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The National Sporting Clays Championships were held at the National Grounds, Wagga Wagga, NSW, in October, where Nick Guerra was successful in taking out the National High Gun.

Nick's son, Vinnie, proudly stood alongside Dad while Don Power, representing Winchester Australia, presented Nick with a cased Browning 525 U/O Sporter.

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ACTA CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Michael Kruger-Davis – Chairman

ACTA Board Elections

Four ACTA members have nominated for the two positions that will become vacant on the ACTA Board in 2027. The candidates are: myself, Michael Kruger-Davis from NSW, Mr Mal Collins from Qld, Mr Matt De Paoli from WA and Mr Zac Biggin from Vic. Voting has commenced and will continue until the New Year.

Compak/Sporting Clays Nationals

The Compak/Sporting Clays Nationals were held during October with attendances similar to 2025. ACTA members were able to compete in three events; ACTA National English Sporting Championship, ACTA/FITASC National Compak Championship and FITASC Compak Grand Prix, over six days, shooting 200 targets for each event. The Grand Prix was the first ever held by the ACTA and will be followed up with a second Grand Prix in April alongside the Beretta Gold Cup and the First FITASC Compak Sporting Oceania Championships to held with next year's National Compak Championships in October. Following the Championships shooters were surveyed as to how the ACTA could improve the events for the following year. The results of the survey will guide our decision making regarding the events in the future. A full report of the Compak/Sporting Nationals appears later in this edition.

OSA, Nioa, SF Trading, BEST, Martin Collumb were present at the Compak/Sporting Clays Nationals. This was the first time that traders and sponsors had attended this event, and we thank them for their ongoing support of the ACTA and their commitment to Compak/Sporting.

Sporting Hall of Fame Dinner

During the Compak/Sporting Clays Nationals the ACTA held a Hall of Fame Dinner and honoured the achievements of Renae Birgan as she was inducted into the ACTA Hall of Fame. The ACTA also acknowledged the achievements of the ACTA Senior Team: Michael Lucas, Peter Tobin and John Younger, who won the FITASC Compak World Championships in Italy in 2026, and the Senior World Champion, Michael Lucas. A full report of the evening appears later in this edition.

Tasmanian CTA Skeet Championships

Following the Compak/Sporting Nationals I attended the Tasmanian CTA Skeet Championships held at Tasmanian Gun Club, Evandale. The TCTA held an extremely well-run event, threw great targets and provided great hospitality for shooters from both Tasmania and the mainland. Tasmania didn't hold back and the weather ranged from warm, sunny, overcast, wet, cold, colder and even wetter and the next day as I flew home the conditions were perfect. I must thank, John Lord, President of the Tasmanian Gun Club, and TCTA president, Jake Wilson and Vice president, Chris Kenny for the welcome and hospitality provided to me over the weekend.

Target testing

A selected number of dedicated skeet shooters are taking part in a randomised, blind testing of skeet targets that will guide the ACTA in decision making regarding which targets we should purchase and use for the Skeet Nationals. Target distributers were asked to supply suitable samples for the testing and the results will be forwarded to the grounds committee for a recommendation to the Board as to what targets provide the best option for our major competitions.

DTL traps at the National Ground

Following a tender process, the grounds committee recommended to the Board, the purchase of the American made Pat traps for the National Ground. The Board then approved the purchase and replacement of all of the DTL traps. The traps are currently in transit between the US and Australia with an arrival date in Wagga expected around

07/01/2027. Work will commence the following week, with installation and commissioning expected to be completed in the week to follow. The traps will be in use for the Nationals in March with a test run being offered during the Golden crow competition in February, hosted by Wagga Gun Club. The existing traps will be available to clubs and individuals for purchase and inquiries can be made to the Executive Officer of the ACTA.

As 2026 draws to a close, I would like to acknowledge the dedication, commitment and hard work that a great number of people from the local club, the Zone, State associations, the shooting industry and the ACTA Board put into our sport week in, week out. To the ACTA Board, thank you for your valued contribution to the strategic focus of the ACTA. To the ACTA staff: Les, Judy, Jenny, Vicki, Nathan and Blue, thank you for the daily effort you put into making our Association and events run smoothly and successfully. To our sponsors thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our sport.

Personally, and on behalf of the ACTA Board and staff, I would like to wish our members and their families a safe and merry festive season and a happy 2027.

Good shooting,
Michael Kruger-Davis



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National Sporting Clays Championships

World English Sporting – ACTA National FITASC Compak
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ACTA National Ground, October 14–20 October 2026

Setting targets for the National Sporting Clays Championships involves much greater work and programming than just opening a DTL trap or skeet and checking the height, speed and distance. The task was made even harder by holding two different types of sporting events: Compak and English Sporting.

The work started the morning after the completion of the NSWCTA Trap Carnival. Eight Compak fields had to be set up with each field having traps with receding, incoming and crossing targets that all had to cross over a 25m x 40m rectangular template somewhere between 4m to 8m in front of the shooting stands. As well as getting the traps ready and in position, the stands needed to be positioned with pool noodles for gun protection added, menu boards and identifying letters needed to be positioned. Then the targets had to be set, buttons and receivers programmed and making sure there was enough belly or face, variation in speed and height, black and fluro, standards, midis, minis, rabbits, battues and chondels. We also had to make sure the report pairs and the simultaneous pairs all worked, so that every shooter would have the opportunity to shoot at each target.

