery disease, heart valve disorders, heart failure, and congenital heart defects can increase the risk of AFib. These conditions may alter the structure or function of the heart, making it more susceptible to arrhythmias. Mitral and tricuspid valve disease in particular are very commonly associated with AFib.
- **High Blood Pressure:** Chronic high blood pressure puts strain on the heart, particularly the atria, increasing the likelihood of AFib.
- **Age:** The risk of AFib increases with age, particularly after the age of 60. Age-related changes to the heart's electrical system may contribute to the development of AFib.
- **Other Medical Conditions:** Diabetes, obesity, sleep apnea, hyperthyroidism, and lung disease are also linked to an increased risk of AFib.

- **Alcohol Consumption:** Excessive drinking, especially binge drinking, can trigger episodes of AFib. This is sometimes referred to as "holiday heart syndrome."
- **Genetic Factors:** A family history of AFib may increase the likelihood of developing the condition.

Symptoms of Atrial Fibrillation

Not everyone with atrial fibrillation experiences noticeable symptoms. However, when symptoms do occur, they can vary in severity and may include:

- **Palpitations:** A sensation of a fast or irregular heartbeat, often described as fluttering or pounding.
- **Shortness of Breath:** Difficulty breathing, especially with physical exertion or when lying down.
- **Fatigue:** A general feeling of tiredness or lack of energy, even with adequate rest.
- **Dizziness or Lightheadedness:** A feeling of being faint or unsteady, which can be caused by inadequate blood flow to the brain.

- **Chest Pain:** In some cases, AFib can lead to chest discomfort or pain, particularly if associated with heart disease.
- **Weakness:** A decrease in physical strength and stamina.

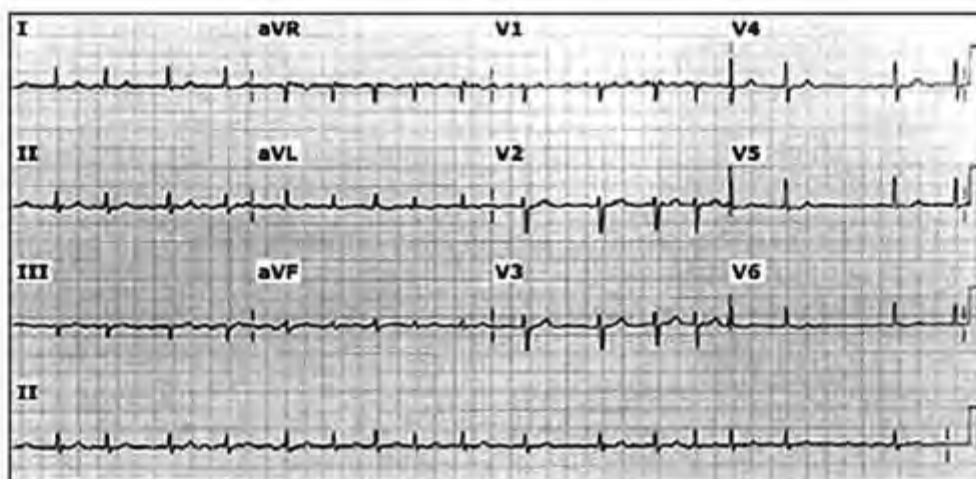
In some cases, AFib may be asymptomatic, meaning a person may not experience any noticeable symptoms but could still be at risk for serious complications like stroke or heart failure. Tragically, a life changing stroke can be the initial symptom.

Diagnosing Atrial Fibrillation

Diagnosing AFib typically begins with a thorough medical history and physical examination. If a doctor suspects AFib, the following tests may be ordered:

- **Electrocardiogram (ECG):** This is the most common test for diagnosing AFib. It records the electrical activity of the heart and can reveal the characteristic irregular rhythm of AFib.
- **Holter Monitor:** A portable ECG device worn for 24 to 48 hours to detect intermittent episodes of AFib.
- **Echocardiogram:** This ultrasound test provides images of the heart's structure and can help

12 lead ECG of atrial fibrillation



The 12 lead ECG shows atrial fibrillation. The QRS complex is narrow, P waves are absent, and the baseline between successive QRS complexes shows irregular coarse "fibrillatory waves." The QRS complexes occur at irregularly irregular intervals.

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identify underlying structural heart conditions that may be contributing to AFib. Often the atria become enlarged with AFib – a sign of mechanical and electrical remodelling which predicts recurrence of the rhythm.

- **Blood Tests:** Blood tests can help rule out conditions such as thyroid problems or electrolyte imbalances that may trigger AFib. An overactive thyroid is a common cause of AFib.
- **Implantable Loop Recorder:** a USB sized device is inserted under the skin and can monitor the heart's rhythm for a few years – it is often used following a stroke, to help determine if AFib was the cause of the stroke thereby necessitating anticoagulation (blood thinners).
- **Sleep Studies:** sleep disordered breathing is a common trigger for AFib, especially for episodes that occur at night. Sleep Apnoea is treatable with weight loss and nasal CPAP masks.

Treatment Options

The treatment of atrial fibrillation focuses on managing symptoms, restoring normal heart rhythm, and reducing the risk of complications like stroke. The approach to treatment varies depending on the type of AFib, the underlying cause, and the overall health of the patient.

1. Medications

- **Rate-Control Medications:** These drugs, such as beta-blockers (e.g., metoprolol, atenolol) or calcium channel blockers (e.g., diltiazem), help control the heart rate and alleviate symptoms like palpitations and shortness of breath.
- **Rhythm-Control Medications:** Also known as antiarrhythmic drugs (e.g., sotalol, flecainide or amiodarone), these medications aim to restore a normal heart rhythm and prevent recurrent episodes of AFib.
- **Anticoagulants:** Since AFib increases the risk of blood clots forming in the atria, anticoagulants (blood thinners) like warfarin, apixaban, dabigatran, or rivaroxaban are often prescribed to reduce the risk of stroke. Warfarin is used less commonly these days with the advent of the newer novel anticoagulants that don't require INR testing. These newer agents are more convenient and have a lower bleeding risk. The novel anticoagulants are inappropriate in the setting of mechanical valves and rheumatic

mitral stenosis which still mandates warfarin therapy.

2. Cardioversion

Cardioversion is a procedure in which a controlled electrical shock is delivered to the heart to restore a normal rhythm. It may be done either through medication (pharmacologic cardioversion e.g. with amiodarone or flecainide) or through an electrical shock (electrical cardioversion). Electrical cardioversion is performed under a quick general anaesthetic.

3. Catheter Ablation

For individuals with persistent or recurrent AFib, catheter ablation may be recommended. This procedure involves inserting a catheter into the heart and using heat or freezing techniques to destroy the areas of heart tissue that are causing the irregular electrical signals. A new technology, Pulse Field Ablation, may provide a safer means of delivering ablative therapy. Ablation is not curative but simply serves to reduce the burden of AFib episodes which can be quite debilitating.

4. Lifestyle Modifications

In addition to medical treatments, making certain lifestyle changes can help manage AFib and reduce its impact on health:

- **Managing underlying conditions:** Keeping blood pressure, diabetes, thyroid problems, sleep apnoea and other conditions well-controlled can reduce the risk of AFib.
- **Diet and Exercise:** A healthy diet, regular exercise, and weight management can help improve overall cardiovascular health.
- **Limiting Alcohol and Caffeine:** Reducing alcohol intake and avoiding excessive caffeine can help prevent AFib episodes.

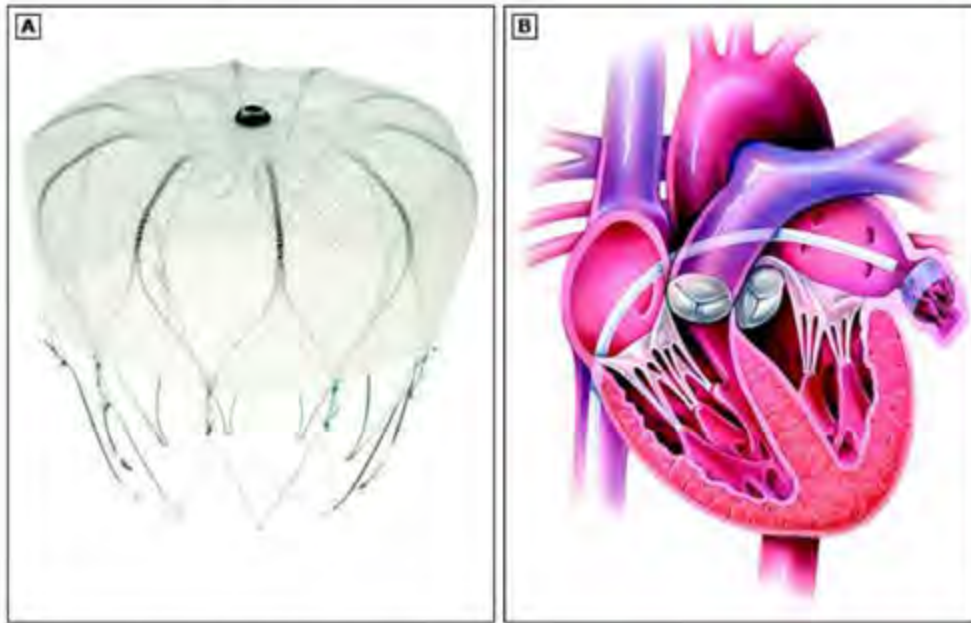
5. Surgical Ablation:

In rare cases, surgery may be required. A surgical procedure known as the MAZE procedure involves creating scar tissue in the heart to disrupt the erratic electrical signals that cause AFib. It is most often combined with other open cardiac surgical procedures such as mitral valve repair. Clipping of the left atrial appendage is usually also performed to further reduce the risk of stroke.

6. Left Atrial Appendage Occlusion (LAAO):

In some cases, patients have a high stroke risk

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(A) Watchman left atrial appendage (LAA) closure technology.

(B) Watchman LAA closure technology in anatomical position.

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from AFib yet have uncontrolled bleeding on the required blood thinners thus necessitating cessation of the anticoagulant. Most of the clot in AFib forms in a pocket called the left atrial appendage. This pocket can be plugged with a mechanical device via the femoral vein. Amulet and Watchman are two such devices that are safe and reliable. Patients can then remain on simple low dose aspirin rather than powerful anticoagulant after a successful LAAO.

Complications of Atrial Fibrillation

If left untreated, atrial fibrillation can lead to serious complications, including:

- **Stroke:** AFib increases the risk of blood clots forming in the heart, which can travel to the brain and cause a stroke. Blood thinners are often prescribed to reduce this risk.
- **Heart Failure:** Over time, the irregular heart rhythm and inefficient pumping can weaken the heart, leading to heart failure.
- **Blood Clots:** In addition to stroke, AFib can

cause blood clots to travel to other areas of the body, leading to potential complications like pulmonary embolism, and emboli to the arms/legs/eyes/gut/spleen/kidneys.

Conclusion

Atrial fibrillation is a serious yet manageable condition. While it can significantly impact a person's quality of life, early diagnosis and effective treatment options can help reduce symptoms and prevent complications. If you experience symptoms of AFib, such as palpitations, dizziness, or shortness of breath, it is important to seek medical attention promptly to ensure proper evaluation and management.

With advancements in treatment, many people with AFib can lead active, healthy lives while minimizing their risk of complications. If you or someone you know is living with atrial fibrillation, working closely with a cardiologist can make a significant difference in managing the condition and improving overall heart health.

Aussies at New Zealand Skeet Nationals

In late November, an intrepid group of Australian shooters headed to the 'Land of the Long White Cloud' to teach those Kiwi's how to shoot at the NZ Skeet Nationals, held at the Waikato Clay Target Club. The Australian contingent was made up of two juniors, Austin Gibbs and George Papachristoforos, lady shooter Lorraine Hughes, and Nigel Hughes, Matt DePaoli, Wayne Peterson, Shane Bennett, Paul An, Brian Clarke and Michael Kruger-Davis.

On the first day, Shane Bennett started the charge by winning the NZ 28 Gauge Skeet Championship HOA. Supported by Lorraine Hughes and Austin Gibbs taking out the Ladies and Junior titles respectively. Austin also finished 3rd in AA grade.

In the afternoon, the .410 bore Championship proved a little harder for the team although Lorraine Hughes and Austin Gibbs again won their respective sections. By the end of day one, the Aussies' presence on the podium was obvious for all to see.

Day two was the 20 Gauge Championship, and at



28 Gauge Overall winner, Shane Bennett with Austin Gibbs (Junior) & Lorraine Hughes (Ladies)

the end of the competition, Matt DePaoli was in the shoot-off for Overall after shooting 99/100 and secured 2nd in AA grade, with Shane Bennett being placed third in AA grade with 98/100. After the event we were part of the gathered audience to see Dean Everett inducted into the NZ Hall of Fame.

Throughout the week the weather was amazing and by that, I mean nothing like I had ever seen before. Sunny skies, dark foreboding clouds, light misty rain,



Hall of Fame: Austin Gibbs, Wayne Peterson, Michael Kruger-Davis, Ray Everett, Nigel Hughes, Dean Everett (inductee), Lorraine Hughes, Shane Bennett and Brian Clarke. (Absent Matt De Paoli, Paul An and George Papachristoforos)

heavy downpours, wind, changing light conditions, sunshine again, and sometimes this happened in the space of completing one round of skeet.