Over the next seven days, under the supervision of Bugsy Munroe, Mal and Helen Dyson, Barbara Kruger-Davis, Blue, Anthony Panetta, Jenny, Judy and Vicki worked tirelessly to get all the fields ready. Thanks must also go to David Coleman who set up the practice ground and to Mick Reed who manned the practise layout, filling traps and keeping the shooters in order for the practise day and the seven days of the competition.

While this work was happening, OSA, FS Trading, Perazzi (Nioa), BEST Vests, Martin Collumb were setting up product displays and trading centres to rival what we have seen for many years at the DTL nationals.

After the Compak courses were set up, Bugsy and Mal Dyson, then set up the English Sporting course. This was a 12 station 'walk through' which involved 50 pairs each day, to total 200 targets.

Event 1 – 200 target English Sporting Championship

Maryborough's Chris Brown claimed the opening title at the ACTA Sporting Nationals, returning 189/200 to win the 200 target English Sporting Championship. Sponsored by OSA, the event attracted 147 nominated shooters.

The AA Grade contest saw Robert Hall of WVCTC and Wangaratta's Adam Shale finish the programmed targets together on 186/200. Hall added 9/10 in the shoot-off to secure first place with 195/210, one target ahead of Shale, whose 8/10 brought his total to 194/210. Fellow WVCTC shooter John Younger took third with 194/210, having followed his initial 184/200 with a perfect 10/10 in the shoot-off.

Morwell's Paul Smith secured A Grade with 181/200, finishing five targets clear of Wangaratta shooter Ryan Leman on 176/200. Leman's clubmate Robert Warnock completed the placings with 171/200.

Gold Coast's Michael Birgan won B Grade with 158/200. A shoot-off settled the remaining placings after Nigel Montgomery, representing MCC–ACTA, and Paul Hedwig both returned 150/200.





English Sporting Overall Champion, Chris Brown, with Greg Coleman and Rod Laidlaw from OSA

Montgomery added an excellent 19/20 to take second with 169/220, while Hedwig's 17/20 gave him third on 167/220.

Bendigo junior Brianna Tangey headed C Grade with 151/200. Morwell's Dean Neilson took second on 141/200, just one target ahead of Wagga's Dora Bettridge with 140/200.

The Junior title went to Finn McBurnie of Border CTC with 176/200. Toowoomba's Georgia Rogers finished second on 174/200, while Jack Monument, representing Callawadda Stawell, placed third with 164/200.

Rogers also secured the Ladies title with her 174/200. MCC–ACTA shooters filled the next two positions, with Renae Birgan taking second on 169/200 and Lyndall McNeil third with 162/200.

Alongside his AA Grade placing, Younger collected the Senior title with his off-the-gun score of 184/200. Yarrawonga's Martin Seymour



B Grade
2nd Nigel Montgomery, Ist Michael Birgan



AA Grade 2nd Adam Shale, Ist Robert Hall, 3rd John Younger



A Grade 2nd Ryan Leman, Ist Paul Smith, 3rd Robert Warnock

finished second with 178/200, followed by Caboolture's Michael Lucas on 173/200.

Bendigo's Tony Connell won the Veteran section with 162/200, four targets clear of Michael Birgan, who added second in Veterans to his B Grade victory with 158/200. Michael Kruger-Davis of NLMCTC took third on 153/200.



C Grade 2nd Dean Neilson, Ist Brianna Tangey, 3rd Dora Bettridge

The Masters contest produced a one-target winning margin, with Caboolture's Bruce Wilson securing first on 149/200 ahead of Corowa's Bruce Duncan with 148/200. Gold Coast



Seniors Ist John Younger, 3rd Michal Lucas



Junior 2nd Georgia Rogers, Ist Finn McBurnie, 3rd Jack Monument



Veterans 2nd Michael Birgan, Ist Tony Connell, 3rd Michael Kruger-Davis



Ladies 2nd Renae Birgan, Ist Georgia Rogers, 3rd Lyndall McNeill



Masters 2nd Bruce Duncan, Ist Bruce Wilson, 3rd Ian Waldron


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shooter Ian Waldron finished third on 146/200.

At the completion of the English Sporting Championship the cages were repositioned, and the Compak courses were set up for the ACTA/ FITASC National Compak Championships.

Event 2 – 200 target Compak National Championship

Maryborough's Nick Guerra claimed the 200 target Compak National Championship with an excellent 194/200, finishing one target clear of the nearest challengers. Sponsored by OTC, the second event of the Nationals attracted 195 nominated shooters.

Opening event champion Chris Brown (Maryborough), continued his strong form, securing AA Grade after he and WVCTC's Robert Hall both returned 193/200. Brown then produced a perfect 25/25 in the shoot-off to finish on 218/225, while Hall added 18/25 for second place on 211/225. Bendigo junior Zayne Papaluca took third with 214/225, following his initial 192/200 with 22/25 in the shoot-off.