The handicap event was an all-New Zealand affair, so nothing to report here.



NZ Skeet Championship Overall winner, George Papachristoforos, 100/100

Day four saw the highly coveted, main event with the NZ Skeet Championship. At the end of the first 50 targets young George Papachristoforos had come in with 50/50.

I was shooting in the same squad and the focus and dedication to executing each shot was a delight to watch. By the time we went out to shoot the last 50 targets there was quite a gallery

because by this time, George was the only shooter who could come in clean. Over the next two rounds the weather and light changed several times but George was able to hold it together and shoot a very convincing 100/100 to take the NZ Skeet Championship. George has the honour of featuring on the front cover of Clay Target for this month.

This event also housed the two-person and five-person team competition. Shane Bennett and Wayne Peterson were placed 2nd in the 2-person team and the team from New South Wales, Shane Bennett, Wayne Peterson, Austin Gibbs, Paul An and Michael Kruger-Davis won the team event.



NSW Provincial Team: Shane Bennett, Wayne Peterson, Austin Gibbs, Paul An & Michael Kruger-Davis



Junior High Gun Austin Gibbs, with High Gun sponsor Andy Peter

The final day saw the Doubles competition. Paul An was placed 2nd in A grade, Austin Gibbs won the Junior Section and Nigel Hughes won his first veterans section prize.

After the shooting ceased there was only the High Guns to be determined. Austin and Lorraine won their sections: Junior and Ladies. Paul An had to shoot off for the A grade High Gun. The format was 14 targets from station 2 to station 6 using a .410. Paul held his nerve and severely punished each target to claim the A grade High Gun.

A great week was had by all. Excellent targets, great competition, friendly atmosphere, wonderful hospitality.



Psychological Skills for Shooting

by Michael Kruger-Davis

Motivation for Shooters

At the recent New Zealand Hall of Fame Induction for Dean Everett, Dean commented that when he started shooting his goal was not to get into the Hall of Fame. His goal was to shoot well, and by focusing on the process of shooting well, he has now ended up being inducted into the Hall of Fame. At the same ceremony, Andy Peter, who won the NZ Skeet Shooter of the Year, said that to win any award you have to focus on the **process** of shooting: executing every shot with purpose and precision, and by not worrying about the **product** (score, trophy, Hall of Fame, etc), the goals you want to achieve will happen.

Motivation is what drives people to do things and the satisfaction they feel as a result. Biochemically, motivation stems from chemical reactions in response to a stimulus that drives us to resolve the stimulus, e.g. hunger, thirst, and fear. "Almost everything we do is defined by motivation and dopamine (a neurotransmitter made by your body to send messages to nerve cells). Dopamine gives off a pleasure response in order to reinforce behaviour," according to the Head of Performance and Medical at Sydney Kings Basketball, Tom Banfield. Motivation can also be perceived as drive, determination, effort, dedication, resilience, focus, persistence, ambition, and eagerness.

Theories of motivation

Banfield explained there are three theories of motivation all coaches should know when aiming to create a motivating training environment:

1. Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs – Motivation is the result of our desire to fulfil five basic needs, in this order: physiological (water, food, shelter), safety (employment and health), social (team, goals, purpose), esteem (respect and recognition), and self-actualisation (reaching potential, fulfilment, greater good).

2. Self-Determination Theory – Motives are intrinsic, extrinsic, or emotive. Motivation levels to act, perform or learn are highly dependent on autonomy, competence, and relatedness. "The more free an athlete is to do a task, the more motivated they are," said Banfield.
3. Achievement Goal Theory – Motives can be a task (learning, mastery, process, growth) or ego (competence related to the performance of others) orientated. Often athletes compare themselves to others' motives and outcomes.

Role of motivation in athlete development

Motivation needs to be managed and channelled in the right direction to elicit the best performance outcomes.

"Motivating training environments get the most out of their athletes, maximise professionalism and long-term athlete growth, channel a team and/or individual's motivations towards a common goal (unity), and maximise organisational connection," outlined Banfield.

"Intrinsic motivation [doing an activity for its inherent satisfaction] is highly correlated with performance, but extrinsic motivation [reward-driven behaviour] becomes more effective at higher levels of competency. Where and how motivation is channelled will affect performance. This is particularly true regarding risky or destructive behaviours e.g. overtraining, obsession, addiction, fear of failure etc."

Key factors of athlete motivation

Goal setting – Goal setting is an important factor when channelling athlete motivation in the desired direction. It is important to set personal aims but before setting goals coaches must understand what motivates the athlete.

Shooter education – “Athletes are more likely to be motivated to do things if they understand the ‘why’. For the sporting or skeet shooter understanding lead and follow through are essential for good shooting.

Expectations and values – Expectations and values channel athlete motivation. It improves accountability, sets clear standards to aim for, rewards positive behaviour and reduces negative ones. Expectations can come from within, personal expectations, and from outside, expectation of others.

Legacy – Being part of something bigger than yourself is vital for athletes. Often, athletes want to contribute to the sport’s legacy, making history in order to be remembered, and this serves to motivate and maximise performance.”

Fun – It is essential that you enjoy doing your sport to shoot well. Training, practise and competition must also be enjoyable.

Investment – We invest a lot in our shooting. These investments can be financial, the money we spend on our shotgun, ammunition, nominations, travel, accommodation, quality glasses, hearing protection. We also invest a great deal of time.

Practising, training, and shooting competitions take up a lot of time. As with money there is also an opportunity cost with time. We could be doing something else. Finally, we also invest a lot of emotional energy and reputation when we compete a high level.

Basically, motivation for why we shoot is very complex. It doesn’t matter what theoretical approach we take to understand our motivation, there is always a common thread. If we are task-orientated we will focus on the process of what we are doing when we shoot. If we are ego-orientated, we are more likely to focus on the outcomes or the products.

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Break Badges

NAME	HOME CLUB	ACHIEVED AT	BREAK
Bain,D	Gympie	Gympie	Trap 100
Baldwin,M	Townsville	Townsville	Twr 50
Bartley,K	Cessnock	Cessnock	Trap 50
Bradley,M	Newcastle/ Lake Macq	Newcastle/ Lake Macq	Skt 50
Brady,J	Melbourne Cricket	Mornington	Trap 50
Bridge,T	Cessnock	Cessnock	Trap 250
Burns,T	Frankston	Korumburra	Trap 50
Chalmers,M	St Arnaud	St Arnaud	Trap 50
Chinn,D	Woods Point	Woods Point	Twr 50
Cicciari,C	Mornington	Mornington	Trap 75, 100,150
Colwell,G	Gemfields	Blackwater	Trap 50
De Brueys,C	Atherton	Atherton	Trap 50
Gibbs,M	Goondiwindi	Texas	Cont 50
Growcott,S	Bairnsdale	Morwell	Trap 50
Kirley,S	Mansfield	Woods Point	Tower 50

NAME	HOME CLUB	ACHIEVED AT	BREAK
Lendells,L	Mildura	Werribee	SB 50
Maher,C	Richmond River	Richmond River	Trap 50
Mortimer,T	Sydney	Sydney	Trap 50
Murphy,J	Kyneton	Walmer	Trap 50,75
Peterson,G	Wangaratta	Yarrowonga	Trap 50
Pritchard,J	Walcha	Cessnock	Trap 50,75
Rayner,B	Tope End	Darwin	Trap 50
Robinson,L	Yarrowonga	Corowa	Trap 50
Rymill,E	Mount Gambier	SACTA State Carnival	Skt 150
Spencer,R	Richmond River	Richmond River	Trap 100
Swain,S	Melbourne	Mornington	Trap 75
Voutounos,J	Brisbane	Caboolture	Trap 50,75
Woods,S	Woods Point	Woods Point	Trap 50
Yarrow,J	Townsville	Townsville	Tower 50, 75,100



Craig Jennings Memorial Shoot

Maryborough & District Gun Club



Craig was the type of person you couldn't help but like and admire, he was always amicable and always ready to put up his hand when something needed doing. In Australia, to say someone was a "Bloody Good Bloke" is offering the highest praise. Craig was one of these blokes. Sadly, as we reported last year, Craig died as a result of an accident on the 4th November 2023 on his way to a sporting shoot. He is greatly missed.

Craig who was the son of Bruce and Kaye Jennings, stalwarts of the Maryborough Gun Club, agreed to a Memorial shoot in his honour after both McPherson's Printing Group where he worked as a manager and the Maryborough Highland Society, where he was a director, approached Kaye and Bruce indicating that they would consider it a privilege and honour to donate a Perpetual Cup, event sashes and sponsorship support for a shoot to be held in his memory.

Craig's passion in shooting was the Sporting discipline, and at Maryborough that discipline is Compak. Maryborough is a branch member of Sporting Clays Australia, and after discussions with their



McPherson's Printing Group's Tony Anderson, Overall Robert Hall, Maryborough Highland Society's Bruce Kaye



Craig's father, Bruce Jennings

Executive management it was agreed that Maryborough could hold an event that allowed not only registered SCA shooters to attend and compete, but those shooters from other Associations including the ACTA and friends of Craig, who did not in fact belong to any Association. The one stipulation was that every non-member

shooter had to sign a visitor's book. This proved to be a great strategy, as we provided a visitors book which allowed every shooter and visitor to sign it. The book was later given to Bruce and Kaye as a keepsake of this first memorial shoot.

With the knowledge that there could be a large shooter attendance the Club managed to set up four Compak layouts, notably with the loan of five traps and accessories for the fourth ground by Peter Hall and Phil Toose. We would like to thank Phil and Peter for this assistance. With the help of Phil and a couple of shooters, not members of the Maryborough Club, namely Nathan Stuchbree and Daniel Pollard along with the the regular dedicated group of Maryborough members, all four layouts



AA Grade 1st Travis Gull



A Grade 1st Nathan Cassells



B Grade 1st John Handley



C Grade 1st Connor Joseph

were set and ready to go on the Friday afternoon. It would be fair to say that all four layouts were interestingly varied with a good array of standard and exotic targets. A big thank you to all those who helped with the setting up.

With this time of year and with weather conditions being exceptional for harvest, many shooters from the farming community of country Victoria were unable to attend, however competitor numbers were still very much above our normal sporting days.

The event got underway around 9.30am and ran smoothly all day, only pausing midway through to reload traps.

At the end of the event and with only one shoot-off to delay the presentations the winner of the Inaugural Craig Jennings Perpetual Cup was announced. It was no surprise to see Robert Hall step forward to accept this award. Robert was the ACTA National Sporting Clays Champion in 2023 and is known throughout the sport as one of the truly great sporting shots. He will represent the ACTA as a member of their International Travelling Team to Canada in 2025 and was a member of the ACTA All Australian Team in 2024.

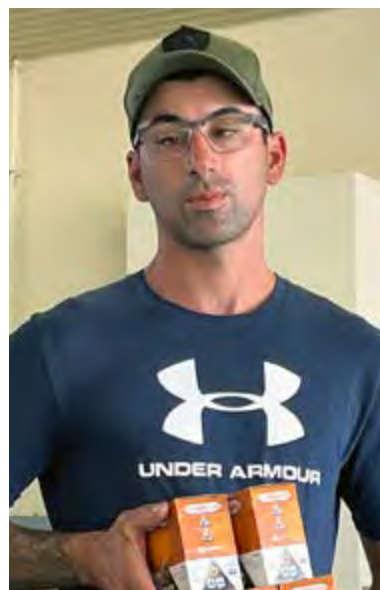
At this time in the presentations, the representative



AA Grade 2nd Nathan Stuchbree



A Grade 2nd Brian Taylor



B Grade 2nd Chris Cefai



C Grade 2nd Darren Anderson



Veteran Craig Steven



Juniors Jett Beagley

community. They then proceeded to assist with the winner presentations.

Robert finished with a score of 90/100 taking the Overall, while Travis Gull, a Maryborough member who is dominating Maryborough events at this time, proved that he could also shoot sporting by taking away the AA sash and trophy with a score of 85/90. Second in AA went to Nathan Stuchbree from Castlemaine 91/110 after a shoot-off. Maryborough Club President Nathan Cassells won A grade 88/100, beating Brian (Mick) Taylor, also a Maryborough member, who finished with a score of 84/100. B grade went to John Handley 88/100 relegating Chris Cefai to second place.

Connor Joseph 67/100 won C grade from Darren Anderson Maryborough.

The Junior prize went to Jett Beagley from Bendigo 62/100, the Ladies prize to Ashleigh Hansen, Craig Stephen, Bendigo 79/100, won the Veteran and the Super Veterans went to Bryan Rafferty, Maryborough 82/100.

Prizes were also awarded to our target only shooters who were not registered with any shooting organisation. These prizes were donated by Daniel Pollard, thank you Daniel. First place in this section went to Craig's son Matthew Jennings who shot a credible 58/100, a score that beat some of the more regular shooters and that consequently relegated his brother Brendan to second place. David Carter, after



Super Veteran Bryan Rafferty

from McPhersons Printing Group, Tony Anderson, and Bruce Kaye from the Maryborough Highland Society were called upon to say a few words. Both Bruce and Tony spoke with great humility and admiration of Craig and his achievements as part of the Maryborough



Craig's family, L-R: brother Daniel, son Brendan, Mum Kaye, son Matthew, Dad Bruce





Ladies Ashleigh Hansen



Matthew Jennings



David Carter



Brendan Jennings

a fierce 4th round battle for supremacy over his father Daryl, finished third.

A relatively minor part of the day's event was the final of the Bendigo–Maryborough Annual Sporting Challenge. Although Bendigo was in the lead after round 1, Maryborough stormed to the front on their home ground to take the coveted trophy for consecutive years. Maryborough team members were, Nathan Cassells, Travis Gull, Mick Taylor, Bryan Rafferty and Phil Stowe.

The Club would like to thank all those who assisted during the running of the day's event, and to those who helped with the packing up, a tedious task at the end of each sporting day. Thank you also to the Maryborough Gun Club ladies, Jacinta who ensured that all was in readiness for the day, and to those who tirelessly provided shooters and visitors with a fabulous range of food and drink over the day. Thank you Kaye, Jude, Renee and Natalie.

Finally, to Bruce, Kaye and the Jennings family, thank you for allowing Maryborough the honour of running this Memorial shoot and also for your participation in the prize donations which you made available. We hope you will remember the day fondly and remember that we are all still thinking of Craig.



Maryborough, winners of the Bendigo–Maryborough Annual Sporting Challenge.
L-R: Nathan Cassells, Bryan Rafferty, Travis Gull, Mick Taylor, Phil Stowe

3 Event Program Maryborough GC

Weather conditions on this day made you think “what a great day, I should probably be fishing”, however those thoughts aside, shooters who did compete, had a good day and enjoyed our 3 event program.

The first event on the program, the 20 target Points Score Cash Divide, has become the standard opening event at our monthly DTL shoots. Kane Evans from Castlemaine and Brett Williams from the Beaufort Club each shot 59/60 and shared the first and second divisions of the prize pool. The third place was consequently shared by Travis Gull, one of our local members, and Darren Watts also Maryborough, who both shot 57/60.

In event 2, the 25 target Double Barrel Championship, the overall win went to Travis Gull after a shoot-off finishing with a score of 27/27, with Mark Collins, Maryborough, running second in AA grade. Maryborough member Lachy Hurse won A grade shooting 24/25, Darren Watts placed second. Wayne Calaby registered with Bordertown took away the B grade sash and prize with a score of 24/25, and Brett Williams scoring another win for the day

ran second. C grade second went to Russell Matthews from Castlemaine who shot a possible but lost the shoot-off for overall. Emmett Ferguson, a new Maryborough junior shooter, shot 22/25 to take home second place in C grade.

The third event for the day was a 25 target Points Score Championship. Travis Gull once again took the overall sash and trophy finishing with a score of 93/96 after a shoot-off with Brett Williams. Mark Collins again finished second in AA. Darren Watts won A grade on 71/75 with Lachy Hurse running second.

B grade naturally went to Brett Williams 90/96 with Brendan Johnson taking home second place. Russell Matthews won his second C grade sash for the day.

Travis Gull was unbeatable for the day’s overall High Gun with a great score of 199/204. The Junior High Gun went to Emmett Ferguson and the Veteran to Jim Shepherd.



Lachlan Hurse,
Double Barrel



Travis Gull,
Double Barrel & Points Score



Russell Matthews,
Double Barrel & Points Score



Brett Williams,
Double Barrel & Points Score



Mark Collins,
Double Barrel & Points Score



Brendan Johnson,
Points Score



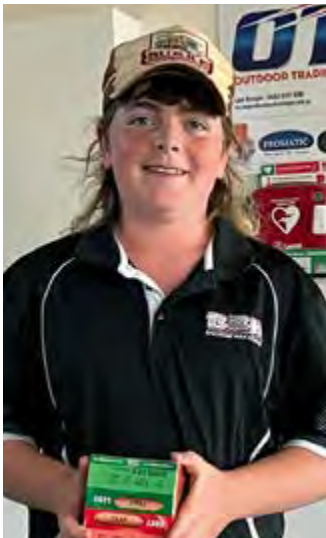
Darren Watts,
Points Score



Wayne Calaby,
Double Barrel



Travis Gull,
Overall High Gun



Emmett Ferguson,
Double Barrel & Junior High Gun

Once again shooters appreciated the efforts of Jacinta working in the Club canteen. For many the food and drink was the best part of their day. Thank you Jacinta.

The first DTL shoot for 2025 will take place on Saturday January 25th at 12.30 pm. Check out the MCMS app for program details.



ACTA MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Re-registering ACTA Members are reminded that Memberships are due before the 31st December 2024 for the 2025 year.

The registration form is available on page 94 of this magazine and may then be submitted to your Club Secretary for processing. Membership is also available online, simply go to the ACTA website, under QUICK LINKS, in the dropdown menu choose MYPAGE and login. Most members will use their ACTA shooter number as their ID, fill in your password or apply for another if you have forgotten, choose RENEWMEMBERSHIP and follow the prompts.



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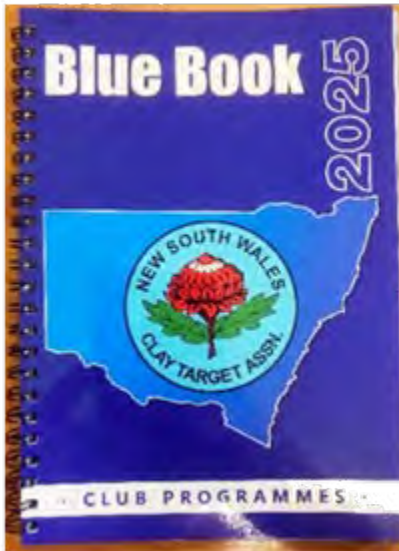


WARATAH NOTES

NSWCTA. Phone: 02 69319980. Email: nswcta@bigpond.com

Hello Shooters,

I can't believe I am typing out the Waratah Notes for January 2025, it only feels like we just started 2024 not that long ago . . .



Orders for the 2025 Blue Book are now being taken.

They are \$12 each and can be mailed to your door.

If you are interested in purchasing

a copy, please send an email to the State Office with your address and mobile number.

Email: secretary@nswcta.org

Any NSW shooters who are planning on attending either the Skeet or Trap Nationals next year in Western Australia, the NSWCTA is applying for a Group Permit through WA Firearms Registry.

If you would like to take the hassle out of this process, please email Kathleen at the State Office on secretary@nswcta.org for details.

All applications will need to be received by 31st January 2025.

We have finally confirmed our Major Shoot Dates for 2025:

Save the Date

NSW State Carnivals for 2025

NSW State ISSF Championships - 22-23rd March at Sydney International Shooting Centre

NSW State Sporting Clays - 29-30th March at Singleton Clay Target Club

NSW State Skeet - 23-25th May at Wagga Wagga



Competition Results



WACTA

Peel Gun Club 15/11/2024

A little cold, somewhat windy. (110): 60T CONT: OA: R Herridge 59/90; AA: P Luis 58/60, G Kelly 58/60, T Morris 54/60; A: B Whitcroft 64/67, W Kuser 63/67, M Kamo 62/66; B: B Morris 55/60, B Paterson 54/60, N Edwards 53/60; C: P Bainbridge 55/60, B Ginbey 54/60, B Caporn 57/64; 60T PS CONT Commonwealth: OA: C Shales 166/180; AA: S Gee 176/192, T Burnard 173/192, C Simpson-Smith 170/189; A: D Andersson 166/186, B Whitcroft 165/186, L Smith 155/180; B: D Armstrong 157/183, P Clifford 154/183, M Bowles 155/186; C: B Caporn 158/180, C Waldburger 155/180, K Tuckey 140/180. 60T DB: OA: S Colagiuri 60/60; AA: N Blake 59/60, S Gee 59/61, H Skerris 58/61; A: B Whitcroft 72/73, W Kuser 71/73, D Andersson 70/72; B: R Herridge

61/63, J Gentle 60/63, A Wroe 58/61; C: K Tuckey 57/60, L Ryan 56/60, B Ginbey 56/60; 75T Medley Ch/Ch: OA: O Ross 120/125; AA: G Walker 143/150, G Kelly 140/150, G O'Brien 118/125; A: G Smith 118/125, B Whitcroft 141/150, K Smith 137/150; B: D Cardwell 112/125, R Herridge 110/125, R Carstairs 106/125; C: L Ryan 112/125, B Ginbey 109/125, K Tuckey 107/125; 30T SB: OA: P Luis 41/42; AA: N Blake 40/42, S Gee 31/33, G O'Brien 34/36; A: F Pradera 37/39, R Guadagnino 33/35, J Currell 29/31; B: C Shales 33/35, S Keith 32/35, D Vrolyk 28/30; C: B Ginbey 28/30, P Bainbridge 27/30, A Anderson 26/30; HG: OA: B Whitcroft 364/395; AA: S Gee 362/395; A: G Smith 353/395; B: C Shales 357/395; C: K Tuckey 328/395; JNR: J Evans: 237/395; LAD: A Wroe 332/395; VET: G O'Brien 356/395.

Fleming 31/32, W Evans 23/25; HG: G Kessegian 142/150.

South Australian 10/11/2024

Warm, Still (20): 50T SKT: A: L Forza 49/50; B: T Carlesso 43/50; C: S Zerafa 40/50; 25T CONT: AA: G Coppola 25/25; A: R Borzillo 32/35, P Marmorale 31/35; B: B Quinzi 24/25; C: S Kokotis 21/25; VET: B Mudge 23/25; 25T SB: AA: R Warden 24/25; A: R Borzillo 27/28, T Carlesso 26/28; B: B Quinzi 23/25, L Schubert 18/26; C: R Leake 20/25; VET: P Marmorale 21/25; 50T DB: OA: D Oliviero 77/77; AA: R Warden 49/50, G Coppola 48/50; A: D Oliviero 77/77, T Carlesso 76/77; B: B Quinzi 49/50, B Mudge 46/50; C: D Robinson 38/50, R Leake 36/50; VET: P Marmorale 49/50; HG: B Quinzi 96/100.

Southern 23/11/2024

Fine & Windy (63): 25T DB: AA: R Clark 33/34, B Sims 32/33, D Ryan 44/45; A: J Higgins 31/31, T Carlesso 30/31, M Sutton 24/25; B: G Carter 29/30, B Mudge 28/30, S Byrnes 27/29; C: R Morgan 25/25, G Morgan 24/25, A Souter 24/25; 25T PS: AA: R Clark 75/75, B Sims 73/75; A: M Sutton 75/75, T Carlesso 74/75, B: G Carter 72/76, K Anderson 71/76; C: R Morgan 75/75, M McEwen 74/75; 25T CONT: AA: L Higgins 49/49, D Ryan 48/49; A: R Smeda 24/25, J Higgins 24/26; B: K Anderson 24/25, G Carter 23/25; C: R Morgan 23/25, M McEwen 23/25; 25T HC: N West 29/29, G Carter 28/29, M Sutton 26/27; 75T Ch/Ch: AA: B Sims 121/125, R Clark 117/125, L Higgins 114/125; A: R Smeda 117/125, M Sutton 112/125, L Higgins 114/125; B: G Carter 110/125, G Schmidt

96/125, R Frocione 95/125; C: A Souter 104/125, M McEwen 102/125, R Umback 99/125; HG: B: Sims 265/275.

Southern Yorke Peninsula 17/11/2024

Extremely windy (12): 25T SKT HC: IST: L Decandia 25/25, 2ND: S Bowley 23/25, 3RD: S Neeskens 22/25; 50T SKT DBLS: A: M Raper 42/50; B: D McPherson 41/50, A Winen 35/50; C: L Decandia 37/50, S Bowley 36/50; 25T SKT: AA/A: M Raper 22/25, D McPherson 17/25; B: L Decandia 21/25, A Winen 20/25; C: L Leong 19/25, S Bowley 18/25; OA HG: M Raper 84/100; JNR OA HG: X Leong 55/100.

Southern Yorke Peninsula 08/12/2024

Pleasant light winds (7): 100T S/C: AA: A Winen 92/100, A Salmeron 91/100; B: T Johnson 89/100, T Haggerty 76/100; C: L Leong 74/100, S Neeskens 62/100; OA HG: A Winen 92/100; JNR OA HG: X Leong 72/100.

Wilkawatt 08/12/2024

Sunny (26) (17): 30T SB: AA: L Batten 30/30, D Beelitz 27/30; A: B Peter 28/30, G Carter 26/30; B: V Batten 27/30, K Pfeiffer 25/30; C: K Simon 23/30, A Ellman-Brown 27/35; OA: L Batten 30/30.

Wilkawatt 10/11/2024

Sunny (27) (26): 100T MXD: AA: R Andrews 146/150, M Batten 142/150; A: D Morgan 147/150, B Peter 142/150; B: R Batson 145/150, R Ahrns 143/150; C: R Hammat 141/150, A Volkoff 130/150; OA: D Morgan 147/150; HG: LAD: V Batten 135/150; JNR: A Knight 121/150; VET: R Andrews 146/150.



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Bordertown 24/11/2024

(30): 50T CONT CS: OA & A: S Chambers 50/50, J Hawker 48/50; AA: A Hawker 50/50, G Height 51/52; B: R Atkinson 48/50, S Megaw 46/52; C: C Dodson 49/56, M McGrice 48/56; 50T DB: AA: A Hawker 50/50, W Hawker, K Hawker 74/75; A: E Yetman 55/56, J Hawker 54/56; B: R Atkinson 49/50, T Downing 47/50; C: M Rudd 47/50, P Sanders 45/50; Best C Jun: C Dodson 83/100; HG: A Hawker 100/100.