OTC's Lee Berger with National Compak Overall, Nick Guerra



AA Grade 2nd Robert Hall, Ist Chris Brown, 3rd Zayne Papaluca



A Grade 2nd Daniel Short, Ist Paul Smith, 3rd Jack Monument

Morwell's Paul Smith made it successive A Grade victories, although this time extra targets were needed to settle the result. Smith and Wangaratta's Daniel Short both shot 184/200 before Smith added 26/30 to win with 210/230. Short finished just one target behind on 209/230 after adding 25/30. Jack Monument, representing Callawadda Stawell, placed third with 182/200.

Wade McGirr of MCCACTA secured B Grade with 175/200. Bega's Craig Field and MCCACTA shooter Terry Preston both returned 172/200, with Field taking second after adding 18/25 for a total of 190/225. Preston was recorded third on 172/200.

Dean Neilson improved on his opening-event second placing to win C Grade for Morwell with 171/200. Owen Little from New Zealand finished second on 160/200, one target ahead of Bendigo's Brianna Tangey with 159/200.

Papaluca also collected the Junior title with his

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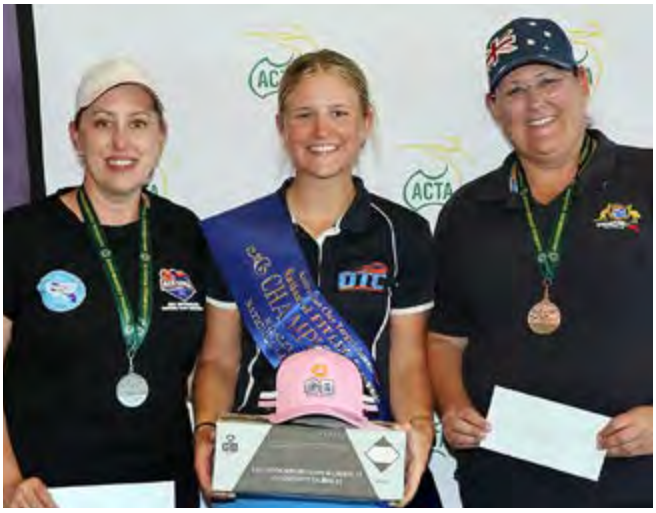
off-the-gun score of 192/200. A close shoot-off decided second and third after Wangaratta's Nate Palubiski and Toowoomba's Georgia Rogers each returned 187/200. Palubiski added 24/25 to take second with 211/225, narrowly ahead of Rogers, whose 23/25 gave her 210/225.



B Grade 2nd Craig Field, Ist Wade McGirr

Rogers secured her second Ladies title of the Nationals with 187/200. Lyndall McNeil of MCCACTA finished second on 178/200, just one target clear of Mendooran's Paula Purvis in third with 177/200.

The Senior contest also required a shoot-off, with Yarrawonga's Martin Seymour and Caboolture's



Ladies 2nd Lindall McNeil, Ist Georgia Rogers, 3rd Paula Purvis



C Grade 2nd Owen Little, Ist Dean Neilson, 3rd Brianna Tangey



Seniors 2nd Michael Lucas, Ist Martin Seymour, 3rd Donato Sgarbossa



Juniors 2nd Nate Palubiski, Ist Zayne Papaluca



Veterans 2nd Tony Connell, Ist Colin Johns, 3rd Christiaan Basson



Masters 2nd Robert Brown, Ist Bruce Duncan

Michael Lucas level on 188/200. Seymour added 23/25 to claim the title with 211/225, while Lucas finished second on 210/225 after breaking 22/25. Donato Sgarbossa of MCCACTA completed the placings with 187/200.

Maryborough enjoyed further success through Colin Johns, who won the Veteran section with 180/200. Bendigo's Tony Connell took second on 174/200, followed closely by Frankston's Christiaan Basson with 173/200.

Corowa's Bruce Duncan moved up from his opening-event runner-up placing to win the Masters title with 166/200. Maryborough's Robert Brown finished second with 162/200, while Orange shooter Ross Christian took third on 159/200.

Between the National Compak Championship and the FITSC Grand Prix shooters were given a rest day, while the layouts and programmes were changed for the Grand Prix event. That evening the inaugural Hall of Fame Dinner honouring a sporting shooter was held. The ACTA Hall of Fame honoured the achievements and shooting ability of Renae Birgan, while the audience were able to bask in the reflected glory of her notable achievements on the local, state, national and international stage across a number of disciplines. The ACTA also took the opportunity to recognise the achievements of the 2026 ACTA Senior Compak team who finished first as World Senior Compak Champion Team: Michael Lucas, Peter Tobin and John Younger. Michael Lucas then presented the ACTA with



NIOA–Perazzi's Damien Birgan congratulates FITASC Compak Grand Prix Overall, Nick Guerra

the FITASC Senior Team World Championship trophy and the ACTA honoured Michael for being the FITASC World Senior Champion.