Monarto. 17/11/2024

2l deg C and very windy. (47): Ryan Foster Memorial: Iraq & Afghanistan Remembrance Cup: 100T DB: OA: R Damin 100/100; AA: R Clark 96/100, T Dunn 135/141; A: R Damin

100/100, R Fischer 96/100; B: J Maffia 97/100, P Kay 92/100; C: R Umback 86/100, A Volkoff 84/100; JNR: V Batten 86/100; LAD: M Bretag 93/100; VET: D Oliviero 94/100.

Mount Gambier 09/11/2024

Fine (36): 50T B/T: AA: W Lindner 44/50, G Height 44/50; A: J Kent 45/50, G Kessegian 44/50; B: D Murrell 47/50, H Megaw 43/50; C: T Crouch 41/50, S Megaw 38/55; 25T PS: AA: A Hoare 104/108, T Jenkins 103/108; A: G Kessegian 73/75, H Megaw 85/93; B: B Spring 77/84, D Robertson 74/84; C: R Fleming 73/75, W Wombwell 68/75; 25T CONT: OA & AA: T Jenkins 59/59, W Lindner 58/59; A: G Kessegian 25/25, K Atkin 23/25; B: B Spring 23/25, S Megaw 27/30; C: R



VCTA

Ararat 02/10/2024

Fine but windy (20); 10T E/O PS CD: R Hague 30/30, P Arbaci 30/30; 80T Mxd: A: R McInerney 156/160, M Collins 175/180; B: K Malcolm 149/160, B Sands 144/160; C: M Sutherland 145/160, R Hague 144/160; OA: R McInerney 156/160; HG: OA: P Arbaci 185/190; LAD: T Perry 144/190; VET: K Malcolm 175/190.

Ararat 07/12/2024

Dull but fine (33): 10T PS E/O CD: G Coburn 30/30, S Holdsworth

30/30; 20T P/S Gr CS: AA: J Nixon 66/66, V Moore 69/72; A: I Tebble 60/60, B Dean 55/60; B: G Pike 57/60, M Walls 55/60; C: A Wohlers 51/60, A Long 49/60; OA: J Nixon 66/66; 30T MXD: AA: J Nixon 49/50, S Ringin 48/50; A: B Dean 48/50, I Tebble 46/50; B: R Jorgensen 47/50, L Cook 45/50; C: A Wohlers 41/50, L Ralph 41/50. OA: J Nixon 49/50; HG: OA: J Nixon 138/140; LAD: V Moore 120/140; VET: R Jorgensen 127/140.



South Australian Clay Target Association Inc.

STATE DTL CARNIVAL

30th January – 2nd February 2025

Venue: State Shooting Park, Carmelo Road, Buckland Park Virginia
MCMS nominations opening in December

Pre Nominations close Wednesday 29th January - **\$20 one time fee to nom on the day**

Thursday 11-00 a.m

Event 1 SACTA “DRC Imports & PullBang” State Champion of Champions

75 targets from 18m

MCMS nominations Open \$75 & L,V \$70, Jnrs free

SACTA AGM – commences ½ hour after presentations of event



Friday 9-00 a.m

Event 2 SACTA “Fisher Firearms” 25 Pair State Double Rise Championship

MCMS nominations Open \$50 & L,V \$45, Jnrs free



Event 3 SACTA 50tgt State Handicap 1st – 5th

MCMS nominations Open \$50 & L,V \$45, Jnrs free

Event Z: Zone Teams Match – immediately after conclusion of these events

Saturday 8:30 a.m

Event 4 SACTA “Beretta Australia” 50tgt State Single Barrel Championship

MCMS nominations Open \$50 & L,V \$45, Jnrs free



Event 5 SACTA 50tgt State Double Barrel Championship

MCMS nominations Open \$50 & L,V \$45, Jnrs free

Shot to completion under lights if necessary

Sunday 8am

Event M: Bobby & Linda Andrews Trophy db, sb, pts, d/r, h'cap Eligibility applies

Event 6 SACTA “Goolwa PipiCo” 50tgt State Point Score Championship

MCMS nominations Open \$50 & L,V \$45, Jnrs free



Event T: Postal Teams Match - Open, L,V,J – Selection over Events 4,5 & 6

Over All High Gun & All Grade High Guns Sponsored by- **MITRE 10**

State Sash and Silver Badge for Overall Events 1 – 6

1st & 2nd events 1,2,4,5,6. 1st L/V/J in events 1,2,4,5,6. Categories sponsored by **Tapscott Rural Fencing**
High Guns - Overall, AA,A,B,C & L/V/J events 1 – 6

Juniors - Free Noms & eligible for all trophies L,V,J are entitled to overall, grades and categories **Jnr HG Collumbo Shooting**

Ladies High Gun sponsored by **Luke Higgins Optometry**

Life Membership, SACTA Junior Scholarship, Presidential Medal presented on Saturday

SACTA appreciates the support of all sponsors above & below for our 2025 State Carnival:

STATE SHOOTING



Bob & Linda Andrews TROPHY

BOB & LINDA ANDREWS
State silver badges

**** Camping on grounds – NO Power available ****

Enquiries please contact: Secretary, Deb McPherson (M) 0411 615 369 - President, Len DeCandia 0412 512 440

For further information – SACTA – www.sacta.com.au

AFFILIATED WITH THE AUSTRALIAN CLAY TARGET ASSOCIATION Inc

Mount Gambier Gun Club

TWO DAY SUPERSHOOT

11th & 12th January 2025

- MAJOR SPONSORS -



Pick Ave Deli & Bakery
WINCHESTER
South West Freight
Mount Gambier & District
Community Bank
Zema Wines
Trident Tyre Centre



OVERALL HIGH GUN \$600 cash + ctg fridge
\$200 cash for AA, A, B, C, V, L

Major Sponsor - **Greg Kessegian - Ken Atkin**

Junior Sponsor - **Scott Fleming**

\$22,000 in value of prizes to be won

Zema wines, Winchester cartridges, Cash
4 wheel drive accessories & more

All Events graded AA, A, B, C - prizes 1st to 5th

SATURDAY 11TH JANUARY 2025 - PRACTICE 9 AM, START 10 AM

Event 1: 25 tgt Points Score - Sponsored by Pick Ave Deli & Bakery

Event 2: 25 tgt Single Barrel - Sponsored by Bendigo Bank

Event 3: 25 tgt Double Barrel - Sponsored by South West Freight

Canteen available as usual Saturday/Sunday

Free Saturday night roast dinner for shooters and family

SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2025 - START 9.30 AM

Event 4: 25 tgt Single Barrel - Sponsored by Zema Wines

Event 5: 25 tgt Points Score - Sponsored by Winchester

Event 6: 25 tgt Continental - Sponsored by Trident Tyre Centre

High Gun over events 1-6, Overall, AA, A, B, C, Veteran, Lady & Junior

Practice available from 1pm Friday 10th

\$500 cash for the George Yoey Club Team 5

Same Club - 1 member from each AA, A, B, C and 1 from either Vet, Lady, Junior

Nominations Discounted to \$200 for Open, Vet, Lady & Junior \$180 whole program

"We would like to thank all our sponsors for their generous support"

Info Contact: Max Medhurst - 0409 670 534 - Jamie Dunn - 0429 775 008

Committee reserves the right to alter the program if necessary

Bendigo 2/11/2024

(45): 50T DB CS: OA: A R Hosking 111/111, S Ringin 91/92; AA: R Peatling 88/89, J Maxwell 82/83; B: M Easton 110/111, P Johnston 93/94; C: J Murphy 45/50, P Harrison 44/50; 25T PS CS: OA & AA: K Gillespie 87/88, L Vella 80/81; A: R Bartholomew 86/87, C Bartlett 74/75; B: W Boschetti 73/74, C Jones 81/84; C: J Giudice 73/75, J Murphy 72/75; 50T SB CS: Tony Moroni Memorial: OA & A: B Matthews 55/56, R Hosking 54/56; AA: T Knight 53/55, K Gillespie 52/55; B: P Johnston 51/55, C Jones 50/55; C: J Murphy 40/50, J Giudice 34/50; HG: K Gillespie 173/175; JNR HG: R Davis 158/175.

Callawadda/Stawell 16/11/2024

Hot and Windy (24): 50T North West Zone CONT PS: OA: A: P Reading 146/150, I Heard 141/150, G Powell 126/150; AA: R Lehmann 142/150, W Hawker 139/150, D Bertalli 134/150; B: J Rayner 144/150, L Reyne 133/150, G Pyke 130/150; C: D Harris 115/150, M Perry 105/150, R Hounsell 99/150; 50T DB CONT CS: OA & AA: R Lehmann 49/50, C Jorgensen 48/50, L Ralph 46/50; A: P Reading, C Dunn 47/50, I

Heard 45/50; B: L Reyne 58/60, M Walls 57/60, K Malcolm 43/50; C: D Harris 38/50, M Perry 31/50, N Reading 19/50; OA HG: P Reading 194/200.

Cosgrove 15/11/2024

Beautiful (19): 100T Twilight/Night PS CS: AA: R Wojtowycz 292/300, R Peatling 311/327; A: C Bartlett 283/300, J Ford 279/300; B: M Carr 275/300, M Bilney 262/300; C: D Humphreys 251/300, J Avery 244/300.

Euroa 08/12/2024

Windy (35): 20T Gr TWR PS: AA: F Heinze 53/60, S Stokes 49/50; A: D Clark 56/60, S Towers 44/50; B: G McClure 55/60, J Foulkes 50/60; C: C Petersen 56/60, T McGrath 46/50; 25T Gr DB: AA: F Heinze 33/33, A Rohrlach 32/33; A: K Elwood 24/25, S Towers 24/26; B: L Tonks 36/36, G McClure 35/36; C: R Stackhouse 25/25, J Avery 24/25; 20T HC: 1st S Wilson 21/21, 2nd P Elwood 20/21, 3rd J Foulkes 28/29; BM: F Heinze 17/20; 20Pr DD's: R Stackhouse & J Avery 20/20, L Fitzgerald & L Fitzpatrick 27/29.

Maryborough 23/11/2024

(16): 20T PS CD: K Evans, B Williams 59/60, M Collins T Gull

57/60, D Watts 56/60. 25T DB CS: OA/AA: T Gull, 2nd AA M Collins; A: L Hurse, D Watts 23/25; B: W Calaby 24/25, B Williams 23/25; C: R Matatews 26/27, E Ferguson 22/25. 25T PS CS: OA/AA 93/96, 2nd AA M Collins 70/75; A: D Watts 71/75, L Hurse 62/75; B: B Williams 90/96, B Johnson 71/75; C: R Matthews 70/75, J Shepherd 66/75. HG: OA T Gull 199/204; JNR: E Ferguson 130/160; VET: J Shepherd 141/16.

Melbourne 23/11/2024

Partly Cloudy (33): 25T SKT: A: R Hunter 17/25; B: G McClure 22/25, G Hunt 20/25; C: A Reading 20/25, D Signorotto 18/25; 25T PS: OA: B De Pedro 125/125; AA: G Hunt 74/75, D Appleby 73/75; A: D Ball 74/75, B Tridgell 72/75; B: J Dagher 77/84, C Cicciani 76/84; C: A Reading 69/75, L Tingate 67/75; 25T SB: OA: D Naylor 34/34; AA: R Hunter 33/34, B De Pedro 25/26; A: L Primavera 24/25, P Beaman 29/31; B: C Cicciani 23/25, J Wilkie 23/26; C: B Battle 22/25, T Siler 21/25; 25T DB: OA: B De Pedro 53/53; AA: G Hunt 32/33, J Maiolo 31/32; A: L Quirk 52/53, L Primavera 38/39; B: A Dragoli 38/39, M Carr 37/39; C: M Incani 25/26, B Calvi 24/25; 25T MXD

METERAGE: 1: D Appleby 25/25; 2: C Anderson 24/25; 3: C Skinner 23/24.

Melbourne 30/11/2024

Rain and Cloud (19): (20): 50T MXD (25T SB 25T PS): OA & A: D Ball 99/100, D Johnston 96/100; B: P Reed 93/100, R Williams 89/100; C: P Mills 91/100, L Harrison 84/100; 25T DB: A: D Ball 36/38, B Tridgell 30/32; OA & B: M Rocca 38/39, N Court 31/33; C: P Mills 23/25, L Harrison 21/25; 25T HC: 1: L Quirk 25/25; 2: L Primavera 24/25; 3: J Schipano 23/25.

Melbourne 23/11/2024

Rain and Sun (27): (46): 100T SKT: AA & OA: R Miller 95/100, R Sammon 94/100; A: S Caldwell 87/100, T Sarris 86/100; B: R Ould 76/100; C: L Watson 74/100, T Pelosi 71/100; 25T PS: AA: S Incani 74/75, R Jackson 68/75; A & OA: D Ball 75/75, L Quirk 70/75; B: R Williams 74/75, P Reed 79/81; C: V Buxton 69/75, D Verhagen 65/75; 25T SB: AA: D Burnett 21/25, R Jackson 27/32; A: D Johnston 24/26, D Ball 23/26; B: M Carr 22/25, R Williams 21/25; C: V Buxton 22/25, B Battle 19/25; 50T DB: AA: D Burnett 50/52, S Incani 52/55; A: L Quirk 51/54, D Ball 50/54; B & OA: S Pellegrino

North East Zone/V.C.T.A. JANUARY 2025 PROGRAM

SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY

Numurkah Shepparton 11:00am
90tgt Medley, 30 D/B, 30 P/S, 30 S/B

SUNDAY 12TH

Echuca 10:00 am

50tgt P/S

25tgt S/B

25tgt H/cap

9:30am: 50tgt Skeet Gr C/ship

50tgt Skeet H/cap

Euroa 10:30 am

30tgt D/B C/ship

30tgt S/B C/ship

20tgt H/cap Trophy, 1-3, BM

Please note: Shoot cancelled if

Total Fire Ban

Yarrowonga 11:00 am

100tgt D/B

FRIDAY 17TH

Cosgrove 6:30pm

25tgt Twilight D/B C/ship

25tgt NEZ Night S/B C/ship

25tgt NEZ Night P/S C/ship

SATURDAY 18TH

Mathoura 11:00am

50tgt D/B C/ship, OA, 3 gr

50tgt P/S C/ship, OA, 3 gr

Wangaratta 10:30am

30tgt S/B

30tgt H/Cap

30tgt D/B

SUNDAY 19TH

Kyneton 11:00am

50tgt D/B Gr C/ship

50tgt P/S Gr C/ship

Mansfield 10:30 am

75tgt John Howie Mem. Ch/Ch, 18m

25tgt NEZ Cont. P/S C/ship

O/A High Gun, ev. 2&3

TUESDAY 21ST

NEZ delegates meeting 7:30 pm

Middle Hotel, Tatura

SUNDAY 26TH

Colbinabbin 11:00 am

Australia Day/Local Charity Donation Shoot

25tgt P/S C/D

25tgt S/B C/ship

50tgt D/B C/ship

MONDAY 27TH

Bendigo 9:00 am

Australia Day Shoot

See major advert

Preliminary Notice

2025 North East Zone Trap Carnival

Saturday 15th February – Bendigo

C.T.C. 9:00am Start

25tgt D/B, 25tgt H/C, 25tgt S/B,

25tgt P/S

O/A.L.J.V. High Guns,

Zone Teams Selections

Main advert next month's edition



2025 VICTORIAN STATE SKEET CARNIVAL

23rd January to 26th January 2025

Hosted by Melbourne Gun Club



192 Victoria Road, Yering

Ph: 03 9739 1771 E: info@melbournegunclub.com W: www.melbournegunclub.com

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

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

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

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|-----------------|--|-----------|---------|----------|
| Event 5. | 100 Target 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

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

Bendigo Clay Target Club

Celebrate

AUSTRALIA DAY

on the 27th January 2025 at our
AUSTRALIA DAY shoot



AMMO

Practice 8.30am sharp
Competition 9.00am sharp



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Event 1 **30 Tgt Australia Day Double Barrel Championship**

Noms \$50, Red \$45



Graded O/A, AA, A, B, C

Overall – \$500

1st each remaining Grade – \$400

2nd each Grade – \$200

Kindly Sponsored by Warren Builders Pty Ltd



Event 2 **25 Tgt Australia Day Handicap**

Noms \$25



1st – \$500, 2nd – \$250,

3rd – \$150, 4th – \$100, 5th – \$50

Sponsored by Bendigo Mitsubishi & Shaun Dempsey

Event 3 **30 Tgt Australia Day Points Score Championship**

Noms \$30, Red \$25



Graded O/A, AA, A, B, C

1st each Grade – 500 Shotshells

2nd each Grade – 250 Shotshells

Sponsored by Outdoor Trading Company – Lee Berger



Overall High Gun – Sash & Trophy
plus Ladies High Gun – *Sponsored by Moama Florist*
plus Junior & Veteran High Guns



Please note: Overall takes Grade in Events 1 & 3

Enquiries – **Ph 0493 542 035**

Email – **info@bendigoclaytargetclub.com.au**

Ground located – **551 Bendigo – Pyramid Road, Woodvale**

Food & Refreshments available from our friendly Canteen Staff



The Committee reserves the right to alter the program & trophies if necessary



Collumbo Shooting are proud sponsors of the Junior High Gun



Total Noms – \$105

Red L, J, V – \$95

eftpos available



FRANKSTON AUSTRALIAN CLAY TARGET CLUB INC.

ABN 85 255 281 411

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Postal Address: PO Box 340 Patterson Lakes VIC 3197

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FACTC will be closed from Monday 23rd December and re-opening for 2025 on Wednesday 8th January. The first ACTA competition for the year will be on Sunday 19 January.

SUNDAY 19th January 2025

SKEET 10.00am Start

Pre Vic State Skeet Titles Competition

Event 1 - 50 Target 20 gauge Skeet AA, A, B & C \$35

Event 2 - 50 Target 12 gauge Skeet AA,A,B,C \$35

Event 3 - 50 Target Doubles AA, A, B & C \$35

**Sash + Prize for Overall and Graded High Gun across all three events
\$100 reduced nominations if you shoot the three events**

DTL 11.00am Start

Event 4 - 100 Target Pointscore

"FACTC Presidents Cup" \$70

Overall Cash + Sash + Cup

1st AA, A, B & C Cash + Sash

2nd AA, A, B & C Cash

Sash for best unplaced Junior, Lady and Veteran

\$500 cash split between those who shoot the possible 300/300!

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



MELBOURNE GUN CLUB

Presents the

2025 MAIT INDUSTRIES

Yarra Valley Classic



Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd, & Sunday 23rd of February, 2025

Friday 21st February - 10:30am Start

	OPEN	Ldy Jnr Vet
1. 25 Tgt POINTS SCORE CHAMPIONSHIP OA – \$200 Cash & Sash; 1st AA.A.B.C - \$150 Cash + Sash 2nd AA.A.B.C – \$75 Cash; BEST Unplaced L J V - \$75 Cash	\$20	\$15
2. 50 Tgt DOUBLE BARREL CHAMPIONSHIP OA – \$350 Cash & Sash; 1st AA.A.B.C - \$200 Cash + Sash 2nd AA.A.B.C – \$100 Cash; BEST Unplaced L J V - \$100 Cash	\$40	\$30

**** FRIDAY EVENTS NOT INCLUDED IN HIGH GUN**

Saturday 22nd February - 9:00am Start

3. 30 Tgt SINGLE BARREL CHAMPIONSHIP OA – \$500 Cash & Sash; 1st AA.A.B.C - \$250 Cash + Sash 2nd AA.A.B.C – \$150 Cash; BEST Unplaced L J V - \$100 Cash	\$30	\$25
4. 30 Tgt POINTS SCORE CHAMPIONSHIP OA – \$500 Cash & Sash; 1st AA.A.B.C - \$250 Cash + Sash 2nd AA.A.B.C – \$150 Cash; BEST Unplaced L J V - \$100 Cash	\$30	\$25
5. 30 Tgt DOUBLE BARREL CHAMPIONSHIP OA – \$800 Cash & Sash; 1st AA.A.B.C - \$350 Cash + Sash 2nd AA.A.B.C – \$200 Cash; BEST Unplaced L J V - \$150 Cash	\$35	\$25

Sunday 23rd February - 9:00am Start

6. 60 Tgt MEDLEY CHAMPIONSHIP 20 DB, 20 SB, 20 PTS off 15m shot in one visit OA – \$500 Cash & Sash 1st AA.A.B.C – \$300 Cash & Sash 2nd AA.A.B.C – \$200 Cash; BEST Unplaced L J V – \$150	\$50	\$40
7. 30 Tgt HANDICAP 1st – \$1000; 2nd - \$750; 3rd - \$500; 4th - \$300; 5th – \$200 Best 25m shooter - \$100	\$40	\$30

ENTER ONLINE AT THE MY CLUB MY SCORES APP

MAXIMUM OF 210 SHOOTERS (35 Squads) FOR SATURDAY & SUNDAY EVENTS

HIGH GUNS OVER EVENTS 3-7

Overall – \$1000 Cash + Sash – AA,A,B,C - \$500 Cash + Sash each grade

Ladies, Junior & Veteran OA High Gun - \$350 Cash + Sash

**Shooters are only eligible to win ONE High Gun Prize.*

Shoot Off's for Grade & Section High Guns will be Points miss & out

Thank you to **MAIT INDUSTRIES** for their sponsorship of the

2024 Yarra Valley DTL Classic

Check them out at www.mait.com.au

FREE 2 COURSE MEAL of Roast Meats, Salads & Desserts for Shooters and Families on Saturday night

FREE CAMPING – Please note that most sites will be powered by a generator

Feel free to bring own generator if you wish in case power doesn't reach your desired site



MAIT Industries



WARRNAMBOOL Clay Target Club

2025 Seaside Carnival

Friday 7th, Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th February

Over \$26,000 in Cash, Shotgun, Rifle, Shotshells & Sashes

White Flyer targets supplied by Winchester Australia



Friday 7th – 2.30pm start

Event 1 30 Tgt Double Barrel Championship

Sponsored by Sinclair & Wilson Accounts & Lindsey Cottee's Tyres

Noms \$30.00

Event 2 30 Tgt Graded Handicap

(C grade 15mt, B 17mt, A 19mt, AA 21mt)

Sponsored by Carters Transports & Turlands Plumbing

Noms \$30.00

Event 3 30 Tgt Medley Championship – (shot off 15mtrs)

Sponsored by Corsivia DRC Imports & W & M Jenkins

Noms \$30.00

Saturday 8th – 10.00am start

Event 4 25 Tgt Points Score Championship

Sponsored by Beretta Australia (Beretta Gunsmith in attendance)



Noms \$30.00

Event 5 25 Tgt Single Barrel Championship

Sponsored by Warrnambool Toyota
& Warrnambool Off Road & 4x4



Noms \$30.00

Event 6 50 Tgt Seaside Classic Double Barrel Championship Noms \$50.00

Sponsored by J & A Shooting – Bill Jorgenson

O/All \$800 plus 500 shotshells,

1st all grades \$400 plus 250 shotshells,

2nd all grades \$200 plus 125 shotshells, 3rd all grades \$100 plus 125 shotshells

Ladies, Juniors & Veterans 250 shotshells

Sponsored by South West Advanced Trees



Sunday 9th – 9.30am start

Event 7 25 Tgt Seaside Classic Handicap –

Sponsored by Winchester Australia –

1st Winchester XPERT .22 LR Rifle value \$660.00 plus \$600

2nd \$500, 3rd \$400, 4th \$200, 5th \$100

B/Marker 25 mt \$200



Noms \$30.00

Event 8 45 Tgt Medley Championship – (shot off 15 mts)

Sponsored by Holts Gun Shop & Luke Williams Real Estate

Noms \$45.00

High Guns - Events 4 to 8 - (O/A, AA, A, B, C, L, V)

Sponsored by Richardson Marine & Woods Motor Cycle & Mowers



Junior High Gun Winner – Sponsored by Collumbo Shooting

Junior Encouragement Award – Sponsored by Trish Schiller



Sashes for all events O/All and Grade winners plus High Gun winners

WARRNAMBOOL Clay Target Club

2025 Seaside Carnival

Friday 7th, Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th February

REVERSE DRAW



All winners from the 8 Carnival events go into the Reverse Draw

O/ALL, AA, A, B, C, Ladies, Juniors & Veterans

1st place - last name drawn will win a

Browning B 525 12ga Trap Gun Value \$2,995.00

2nd place - 2nd last name drawn 500 shotshells

3rd place - 3rd last name drawn 250 shotshells

Draw to take place immediately after High Gun Presentation

Following the Reverse Draw-

Competitors Lucky Door Prize 750 shotshells

Conditions apply – Winning competitors must be in attendance for both draws to collect prizes

Total Nominations \$275.00,

Reduced Noms if shooting the full program \$250.00

Pre Nominations available through MCMS App,

Nominations open from the 6th January 2025

Field limited to 220 Competitors

Nominations will also be accepted each day at the office

Practice available from 12 noon Friday

On ground camping available (bookings essential)

Phone Mal Dyson 0407 802 107

Saturday Night 2 Course Meal \$20.00 per person

******* 6 Layouts in use, Canterbury and Materalli Traps *******

Committee reserves the right to alter the program if necessary.

Club contacts: Mal Dyson 0407 802 107 or Wayne Jenkins 0408 529 102

50/52, G McClure 57/60; C: V Buxton 49/52, B Battle 47/50.

St James 30/11/2024

Stormy/Rain (27): 30T Gr DB: OA & A: S Towers 81/81, P McLaughlin 48/49; AA: R Jackson 80/81, K Willett 35/36; B: L Fitzpatrick 29/30, L Tonks 34/36; C: S Makin 29/30, P Gorrie 26/30; 30T Gr PTS: OA & AA: K Willett 90/90, P Finn 89/90; A: T Hicks 85/90, P McLaughlin 84/90; B: L Fitzpatrick 88/90, P Wilkins 86/90; C: B Makin 72/90, B Hartney 78/99; 30T Gr SB: OA & A: T Hicks 30/30, S Towers 28/30; AA: K Willett 28/30, P Finn 27/30; B: P Wilkins 28/30, L Fitzpatrick 27/30; C: B Hartney 27/30, A Lewis 25/30.

Yarrowonga 10/11/2024

(24): 100T DB CS: AA & OA: C Ford 134/136, D Saunders 133/136; A: T Hicks 112/115, P McLaughlin 98/101; B: G Peterson 93/100,

V Surace 89/100; C: A Lewis 92/102, T Powell 91/102; HG: C Ford 98/100.