Event 3 – 2026 FITASC 200 target Compak Grand Prix

Absolute consistency from Maryborough's Nick Guerra made it successive Compak victories at the



FITASC Compak Grand Prix Overall 2nd Damien Birgan, Overall 3rd Ryan Leman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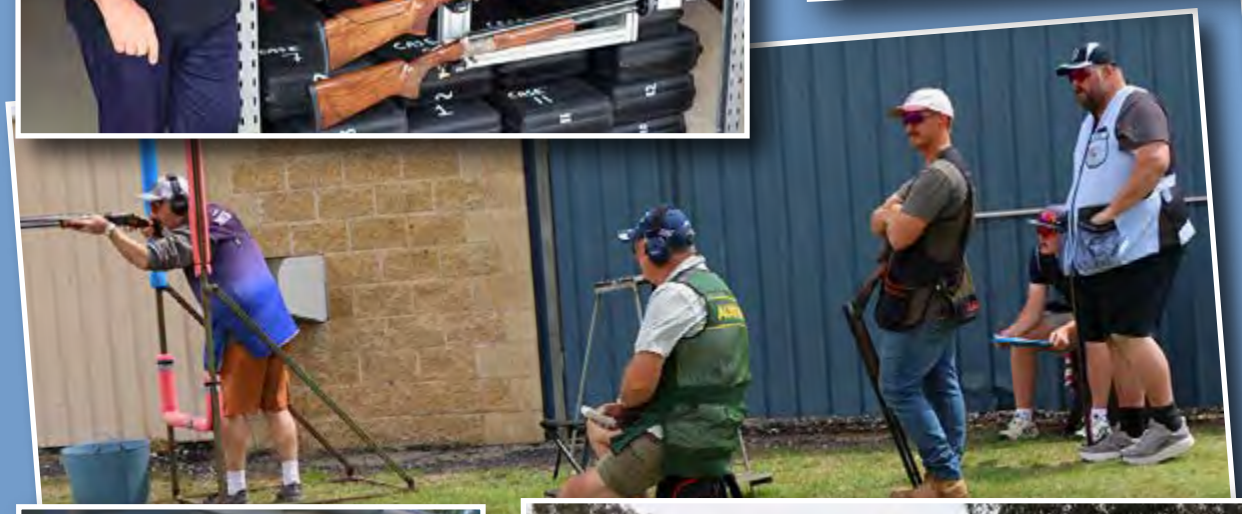






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Nick Guerra with Ray McFarlane, FITASC Vice President

Nationals, claiming the 2026 FITASC 200 target Compak Grand Prix with an outstanding 195/200. Sponsored by NIOA–Perazzi, the third event attracted 154 nominated shooters, with Guerra improving on his winning score in the preceding National Championship by one target.

A shoot-off settled the remaining Open placings after Redcliffe's Damien Birgan and Wangaratta's Ryan Leman both returned 191/200. Birgan added 25/28 to secure second with 216/228, narrowly ahead of Leman, whose 24/28 brought his third-place total to 215/228.

Guerra also headed AA Grade, with Birgan second. WVCTC's Robert Hall secured third after following his initial 189/200 with a perfect 5/5 in the shoot-off to finish on 194/205.

Leman's strong performance earned him the



A Grade 2nd Paul Smith, Ist Ryan Leman, 3rd Ashton Papaluca

A Grade title with 215/228. Morwell's Paul Smith, the grade winner in both preceding events, finished second with 185/200, while Bendigo junior Ashtan Papaluca took third on 183/200.



B Grade Ist Wade McGirr, 3rd Paul Hedwig

Wade McGirr of MCCACTA secured his second B Grade victory in succession, returning 179/200. Cecil Park's Frank Araco finished second with



AA Grade 2nd Damien Birgan, Ist Nick Guerra, 3rd Robert Hall



C Grade 2nd Brianna Tangey, Ist Owen Little, 3rd Phil Keller

167/200, just one target ahead of Paul Hedwig from New Zealand on 166/200.

Visiting New Zealand shooter Owen Little claimed C Grade with 158/200, improving on his runner-up placing in the National Championship. Bendigo's Brianna Tangey finished second with 156/200, followed by Toowoomba's Phil Keller on 154/200.

Just two targets separated the three Junior placegetters. Wangaratta's Nate Palubiski took the title with 189/200, one target clear of Finn McBurnie of Border CTC on 188/200. Bendigo's Zayne Papaluca completed the placings with 187/200.



Juniors 2nd Finn McBurnie, Ist Nate Palubiski, 3rd Zayne Papaluca



Veteran 2nd Robert Passarin, Ist Colin Johns, 3rd Phillip Stowe



Ladies 2nd Georgia Rogers, Ist Renae Birgan, 3rd Lyndall McNeil



Masters 2nd Darryl Groundwater, Ist Bruce Duncan, 3rd Max Kavanagh



Seniors 2nd Martin Seymour, Ist John Younger, 3rd Peter Tobin

Renae Birgan of MCCACTA won the Ladies section with 180/200, finishing two targets ahead of Toowoomba's Georgia Rogers, who had taken Ladies honours in the opening two events. Rogers returned 178/200, while Lyndall McNeil of MCCACTA placed third with 171/200.

The Senior title returned to WVCTC's John Younger, who followed his English Sporting success with another win on 189/200. Yarrawonga's Martin Seymour finished just one target behind with

188/200, while Brisbane's Peter Tobin took third on 184/200.

Maryborough's Colin Johns added another Veteran victory to his National Championship win, heading the Grand Prix results with 176/200. Korumburra's Robert Passarin finished second on 174/200. Fellow Maryborough shooter Phillip Stowe secured third with 194/225 after following his initial 173/200 with 21/25 in the shoot-off.

Corowa's Bruce Duncan also made it consecutive Compak section wins, taking the Masters title with 165/200. Caboolture's Darryl Groundwater was placed second with the same score. Wagga's Max Kavanagh finished third on 170/225, having added 18/25 in the shoot-off to his initial 152/200.

The ACTA was delighted with roll-up for the presentations on the final day, providing a final $300 randomised shooter draw and happy hour for shooters to enjoy a drink during the presentations. Shooters were also informed that a survey would be sent to all attendees asking for both positive and negative feedback, what could be improved, when should the events be held, should the English Sporting Nationals be a stand-alone competition, for example.



Overall High Gun, Nick Guerra with the Championship Perpetual Trophy

The Chairman then thanked those who made the event possible: sponsors, workers, office staff, trappers, referees and scorers, and shooters for their fine performances and exceptional sportsmanship, inviting them to return in 2027 for more major Compak events: The Beretta Cup, Grand Prix, ACTA Nationals and the Oceania Championships.



Don Power, representing Winchester, with High Gun Nick Guerra

Carnival High Guns

With outstanding determination and concentration Nick Guerra capped an outstanding Nationals campaign by claiming the Winchester-sponsored Open High Gun with 572/600 across the three events. His victories in the National Compak Championship and Compak Grand Prix helped secure the carnival's leading award. He was presented with a Cased Browning 525 U/O Sporter.

WVCTC's Robert Hall collected the AA Grade High Gun with 568/600, while Morwell's Paul Smith secured A Grade with 550/600 after winning his grade in the opening two events. Paul Hedwig, New Zealand took B Grade honours with 486/600, and Bendigo's Brianna Tangey claimed C Grade with 466/600.

Finn McBurnie of Border CTC won the Junior

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Grade High Guns, L-R: C Grade Brianna Tangey, B Grade: Paul Hedwig, A Grade Paul Smith, AA Grade Robert Hall



Above: Junior High Gun Finn McBurnie
Below: Veteran High Gun Tony Connell



Above: Ladies High Gun Georgia Rogers
Below: Senior High Gun John Younger

High Gun with 545/600. Toowoomba's Georgia Rogers secured the Ladies award with 539/600, having won the Ladies titles in both the English Sporting and National Compak Championships.

John Younger added the Senior High Gun to WVCTC's successes with 557/600. Bendigo's Tony Connell headed the Veterans on 507/600, while Corowa's Bruce Duncan completed a successful carnival with the Masters High Gun on 479/600.

World English Sporting Championships Team

The National English Sporting

Below: Masters High Gun Bruce Duncan









Victorian State Compak Team



New South Wales State Compak team

event also determined the Australian team for the 2027 World English Sporting Championships, to be held at E.J. Churchill Shooting Ground, High Wycombe, England, from July 17–24.

Opening-event champion Chris Brown of Maryborough headed the selection with 189/200. Hall placed second and Wangaratta's Adam Shale third, both with 186/200. Younger finished fourth with 184/200, followed by Redcliffe's Damien Birgan in fifth on the same score.

In the reserve list, Guerra secured sixth with 183/200. Smith placed seventh and Noorat's Brian Mortensen eighth, each returning 181/200. Bendigo's Anthony Panetta took ninth with 179/200, while Yarrawonga's Martin Seymour completed the ten-member selection with 178/200.

World Compak Sporting Championships Teams

Five Australian teams were selected for the 2027 World Compak Sporting Championships in Photharam, Thailand, from November 17–20. Scores across the two Compak events determined the Open, Junior, Ladies, Senior and Veteran selections.

Nick Guerra headed the Open team with an










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Winning 3 Person Team, Victoria. Nick Guerra, Colin Johns, Chris Brown with ACTA Board member Phil Keller



All Australian Team, Chris Brown, Nick Guerra, Damien Birgan, Robert Hall. Absent: Adam Shale



ACTA Board Chairman Michael Kruger-Davis, Ray McFarlane FITASC Vice President representing Oceania & ACTA EO Les Kadziela

excellent 389/400, followed by Hall on 382/400 and Bendigo's Michael Keirl with 380/400. Birgan placed fourth and Zayne Papaluca fifth, both with 379/400, while Shoalhaven's Steven Atkins completed the selection in sixth on 378/400.

Wangaratta's Nate Palubiski led the Junior team with 376/400, ahead of Finn McBurnie on 369/400. A shoot-off settled third and fourth after Callawadda Stawell's Jack Monument and Bendigo's Ashtan Papaluca both returned 363/400. Monument added 13/15 to take third with 376/415, one target ahead of Papaluca, whose 12/15 gave him 375/415. Bendigo's Marcus Keirl placed fifth with 355/400, followed by Wangaratta's Bailey Coulston on 350/400.