Yarrowonga 08/12/2024

Hot & Windy (32): 25T DB: AA: J Wojcik, 2nd AA: C Figgins, 3rd AA: C Wemyss; A: I Cooksey, 2nd A: L Robinson, 3rd A: C Milthorpe; 1st B: D Oliver, 2nd B: R Rees, 3rd B: K Demaj; C: T Fothergill, 2nd C: N Morris, 3rd C: H Thumsud; 25T SB: AA: D Hunt, 2nd AA: C Wemyss, 3rd AA: D Saunders; A: L Robinson, 2nd A: P McLaughlin, 3rd A: P Watkins; B: K Demaj, 2nd B: G Peterson, 3rd B: R Webster; C: N Morris, 2nd C: A Keir, 3rd C: T Powell; 25T PS: AA: J Fothergill, 2nd AA: D Hunt, 3rd AA: J Wojcik; A: P McLaughlin, 2nd A: N Bussell, 3rd A: L Robinson; B: P Antonello, 2nd B: R Webster, 3rd B: J Wemyss; C: N Morris, 2nd C: K Thumsud, 3rd C: G Keir.

72/75, C Himonitis 71/75; B: M Lawford 68/75, D McMillan 67/75; C: F Cummings 65/75, C Mollica 64/75; 15 Pair D/R: OA: D Power 29/30; AA: G Castellaro 28/30, G Coleman 36/40; A: T Alho 38/40, K Kassianou 28/30, B: L Hadjiparaskeva 26/30, G Watson 24/30; C: P Johnston 23/30, G Kassianou 22/30. OA HG: T Alho 248/255; AA: G Castellaro 246/255; A: M Dunn 242/255; B: D McMillan 223/255; C: G Kassianou 220/255; JNR: N Hadjiparaskeva 233/255; LAD: A Smith 240/255; VET: D Caccioppoli 242/255.

Majura Park 13/11/2024

Warm with a later shower (20): 30T Medley (10T DB, 10T SB, 10T PS) 15m: OPEN: D Power 124/125; AA: J O'Brien 121/125; A: P Place 47/50; B: P Hart 46/50; C: B Frost 40/50. 50T UT HC: OPEN: 1st D Power 48+1/50 + 22/25, OPEN: 2nd D Jarvis 45+4/50 + 21/25; OPEN: 3rd T Quill 40+6/50.

Majura Park 17/11/2024

Light wind, rain (13): 100T Universal Trench Championship: 1st B Burgess 92/100, 2nd D Jarvis 90/100, 2nd L Cassar 90/100, 4th D Power 87/100, 5th J Winters 86/100, 5th T Brand 86/100.

Majura Park 20/11/2024

Fine (16): 50T PS: OPEN: D Jarvis

147/150; AA: D Power 146/150; A: M Harris 144/150; B: M Bartlett 105/150; C: P Edwards 132/150.

Majura Park 27/11/2024

Calm and clear. 22 degrees (14): 50T HCP Masters Grand Final: 1st D Jarvis 54/55, 2nd A Jarvis 53/55, 3rd T Quill 48/50.

Majura Park 04/12/2024

Blustering, spitting rain (13): 25PR D/R CS: OPEN: C Goodwin 48/50; AA: J O'Brien 45/50; AA: D Power 45/50; A: D Jarvis 39/50; B: A Jarvis 46/50; C: K Cox 42/50.

Richmond River 17/11/2024

Overcast (38): 50 Medley (25T PS, 25T SB): AA: T Ryder 96/100, P Batson 113/120 (94/100); A: C Maher 130/140 (94/100), R Moody 129/140 (94/100); B: B Buncic 88/100, P McKenzie 87/100; C: A Kings 87/100, H Larcombe 80/100; Jan Harding Memorial 50T DB: OA: R Spencer 103/103 (50/50); AA: T Ryder 102/103 (50/50), P Batson 71/72 (50/50); A: R Spencer 103/103 (50/50), C Maher 58/59 (50/50); B: E Snelling 48/50, B Mannix 46/50; C: D Moore 47/50, I Sullivan 45/50; 25T HC: 1st: N Hicks 25/25, 2nd W Reichmann 35/36 (24/25). 3rd D Bodley 34/36 (24/25); OA HG: T Ryder & P Batson 167/175; Intermediate HG: P McKenzie 155/175.



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Darwin 17/11/2024

Hot, humid, sweaty 35 degrees (23): 50T DB: AA: C Hunter 50/50, V Ferteklis 49/50; A: T Harris 49/50, S Harris 59/50; B/C: L Obery 50/50, B Phillips 47/50; 50T PS: AA: V Ferteklis 148/150, G Hipwell 145/150; A: B Rayner 146/150, D Crisp 143/150; C: B Phillips 134/150, R Barratt 126/150.

Dundee Downs 16/11/2024

Overcast, hot and humid (21): 50T PS: AA: V Ferteklis 145/150, V Padovan 149/162; A: D Crisp 116/150, M Taylor 114/150; B: L Obery 125/150, C McTaggart

123/150; C: R Barratt 133/150, B Phillips 125/150.

Top End 10/11/2024

Warm and humid, 35 degrees (20): 25T Pr D/R: A: V Ferteklis, N Ferteklis; B: D Michael, C McTaggart; C: B Philips, C Smithers; 25T DTL SB: AA: N Ferteklis, V Ferteklis; A: L Chin Quan, G Bateson; BC: B Philips, C McTaggart.

Top End 24/11/2024

Overcast, humid 34 degrees (14): 50T SKT: A/B: C McTaggart 46/51, L Tarrant 45/51; C: T Mitchell 44/50, M Hensby 39/50.



QCTA

Ballandean 17/11/2024

Hot, changing light, windy at times (56): 45T Med: AA: J Rapisarda 96/100, M Gibbs 95/100; A: S Harker 97/100, G Costanzo 95/100; B: A Loudon 71/75, Z Scalia 71/75; C: N Johnstone 68/75, J Voutounos 67/75; 25T PS-Jack Lynam Trophy: OA: J Rapisarda 84/84; AA: T Rogers 83/84, L Costanzo 74/75; A: G Costanzo 79/81, N Warden 78/81; B: A Loudon 78/81, R Ross 74/75; C: S Tsavasilis 71/75, B Hills 71/75; 25T HC: 1st G Southey 29/29, 2nd J Lee 28/29, 3rd K Stevenson 25/26; 10pr D/D - Jan Elliot Cup: A: Wilmot & G Loudon 19/19, 2nd A Scalia & Z Scalia 18/19, 3rd P Westbury & S Tsavasilis 17/18; HG: AA: J Rapisarda 171/175; A: G Costanzo 169/175; B: A Loudon 170/175; C: J Voutounos 154/175.

Brisbane 17/11/2024

Warm (16): 100T Universal Trench: J Porter 84/100, R Shi

82/100, P Di Giannantonio 78/100, G Buchanan 78/100, S Dewdney 74/100, M Sellars 74/100.

Brisbane 24/11/2024

Overcast (56): 25T DB CD: AA: J Rapisarda, G Langridge, M Pain, N Muller, T Day, M Welk 25/25; A: S Harker, P Freeleagus, D McDonald, B McDonald 25/25; B: G Facer 24/25, B Buncic, B Wiseman, M Voutounos, G Voutounos, J Castellino, B McKechnie 23/25; C: J Cai 25/25, J Voutounos 23/25. 25T SEZ SB CONT CS: OPEN: C Koutsakis 29/30; AA: M Pain 28/30, R Delbridge 24/26; A: A Hyde 35/38, B McDonald 34/38; B: R Esposito 24/26, G Voutounos 23/26; C: B Nelson 19/25, J Voutounos 20/27. 25T SEZ PS CONT CS: OPEN: R Esposito 85/87; AA: M Pain 83/87, G Crouch 73/75; A: S Harker 72/75, A Hyde 71/75; B: J Castellino 70/75, M Voutounos 67/75; C: J Cai 70/75, J Voutounos



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Boorowa 23/11/2024

Hot Sunny (96): 25T HC Garry Martin Memorial: 1st G Coleman 26/26, 2nd N Poulos 25/26, 3rd D Power 52/53, 4th M Dunn 51/53, 5th A Depaoli 46/48. 25T PS: OA: M Patmore 147/147; AA: T Alho 146/147, L Young 110/111; A: M Dunn 74/75, P Weber 98/102; B: D McMillan 72/78, S Sullivan 71/78; C: M Clarke 70/75, G Kassianou 69/75; 25T SB: OA: G Coleman 58/58; AA: G Castellaro 57/58,

P Chryssovelonis 49/50; A: M Dunn 24/25, P Weber 30/32; B: S Sullivan 23/25, M Taylor 22/25; C: L Stonham 24/26, G Kassianou 23/26; 25T DB: OA: M Patmore 247/247; AA: G Coleman 246/247, N Poulos 196/197; A: C Himonitis 53/54, M Gomes 50/51; B: S Burrell 29/30, S Sullivan 25/26; C: M Clarke 24/25, L Stonham 27/29. 45T Mxd 18m: OA: T Alho 74/75; AA: P Chryssovelonis 123/125, G Thatcher 122/125; A: M Dunn



CONDOBOLIN CLAY TARGET CLUB Inc.

CONDO CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

1st & 2nd March 2025

**Day 1 Saturday 1st
9am Start**

**Event 1 : 90 Target
Mixed Championship
(30DB,30SB,30PS)**

Sash & Cash 0/A & 1st ea grade + cash 2nd each grade

Event 2 : 30 Target Continental Championship

Sash & Cash 0/A & 1st ea grade + cash 2nd each grade

Day 2 Sunday 2nd 9.00am Start

Event 3 : 50 Target Double Barrel Championship

Sash & Cash 0/A & 1st ea grade + cash 2nd each grade

Event 4 : 25 Target Single Barrel Championship

Sash & Cash 0/A & 1st ea grade + cash 2nd each grade

Event 5 : 25 Target Points Score Championship

Sash & Cash 0/A & 1st ea grade + cash 2nd each grade

HIGH GUNS - Events 1 to 5 Inclusive

Overall, Grades, Veteran, Ladies, Junior

Noms \$190, Veterans & Ladies \$170, Juniors \$100

Pre- nominations available on My Clubs My Scores

Breakfast, Lunch & AM/PM Teas available both days

No camping on grounds.

Caravan park opposite range





TAMWORTH Clay Target Club

Presents

The Pub

**“Hillbilly 100” Open Shoot Carnival
18th - 19th January 2025**

SAT 18TH 10:00 am	Event 1: 15Pr Double Rise - Cash Event \$30.00
	Event 2: Champion of Champions  \$65.00 O/A & 1st & 2nd in grades
SUN 19TH 9:00 am	Event 3: <i>The Pub</i> “Hillbilly 100” 100 Target Double Barrel Championship High Gun Awards O/A, AA, B & C O/A & 1st, 2nd & 3rd in grades \$90.00

FULL NOMS \$185

*Canterbury Traps - White Flyer
Targets*

USED ON ALL LAYOUTS!

*High Gun Awards O/A, AA, A, B, & C Grades,
Junior, Ladies & Veterans*

Camping available - full amenities. Canteen open each day

Practice from 1pm Friday

The committee reserves the right to alter the programme if necessary

PRESIDENT: Mark Ullman 0408 282 283

Club email: tamworthclaytarget@gmail.com



OVER \$12,000 IN CASH & PRIZES

CONDAMINE GUN CLUB 2025 ANNUAL SHOOT

FRIDAY, 24 JANUARY 2025 - 7.00pm Start

NIGHT EVENT – 50T STATE NIGHT CONTINENTAL POINTS C'SHIP \$40

Sponsored by Western Downs Regional Council
Overall – Sash & Cash Prize
Cash Prize – 1st & 2nd in each Grade and 1st Ladies, Junior & Veteran



SATURDAY, 25 JANUARY 2025 - 9.00am Start

EVENT 1 – 30T "CONDAMINE BELL" SB CHAMPIONSHIP \$30

Sponsored by Western Downs Civil
Overall - Sash, Condamine Bell & Cash Prize
Cash Prize - 1st & 2nd in each Grade



EVENT 2 – 30T "CONDAMINE BELL" POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP \$30

Sponsored by Condamine Seeds
Overall – Sash, Condamine Bell & Cash Prize
Cash Prize - 1st & 2nd in each Grade



EVENT 3 – 50T "CONDAMINE BELL" DB CHAMPIONSHIP \$40

Sponsored by Condamine Hotel
Overall - Sash, Condamine Bell & Cash Prize
Cash Prize - 1st & 2nd each grade
Kiwi Trophy for the Highest Scoring Condamine Club Member
Shoot-offs to be continued under lights if required



SUNDAY, 26 JANUARY 2025 - 8.00am Start

EVENT 4 – 50T HANDICAP \$40

Sponsored by RDO, Rack Attack, Nebgar, Tmba Mower Centre, & Roma Containers
Prizes: 1st – 5th (Calcutta on the Handicap)



EVENT 5 – 20 PAIR DOUBLE RISE CHAMPIONSHIP \$35

Sponsored by Teys, Nitschke Energy & T&W Earthmoving
Overall - Sash & Cash Prize
Cash Prize - 1st & 2nd in each Grade



FULL PROG NOMS \$170 (Excl Night Event)
V, L & J FULL PROG \$150 (Excl Night Event)

High Guns - Events 1 - 5

Overall – Sash, Condamine Bell & Prize
AA, A, B & C Grades, V, L & J – Sash & Prize

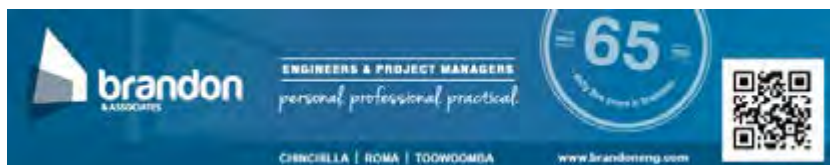


Highguns Sponsored by:
Brandon & Associates, T&J Butcher,
Murilla Foodworks, Dulacca Transport,
Lillyvale Feedlot

Practice Available from 3pm Friday
Breakfast Saturday & Sunday Morning
Dinner Friday & Saturday Night
Camping Facilities available on the ground
Multi Draw Raffle



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Email: condaminegunclub@gmail.com
Inquiries: Matt 0429 701 931 Mark 0409 135 227
The Committee Reserves that Right to Alter the Program





Gold Coast Clay Target Club

January Trap Carnival

2025

Friday 10th, Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th January

Friday Night 10th January 6.00pm Nominations, 7.00pm Start
 50T Mixed Targets Medley – 25T DB Points, 25T SB C/D \$40

25T SE Zone Night Double Barrel Championship \$25

Saturday 11th – 8.15 am Nominations, 9.00 am Start

Event 1: 50T Pointscore Double Barrel Cash Divide \$40

Event 2: 100T Double Barrel Championship \$70

Sponsored by *Bronzewing.*

Sunday 12th – 8.00 am Nominations 8.30 am Start

Event 3: 50T DB Continental **George Sckaf Memorial** \$40

Sponsored by *Gold Coast Clay Target Club.*

Event 4: 20 Pair Double Rise Championship \$40

Pre-nominations available on My Clubs My Scores.

Total Program Events 1-4: Open Nominations \$180 (Excluding Friday night events)

Reduced Noms for Ladies, Juniors, Veterans - \$170 if shooting the whole program.

Gold Coast Juniors \$90.

Overall High Gun Sponsored by *Chris Allen.*

Section High Guns Sponsored by *S.S.A.A. Southport.*

Grade High Guns Sponsored by *OCM - Outdoor Caravan & Marine*

Overall – 1st & 2nd AA, A, B, C on each event (except Cash Divide)

Ladies, Junior & Veterans' Prizes on Events 2, 3 & 4.

All Welcome! Camping on the grounds \$10 per night payable at Office.

Powered Sites Hot Showers Meals & Refreshments Ammunition

BBQ -Friday Night - No Meal Saturday Night

We suggest Jacobs Well Tavern Phone 55462155. Courtesy Bus!

Thank you to our many generous sponsors!

Practice will be available from 1pm until 5pm Friday 10th January 2025.

Trap Captain: Danny Cokley 0419156975

GOLD COAST CLAY TARGET CLUB, 81 GROSS RD, WOONGOOLBA Phone: 07 5546 1368

The Committee reserves the right to alter the program and accept or refuse any nomination.



KINGAROY CLAY TARGET CLUB

Annual 2 Day Shoot

1st & 2nd February 2025

Over \$17,000 Prize Pool

Saturday 1st February – 9am Start

\$95

- Event 1 30 TGT Medley
- Event 2 30 TGT Single Barrel
- Event 3 50 TGT Double Barrel

Sunday 2nd February – 8.30am Start

\$75

- Event 4 30 TGT Points Score
- Event 5 30 TGT Handicap (1st \$1,000 2nd \$500 3rd \$300 4th \$200 5th \$100)
- Event 6 30 TGT Champion of Champions (18m)

SHOOT PROGRAM CLEAN \$5,000 PRIZE POOL

Sponsored by BZ Engineering

Lucky Door Prize of a Rifle valued at \$1,000

Sponsored by G & C Firearms

**Available to anyone who shoots the full program and
is at Presentations on Sunday Afternoon**

*******White Flyer Targets will be used*******

Total Noms: \$170 Lady, Junior & Veteran Noms: \$135

All events: Overall Sash and Trophy, Trophies 1st & 2nd AA, A, B, C

High Guns: Overall AA, A, B, C & Lady, Junior, Veteran

Practice Friday Afternoon

Powered Camping Available \$10/night

Dinner Friday & Saturday Nights, Breakfast & Lunch Saturday & Sunday

Thanks to our Generous Sponsors:

Bryan Zelinski Engineering
Peppertree Cabins
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Toowoomba Clay Target Club

2025 "Iron Man" Series

Event 1

Summer "Iron Man"

Sunday 19th January 2025 9.30am,
25 T Skeet, 25 T Trap, 25 T Tower, 25 T Sporting

Event 2

Autumn "Iron Man"

Sunday 18th May 2025, 9.30am
25 T Skeet, 25 T Trap, 25 T Tower, 25 T Sporting

Event 3

Winter "Iron Man"

Sunday 17th August 2025, 9.30am
25 T Skeet, 25 T Trap, 25 T Tower, 25 T Sporting

Event 4

Spring "Iron Man"

Sunday 30th November 2025, 9.30am
25 T Skeet, 25 T Trap, 25 T Tower, 25 T Sporting
This event includes the SEZ QCTA Double Barrel Tower Event

"Iron Man" of the Year

Overall and Graded Prizes

Best 3 of the 4 Events to be counted for "Iron Man" of the Year

Prize money - \$1000 plus name on perpetual trophy and a sash

Thank you to our generous sponsors:-

Toowoomba Mower Centre & Cagemaker Australia

Further information:

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Toowoomba Clay Target Club

ANNUAL SKEET CARNIVAL

Combined Multi-Gauge and SE Zone Queensland

Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd February 2025

FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 9 AM START

TOOWOOMBA SKEET MULTI-GAUGE –

- EVENT 1. 50 T Skeet 20 G C/ship O/A, Graded 1st & 2nd \$45
EVENT 2. 50 T Skeet 28 G C/ship O/A, Graded 1st & 2nd \$45
EVENT 3. 50 T Skeet 410 Bore C/ship O/A, Graded 1st & 2nd \$45

SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 9 AM START

- EVENT 4. 50 T Skeet 12 G C/ship O/A, Graded 1st & 2nd \$45
(Concludes the Multi-Gauge)

(SEZ competitors are welcome to shoot this event as a warm-up)

SATURDAY 22ND 10.30 AM START

SE ZONE QCTA SKEET DAY 1

- EVENT 5. 50 T SEZ Skeet Championship \$45
Prizes O/A, 1st & 2nd each Grade
EVENT 6. 50 T SEZ Skeet Handicap \$45
Sash & \$500 for 1st, Prizes 2nd, 3rd & 4th
(Off the gun scores included in Team selection)

SUNDAY 23RD 9.00 AM START

SE ZONE QCTA SKEET DAY 2

- EVENT 7. 50 T Toowoomba Skeet Championship \$45
Sash & Prize O/A, 1st & 2nd each Grade

SEZ Postal Teams selected on Events 6 & 7.

Open Team top 6, Veteran top 3, Ladies top 3, and Junior top 3

- EVENT 8. 50 T SEZ Skeet Doubles Championship \$45
Prizes O/A, 1st & 2nd each Grade

HIGH GUNS – Overall, Graded and Section High Guns for both Multi-Gauge and SEZ.
Also Overall High Gun over the entire program.

NOMS – 400 targets – Open, Ladies and Veterans – \$360,
Discounted Noms for Juniors – \$180
– 200 targets Multi-Gauge only Open, Ladies and Veterans – \$180
Discounted Noms for Juniors – \$90
– 200 targets SE ZONE only Open, Ladies and Veterans – \$180
Discounted Noms for Juniors – \$90

Camping available (powered sites \$10 per night)

• Hot showers • Meals • Ammunition • Bar • Refreshments

Thank you to our generous sponsors:-

Cider Fields Pet Resort, Kat Concrete Pumping, Intuitive Super, Ferris Electrical,
Loughlin Cranes, Orford Bitumen.

Practice on Thursday from 2 pm

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Toowoomba Clay Target Club

SEZ QCTA SPORTING CARNIVAL

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th March 2025

SATURDAY 9 AM START

100 target "Sporting" \$90

Overall, Graded 1st & 2nd

SUNDAY 8.30 AM START

100 target "5 Stand" \$90

Overall, Graded 1st & 2nd

Team selection is on this event

Total Noms:

Open, Veteran & Ladies \$180 - Juniors \$90

High Guns:

**Overall, AA, A, B, C and Veteran, Lady & Junior
(if at least 3 shooters)**

Thank you to our generous sponsors:-

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Camping available (powered sites \$10 per night)

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Further information:

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Toowoomba Clay Target Club

ANNUAL TRAP CARNIVAL

"White Flyer Orange Targets"

Friday 11th to Sunday 13th April 2025

FRIDAY 1 PM START (not included in High Guns)

Toowoomba Hill Climb 50 Tgt Medley **\$45**

*Layout 1 – 10 T DB, Layout 2 – 10 T Continental DB, Layout 3 – 10 T SB,
Layout 4 – 10 T PS, Layout 6 – 5 pr DR*

*All shooters start at Layout 1. Standard Practice on Layout 5
O/A & Grades – cash divide*

SATURDAY 9.00 AM START

EVENT 2. 30 Tgt Medley 10DB-10SB-10PS **\$25**
Each Grade Cash Divide

EVENT 3. 25 Tgt Single Barrel Championship **\$25**
Sash & Cash Prize O/A, Prizes 1st & 2nd each Grade

EVENT 4. 50 Tgt D/B Championship **\$45**
Sash & Cash Prize O/A, Prizes 1st & 2nd each grade, L,J,V

SUNDAY 9.00 AM START

EVENT 5. 50 Tgt Points Score Championship **\$45**
Sash & Cash prize O/A, Prizes 1st & 2nd each grade

EVENT 6. 50 Tgt Handicap **\$45**
Sash & Cash O/A, Prizes 2 to 5

HIGH GUNS – Overall, Grades, Ladies, Juniors, Veterans cash prizes

KOTZUR CUP - Interclub Shoot on Event 5 (50 T PS). Free to enter.
Teams of 5 shooters with any 2 of L,J,V or C grader.
\$500 cash prize to the winning team. Small clubs may combine.
Nominations close 5 pm Saturday 12th April.

Total Noms: Open, Veteran & Ladies – full program – \$230 – Juniors \$115

High Gun Program: (Saturday & Sunday) Open, Veteran & Ladies – \$185 Juniors \$95

- *Camping available (powered sites \$10 per night)*
- *Hot showers*
- *Meals – Barbecue Friday night, Breakfast (Sat & Sun), Lunch (Sat & Sun),
Dinner (Sat night)*
- *Ammunition*
- *Bar*
- *Refreshments*

Thank you to our generous sponsors:-

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Accommodation: Altitude Motel 07 4633 7000
Discounts for participating shooters

Practice from Friday 1 pm

Further information: Phil Keller – Phone 0408 068 280

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65/75. 50T SEZ DB CONT CS: OPEN: M Swale 83/84; AA: A Nolan 95/97, D Johnson 94/97; A: S Cannizzaro 63/65, S Harker 54/56; B: G Buchanan 48/50, J Castellino 46/50; C: J Cai 45/50, B Nelson 42/50; Mike Swale won John Withers Memorial Bowl. HG: OPEN: M Pain 171/175; AA: M Swale 192/200; A: S Harker 167/175; B: R Esposito 163/175; C: J Cai 158/175.

Brisbane 27/11/2024

Warm (28): 75T Night Medley: OPEN: M Pain 123/125; AA: K Stevens 121/125, G Watson 119/125; A: B Jurd 119/125, S Harker 117/125; B: M Voutounos 115/125, B Buncic 114/125; C: T Tynan III 112/125, J Voutounos 103/125.

Bundaberg 01/12/2024

Very hot and storms threatening all day but no rain (39): Novelty 25T UT, 25T DB 18M, 25T DB PTS 16M: D Large 116/125, M Tipman 112/125, S Smith III 112/125, P Rehbein 108/125, G Harrington 108/125, N Nicholson 106/125, G Wright 105/125, B Fisher 103/125, J Foreman 103/125, B Harker 102/125, A Spinks 102/125, R Howie 102/125, K Rehbein, 101/125, B Simpson 101/125, D Honor 101/125, L Hobson 100/125, G Bartlett 98/125, C Large 97/125, E-L Ross 96/125, T Gardner 92/125, R Aird

92/125, J Brimelow 88/125, G Seiler 87/125, S Young 85/125, P Catasti 84/125, J Robinson 82/125, T Rosmalen 81/125, G Christensen 80/125, D Christensen 79/125, T Delley 76/125, D Jackel 75/125, B Charteris 74/125, J Tanzer 71/125, R Petfield 64/125, S Clack 63/125, R Burrows 63/125, J Halpin 58/125, C Bashforth 54/125 and A Vallis 53/125. Yearly HG: TRAP: AA: D Large 1647/1760; A: P Rehbein 1592/1760; B: B Charteris 1248/1760; C: C Large 1504/1760; JNR: Connor Large 294/360; SKT: B: A Spinks 490/825; C: D Large 521/825. Yearly Champions: SKT: A Spinks 83/100; TRAP: D Large 463/495; CLUB: D Large 525/596; FM: Connor Large 360/495.