Georgia Rogers headed the Ladies selection with 365/400. MCCACTA shooters Renae Birgan and Lyndall McNeil placed second and third respectively, both on 349/400. Mendooran's Paula Purvis finished fourth with 342/400, Bendigo's Jessica Gawel fifth on 337/400 and Mount Gambier's Janette Densley sixth with 335/400.

Martin Seymour led the Senior team with 376/400, followed by John Younger on 373/400 and Caboolture's Michael Lucas with 370/400. Sox Pilipasidis of MCCACTA secured fourth with 363/400, Brisbane's Peter Tobin placed fifth on 360/400, and MCCACTA's Donato Sgarbossa completed the selection with 358/400.

Maryborough's Colin Johns headed the Veteran team with 356/400. Korumburra's Robert Passarin placed second and Tony Connell third, both with 345/400. Mount Gambier's Cockles Kessegian secured fourth on 341/400, followed by Maryborough's Phillip Stowe with 340/400 and Frankston's Christiaan Basson on 338/400.

All Australian Team

Selection in the All Australian Team recognised the five leading shooters across the full 600 target carnival.

Guerra headed the honorary team with 572/600, followed by Hall with 568/600. Brown secured third on 564/600, Birgan fourth with 563/600 and Shale fifth on 561/600, completing a closely matched group whose performances earned them All Australian status.

Inaugural Glenn Plate Team

The carnival also selected Australia's team to face New Zealand in the inaugural Glenn Plate, to be contested in Australia at the 2027 Compak Nationals.

Nick Guerra led the ten-member selection with 389/400, followed by Robert Hall on 382/400 and Michael Keirl with 380/400. Damien Birgan placed fourth and Zayne Papaluca fifth, each returning 379/400.

Steven Atkins secured sixth with 378/400, with Maryborough's John Kanellos seventh on the same score. Bendigo's Alan Fuge placed eighth, Palubiski ninth and Seymour tenth, all with 376/400, completing Australia's first Glenn Plate team.



State Teams Match

Victoria claimed the Bruce Hall Trophy in the National Sporting Clays Interstate Teams Match, compiling 1094/1200 to finish 24 targets clear of New South Wales.

Contested in conjunction with the 200 target ACTA National FITASC Compak Championship, the match brought together four state teams. Each six-member side comprised three Open shooters, one Junior under 18, one Lady and one Veteran over 65.

Robert Hall led Victoria's scoring with 193/200, supported by Adam Hirchfield on 185/200 and Matthew Libbis with 176/200 in the Open positions. Junior Jack Monument contributed 182/200, Lyndall McNeil added 178/200 and Veteran Colin Johns returned 180/200 to complete the winning total. Each member received a State Team Match Badge.

New South Wales finished second with 1070/1200. Steven Atkins headed its Open contingent with 190/200, followed by Christopher Bourke on 185/200 and Bart Brighenti with 183/200. Junior Finn McBurnie contributed 181/200, Paula Purvis returned 177/200 and Veteran Robert Yeo added 154/200.

South Australia secured third with 1036/1200. Jeremy Kent returned 188/200, Gavin Dyson 182/200 and Joe Densley 174/200 in the Open positions. Junior Jack Dyson added 152/200, Janette Densley contributed 172/200 and Veteran Greg Kessegian finished with 168/200.

Queensland completed the standings with 1019/1200. Damien Birgan and Michael Lucas each recorded 188/200, with Billy Cain adding 187/200 in the Open contingent. Georgia Rogers also returned 187/200, while Junior Nate McConnell contributed 117/200 and Veteran Allan McKenzie added 152/200.

3 Person Club Team Event

Maryborough's Chris Brown, Nick Guerra and Colin Johns combined to win the three-person Club Team event with an excellent 567/600.

Shot in conjunction with the 200 Target ACTA National FITASC Compak Championship, the competition required all three team members to be affiliated with the same ACTA club.

Guerra led the winning combination with 194/200, closely followed by Brown on 193/200. Johns contributed 180/200 to complete Maryborough's total, with each member earning an ACTA Gold Medal.

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Inaugural Sporting Hall of Fame Induction and Awards Dinner

On Sunday 18 October, guests were welcomed to The Range at the Australian Clay Target Association's National Grounds in Wagga Wagga for the inaugural Sporting Hall of Fame Induction and Awards Dinner.

Jane Vella was the MC for the evening and welcomed those who were joining celebrations both in person and via the live stream.

ACTA Chairman Michael Kruger-Davis, FITASC Vice President of Oceania Ray McFarlane, the ACTA Board, and ACTA Executive Officer Les Kadziela, were in attendance and were joined by the ACTA affiliated State Presidents from around Australia.



MC Jane Vella & FITASC Vice President of Oceania Ray McFarlane



Michael Kruger-Davis
ACTA Board Chairman

A timely event for the sporting discipline as recognition was extended to the ACTA and all of the tireless volunteers and ground crew on a 6-day, 3-event, 600 target English Sporting and FITASC Compak competition program that attracted over 200 competitors with the remaining event, the ACTA's inaugural FITASC Grand Prix, to follow over the next two days.

The Sporting Hall of Fame Induction and Awards was a time to celebrate our sport, recognising those who make such a valuable contribution, and enjoying the opportunity to catch up with friends and fellow shooters away from the range and in some fancy clothes!

Most importantly, the event was an opportunity to acknowledge the achievements and contributions of ACTA Members, leading up to what was a very special moment — the inaugural ACTA Sporting Hall of Fame Induction.

During the evening guests were officially welcomed by the ACTA Chairman, heard a little about the history of Sporting Clays in Australia and witnessed some special presentations.

Guests were also delighted to welcome Renae Birgan as the first Inductee. Renae was accompanied by her fiancée, Sox (Socrates Pilipasidis), members of the Birgan family, extended family, and her shooting friends.

At this point of time in the evening Jane Vella discussed the history of ACTA Sporting Clays from its origins in 1994 through to the present day. Jane explained how the discipline evolved from a simple invitation to Glenn Woodhatch who was at that time the President of the ACTA, to take part in a 5 Stand Sporting shoot in Rancho Cordova, Sacramento, USA, in 1993.

Glenn then brought the idea back to Australia and the first 5 Stand Sporting Nationals was run in conjunction with the SSAA in April 1994.

These Nationals progressed as a 5 Stand Sporting Clays competition until 2025, when the ACTA accepted an invitation from FITASC to take over the Australian licence for Compak.



FITASC Compak Individual Senior World Title winner Michael Lucas with Michael Kruger-Davis

The first Compak Nationals consequently took place in November 2025, and the competition has grown in strength across Australia in 2026.

The full report which is quite comprehensive can be read in this edition under the heading History of Sporting Clays in Australia.

The first presentations of the evening were in recognition of the achievements of those shooters who attended the FITASC Compak World Titles held in Italy in August 2026. Special awards were made by Michael Kruger-Davis and Ray McFarlane to John Younger, Michael Lucas and Peter Tobin for taking out the Senior Team title. An additional award was presented to Michael



FITASC Compak World Title Senior Team winners, John Younger, Michael Lucas & Peter Tobin with Ray McFarlane & Michael Kruger-Davis






















































Sox & Renae





Jane & Renae



Arthur Turner, Renae & Sox

Lucas for winning the Compak Individual Senior World Title.

In reply Michael Lucas acknowledged the Team's win, highlighting the high level of competition at the World Championships and the Australian Team's performance.

Michael then presented the ACTA with a National Federation trophy in recognition of the team's win.

After a short dinner break, the Hall of



Sox Pilipasidis



Renae earlier in her shooting career

Fame Induction of Renae Birgan concluded the evenings formalities.

Jane then acknowledged the importance of women's shooting in Australia, across all disciplines, having the opportunity to recognise the depth of talent, the level of achievement and the lasting contributions women have made to our sport, at State and National level, and on the world stage.

Australian women have achieved so much in clay target shooting, representing our country with distinction and helping build the reputation of Australian shooting Internationally. There was reflection on the importance of these achievements being recognised, celebrated and remembered as part of our sport's history, while also inspiring the next generation of women to pursue their own ambitions in shooting.

Jane reflected on the privilege of being part of the evening and induction, particularly given her friendship with Renae, which has now extended into work colleagues in recent years. She expressed her genuine appreciation of the dedication, time, commitment and passion that Renae gives to shooting whether as a competitor or as a coach.

Sport has a wonderful way of bringing people together, and the friendships formed along the way often become just as meaningful as the



Brother Damien, fiancee Sox, Renae, Mum Maree & Dad Michael

achievements themselves. Sharing this moment with Renae, her family and so many people who have been part of her journey is something we can all feel very fortunate to be part of.

Jane went on to explain that no history of this sport would be complete without Renae Birgan. Some of Renae's achievements since her shooting career started at the young age of 11 were noted.

In New Zealand in 2011 Renae became Ladies World English Sporting Champion and repeated this in July 2017 at the Kelmarsh Estate, Northamptonshire, England where she won the Ladies ICTSF 4th World English Sporting Championship with a score of 166/200, five clear of the next competitor. She was on the cover of the September 2017 CTSN (Vol. 70 No. 9).

In the President's Notes, the ACTA president called her "the 2017 Ladies World English Sporting Champion" and added "Congratulations Renae" .

Six years earlier she had won World Team Silver in the 2011 Ladies Team in New Zealand, with Gaye Shale and Trina Adams.

Here at home, she has won the Overall National Ladies Sporting Clays title 12 times from 2006 through to 2022, also winning the Ladies section of all three events including the ACTA Sporting Clays and Commonwealth Ladies titles.

She became the inaugural winner of the National Ladies Sport Trap and Ladies National 5 Stand titles in 2022 and the inaugural Ladies National FITASC Grand Prix Champion at this year's Nationals, bringing her overall tally of ACTA Sporting National titles to 15.

Against the Open field:

- 3rd in AA (in the 2011 ACTA Championship (102/110) and 2nd in AA in 2012 (101/110).
- 2nd in AA in the 2017 Commonwealth Championship (102/120), behind John Younger (November 2017 CTSN).
- 2017 National Three-person Team Champion with Sox Pilipasidis and Jack Gibbs (533/600), for MCC.
- Named 4th reserve for the 2016 World Team.

Renae is also a National Trap champion.