Caboollure 08/12/2024

(14): SKT Xmas Medley: OPEN: L Given 93/100; AA: R Kneipp 91/100; A: C Pedler 91/100, D Bainbridge 89/100; B: P Baird 91/100, T Hunt 81/100; C: R Hennessy 78/100, P Robinson 78/100.

Gold Coast

2024 Monthly Wednesday Night Medley Aggregate: 1st: J Cai, 2nd: D Smith, 3rd: A Incani, 4th: R Chounding, 5th: M Pain, 6th: S Weeden.

Gold Coast 4/12/2024

(37): 75T Night Medley: AA:

G Langridge 123/125, K Jarick 120/125; A: B Jurd 121/125, S Weeden 120/125; B: D Smith 118/125, B Wiseman 115/125; C: J Cai 115/125, K Seeneay 101/125.

Kingaroy 01/12/2024

Hot, Humid & Showers (35): 25T 5 Stand Sporting- 1: 1st AA: M Stewart 21/25; A: A Haig 18/26; B: G Facer 23/25; C: L Davey 18/25, 2nd: AA: S Gittins 18/26; A: B Warriner 21/25; B: A Oakford/P O'Hanlon 21/25; C: F Stallwood 17/26. 25T 5 Stand Sporting - 2: 1st AA: C Brown 21/25; A: C Gurski 21/25; B: A Oakford 17/26; C: N Weier 18/25, 2nd AA: M Stewart 19/25; A: C Barnes 19/25; B: S Lee 16/25; C: L Davey 16/25. 25T Walkback: 1st AA: C Brown 26/28; A: C Barnes 31/34; B: S Lee 25/25; C: D Burns 22/25, 2nd AA: S Gittins 25/28; A: G Brown 30/34; B: J Stallwood 24/25; C: N Weier 21/25; 10Pr D/D: 1st Pat Moloney/J Stallwood 10/10, 2nd Scott Gittins/R Pointon 12/13, 3rd A Haig/R Ridder 11/13.

Port Denison 27/10/2024

(15): 25T PS Grd SS: A: G Maltby 74/75, L Dalton 72/75, A Lord 70/75; B: M Populin 68/75, J Kinnonmonth, D Bartlett 66/75; C: G Clarke 64/75, B Bonanno, N Kirkman 62/75; 25T DB Graded Trophy: A: G Maltby 25/25, B:

D Bartlett 30/33, C: P LeBlowitz 23/25; 25T BD HC: 1st: D Bartlett 35/37, 2nd N Kirkman 36/39, 3rd G Maltby 35/39; 15 Pr D/R: B: B Gall 23/30, C: N Kirkman 23/30.

Port Denison 23/11/2024

Overcast and very windy (30): 25T DB Sweepstakes: AA: J Furini, A Lord 25/25, P Scalia, G Henry 24/25; A: R Zarb 25/25, C Edgerton 24/25, B Micallef 23/25; B: D Bartlett 24/25, P Wade 22/25, G Clarke, C Morelli, M Populin, M Dichiera 21/25; C: T Bartlett 23/25, P LeBlowitz, A Furini 21/25; 25T SB: AA: G Rea 29/31; A: G Maltby 25/25; B: D Bartlett 22/25; C: A Furini 23/26; 25T PS: AA: B Murphy 71/78; G Maltby 71/75; B: M Populin 75/75; C: B Elphinstone 68/75.

Port Denison 24/11/2024

Sunny and very windy (42): 10Pr D/D: 1st: T Coco & B Elphinstone 10/10; 2nd: A Zarb & D Bartlett 18/19; 3rd R Zarb & P Wade 17/19; 10T DB HC : C Edgerton, B Gall, A Lord, P Scalia, J Rossato 11/11; 10T DB HC: P Wade, J Cerqui, C Cislowski, D Stitt, A Zarb 14/14; 10T DB HC: R Zarb, W Cislowski, T Coco 10/10, G Clarke, C Morelli 19/20; 10T DB HC - Consolation: J Kinnonmonth, W Rossato, G McHenry, B Micallef, B Farry.

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From Our Archives – 20 YEARS AGO

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Annual Spring Fling 150

Glen Innes Clay Target Club

Saturday 2nd November 2024 saw a good number of shooters contest the Glen Innes Clay Target Club's Annual Spring Fling 150, which was the perfect day with a slight breeze. Competitors travelled from Guyra, Inverell, Narrabri, Richmond River, St George, Tamworth, Texas, Toowoomba, Walcha and hometown Glen Innes.

The first event of the day was the 50 target Double Barrel. A shoot-off between three AA Grade shooters saw Dustin Hone, Andrew Martin and Neale Smith shoot an extra 38 targets to decide the winners. Dustin Hone came away with the win, scoring

88/88, with Andrew Martin coming in second 87/88. A Grade was shot off between Keith Connor, John Lisle and Geoff Baxter with first place going to John Lisle 59/60 and second place to Geoff Baxter 58/60. B Grade was taken out by Dave Newberry 48/50 with second place taken out by Ralph Larkings 47/50. C Grade was taken out by John

Clark 45/50 and second place saw a quick shoot-off between Toby Adams and Robyn Jackson, with Toby coming away with the win 44/51.

The second event was the 50 target Single Barrel. AA Grade saw Charlie Ward take first place with a score of 49/50 and



Above: Keith Connor



Right: Robyn Jackson



Dustin Hone 48/50 in second place. A Grade was shot off between John Lisle, Geoff Baxter and Will Bradfield with Will taking first place on a score of 47/52 and Geoff Baxter 46/52 second. B Grade saw Ross Aston shoot 43/50 to place first, whilst second place was shot off between Jaidan Johnson and Dave Newberry with a score of 45/53, from Jaidan second. C Grade was taken out by Troy Adams 44/50, second was Andrew Willis 41/50.

The third and final event for the day was the 50 target Points Score. AA Grade saw Jeff Richardson 149/150 take first place and Neale Smith 148/150 in second place. A Grade was won by Greg Brunsdon 145/150 and a second place shot-off between James Cameron and Geoff Baxter with James scoring 149/159 for second. B Grade first was Toby Handebo 139/150, second to Jaidan Johnson 131/150. C Grade saw a score of 130/156 from John Clark taking first place after a shoot-off with David de Witt scoring 127/156.



Overall High Gun Dustin Hone & Club President Ryan Parker





Ladies HG Sarah Edmonds, Junior HG Charlie Ward, C Grade HG Troy Adams, B Grade HG Toby Handebo, A Grade HG Geoff Baxter, Veterans HG David Edmonds, AA Grade HG Neale Smith, Overall HG Dustin Hone & Club President Ryan Parker

The Overall High Gun for the day was won by Dustin Hone with a score of 272/280. AA Grade High Gun was Neale Smith 271/280, A Grade went to Geoff Baxter 234/250, B Grade High Gun was Toby Handebo 218/250 and C Grade High Gun was Troy Adams 205/250. The Junior High Gun saw a score of 235/250 from Charlie Ward. Ladies, with a score of 215/250, was Sarah Edmonds and Veteran went to David Edmonds on 241/250.

The club would like to thank all those who helped behind the scenes on the day and to those

who worked in the office and kitchen.

And a thank you to those who shot and continue to support Glen Innes.

A big shout out to our event sponsors Amos Vale Herefords and Dom's Diesel, their continued contributions go a long way in helping make the event what it is.

Our next major shoot will be our Sapphire Shoot on 1st and 2nd February 2025. We look forward to seeing you all then.



*Above: Troy Adams, Toby Adams, Owen Woods, Robyn Jackson & Keith Connor
Below: Ian Duncan, Neale Smith, Andrew Martin, Jaidan Johnson & Dan Johnson*



Dundee Downs Invitation



On November 16th 2024 we held our first-ever competition shoot since the club started back in 2021. It was a successful day with shooters attending from Darwin Clay Target Club and Top End Gun Club.

The weather conditions were overcast and very hot and humid for the twenty-one competitors.

First up was a 10 target eye opener to give the visiting shooters a look at the trap for the first time followed by a 50 target Points Score.

1st AA Victor Ferteklis 145/150, 2nd AA Vittorio Padovan 149/162.

1st A David Crisp 116/150, 2nd A Mark Talor 114/150.

1st B Lyn Obery (L) 125/150, 2nd B Colin McTaggart 123/125.



1st AA Grade, Victor Ferteklis



1st A Grade, David Crisp

1st C Renee Barratt (L) 133/150,
2nd C Benjamin Phillips 125/150

Everyone had a good time and some reasonable scores were shot in the trying conditions.

It was really great for our club to have so many shooters from the other clay target clubs attend and have a good day. The trap threw good targets all day which made our club members happy.

Thanks to our members and other shooters for helping out all day, making for a smooth-running shoot run. Special thanks to Sharon and Renee for helping us with MCMS on the laptop.

Dundee Downs clay shooters would like to thank Dundee Beach Tavern for their generous sponsorship.



1st B Grade, Lyn Obery



2nd AA Grade, Vittorio Padovan



2nd A Grade, Mark Taylor



1st C Grade, Renee Barratt



2nd B Grade Col McTaggart



2nd C Grade Benjamin Phillips



Christmas at Bega Gun Club

The Christmas shoot at Bega Gun Club is, by tradition, a fun event, interrupted only by great food at lunchtime and slightly slower reflexes after lunch. Prizes for the day included hams, pork, turkeys and “puddins” for dessert. The weather decided to give us a summer day with the sun blessing us all with its presence. The saddists who set the program of events did a sterling job and definitely provided the challenges for the day. Unfortunately, they forgot the candles in the targets so that the more senior members could see them from 25m back – still a great deal of fun was had by all!

Event one saw squads dealing with fifteen targets off thirteen metres with a further fifteen off twenty-five. Older members did comment at the lack of candles in targets from the 25m mark as visibility became an issue. Mark Corbett did the honours in AA/A grade, winning the shoot-off with Charlie Smith, to collect the first ham of the day. Charlie settled for the turkey as second prize whilst Tony Gray graciously accepted “the puddin” for third. In B Grade, Daniel Hyland picked up the ham, Kevin Hurt the turkey and Keith Pearce took care of “the puddin”. George Adamopoulos caught the ham in C grade with Mick



Mark Corbett



Charlie Smith

Diss taking care of the turkey. Rob Corbin collected “the puddin”.

Round two for the day saw 15 Single Barrel off 15m followed by 15 Points Score off 23 metres. Charlie Smith added a ham to go with his turkey from round one to win AA/A and Chris Davis made his trip from Orbost worthwhile by winning the turkey for second. Phil Craig took care of the “the puddin”. In B Grade, Daniel Hyland hammed it up



Dan Hyland



Alf Niesar



Bert Deacon & Keith Pearce



Greg Lye



President Chris Brown



Vet Bert Deacon congratulates John Siede, 93 years young and still shooting well

again and Kevin Hurt added another turkey to his collection. Greg Lye took ownership of “the puddin”. In C Grade, Mick Diss took care of the Christmas ham and Bert Deacon gathered the turkey. George Adamopoulos added dessert to his collection for the day with “the puddin”.

Bega club is justly proud of its efforts at the Christmas lunch and Sunday’s kept up the standard. The pav for dessert ensured that reflexes were a little slower after lunch for some. President Chris thanked everyone for the great food and setting it up.

The third offering for the day involved 15 Continental off 14m and a further 15 off 20m. Charlie Smith again got amongst the hams in AA/A grade with Alf Niesar de-feathering the turkey. Mark Corbett added “the puddin” to his earlier ham for third. Daniel Hyland made it a trifecta of hams with a win in B grade whilst Greg Lye added a turkey to his collection. Col Sheehan took responsibility for “the puddin”. C Grade saw Brian Moffitt hamming it up, with Brian Smith taking the turkey and Mick Diss adding “the puddin” to his Christmas collection.

Presentation followed with hams, turkeys and puddins flying in all direction. President Chris thanked all members for their support.

A presentation was made to Gail Niesar, thanking her for her sterling work in the office over the past years and wishing her well in her retirement.

A special welcome to Mitch Ryman who completed his testing for his junior permit and is keen to get the paperwork all done so he can join big brother Jack as our newest club members. Welcome to a great sport.

Next month is the Club’s Tarraganda 100 target Open Championship. Always a great shoot. Hope to see you there.



Happy Mitch Ryman passed his minors test



SHOOT CALENDAR

2025

January 11 & 12	Mt Gambier Super Shoot	Mount Gambier Gun Club
January 23 – 26	VCTA State Skeet Carnival	Melbourne Gun Club
January 24 – 27	(Postponed) TCTA State Trap Carnival	State Shooting Ground, Evandale
January 27	Bendigo Australia Day Shoot	Bendigo Clay Target Club
January 30 & 31, February 1 & 2	SACTA State DTL Carnival	State Shoot Park Virginia
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
May 2 – 4	VCTA State ISSF Trap Championships	State Ground, Echuca CTC
May 3 – 5	QCTA State Trap Carnival	Townsville Gun Club
June 7	SACTA State Sporting Clays Carnival	Mt Gambier Gun Club
September 6	VCTA State Ball Trap Carnival	Wonthaggi Gun Club
September 27 & 28	SACTA ISSF State Carnival	State Shoot Park Virginia
October 31, November 1 & 2	SACTA State Skeet Carnival	State Shoot Park Virginia
November 6 – 9	VCTA State Trap Carnival	State Ground, Echuca CTC

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