Trap record:

The Trap Hall of Fame history pages show she was a National-level Trap shooter too:

- National Ladies Single Barrel Champion, Roma, 2009 (76/80).
- National Ladies Double Rise Champion, Perth, 2013 (54/60).
- Mackintosh Ladies Team High Gun, 2010.
- Victorian Ladies Team wins in 2008 (75/75), 2014 and 2015 (74/75 each).
- Runner-up in the 2014 National Deauville Doubles with Deserie Baynes (111/112).
- Pairs placings with Socrates Pilipasidis: 3rd in 2016 (57/58) and runner-up in 2022 (70/71).

A trophy in her name

The October 2017 CTSN advertised the 2017 Ladies Challenge and Ladies-only Come and Try Day at Frankston Australian Clay Target Club. The overall winner's name is engraved on the Renae Birgan Perpetual Trophy.

Arthur Turner, 2010 ACTA DTL Hall of Fame inductee and long-time friend of Renae, spoke about her achievements in DTL.

Sox then reflected on Renae's sporting career and shared how proud he is of her accomplishments.

Renae followed with a reflection on her own journey and achievements, including how she draws on her experience in her current coaching role to support National Squad athletes as they prepare to compete on the world stage.

As the room was then upstanding, Sox presented Renae with her green ACTA Hall of Fame jacket.

Her achievements were well celebrated with a round of applause and plenty of personal congratulations and photo opportunities.

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SA State ISSF Titles

September 26 & 27, 2026

Well, here we all are again to compete at the 2026 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 International CTC, our host Club, prep their skills and get used to the different backgrounds for the two days of competition. At 4pm, 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 26 and 27, we saw unseasonal weather conditions. Some rather cold and wet/rainy days mixed in with some pleasant almost Spring days. And, the next three days were going to be no exception with nice conditions expected over the Sunday but a possible shower or two on Saturday.

The first day started at around 15 degrees for the morning and with nice calm conditions but overcast skies.

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 8:50am 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 for Skeet'

Back at the Trench, a challenging first set of 75 with lots of low, fast and wide targets. The weather gods were going to be kind to us this morning with just that light breeze becoming through, rather than the howling gales that we're sometimes subjected to. It was no different at the Skeet end with competitors enjoying the calmer conditions.

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

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, especially, with assistance from Doyle Yoannidis at the Skeet end – 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 in case we needed advice. 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 was lots of anticipation again as the scores came in and got tallied. MCMS certainly reflected the calmer conditions over past years, but unfortunately for some, hopes of being in the winner's circle had been dashed even with the better conditions.

At 2pm everything was over at the trap end, 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. Skeet was all done by 3pm. Squad sheets were redrawn and rotated ready for a start on time.

We were very lucky with the predicted late



ISSF Trap Gold Medal and Overall Craig Henwood with sponsor George Kontopolous from Omega Foods



Trap Silver Medal Molly Bretag



Trap Bronze Medal Tony DePadova

afternoon prevailing winds holding off during the competitions.

On Sunday morning, we woke to grey skies, about 12 degrees to start the day with a reasonable breeze. As the first squad 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 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 changed conditions of the day had 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 respectable score.

Top off the gun scores of the competition was a 116/125 by Molly Bretag (for Trench), and Aaron Deans 111/129 (for Skeet) – an indication of how tough the conditions were this year, but still a great effort to shoot that well.

The numbers were tallied, the bib positions allocated and shot off, and the top scores went



Skeet Silver Medal Aaron Deans



Skeet Bronze Medal Doyle Yoannidis



ISSF Skeet Gold Medal and Overall George Papachristoforos with sponsor George Kontopolous

out to face it off. There were no men's or women's, but rather an Open final competition which was made up of Molly Bretag, Craig Henwood, Tony DePadova, Dean Harden, Cameron Ford, Filip Markovic, George Kontopoulos, and Rito Borzillo.

With another change to the Final which now has eight competitors, it eventually dwindled down to the Bronze, Silver and Gold match. 3rd place and Bronze went to Tony DePadova, Silver was taken by Molly Bretag, and, taking the Gold medal this year was Craig Henwood to the applause from the crowd. Well done to all these guys and Congratulations to Craig on the Gold medal and Molly with Silver.

Meanwhile, down at the Skeet end, it was Aaron Deans, George Papachristoforous, Doyle Yoannidis, Russell Stopp, Tony Priestman, Elliot Gibb, Sarah Caldwell and Tom Price on the battlefield for the Finals. When all was said and done, the Bronze went to Doyle, Silver to Aaron, and George Papachristoforos scored the Gold.

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 Dean Harden 104/128, and George Karageorgis 2nd with 93/125. B grade went to Rito Borzillo 97/125, with Angus Gaskett 2nd on 95/125. A grade was taken by Filip Markovic 103/127, with 2nd being Tony DePadova 102/127. AA grade winner was Molly Bretag 116/125 with Craig Henwood coming in with a 113/125 for 2nd place. What a huge effort considering the changing conditions of the day. Junior went to Angus Gaskett, and Veteran was Rito Borzillo and Ladies was Molly Bretag.

Our SA Champion shooter for the Trap was Fil Markovic with 103, and the recipient of the SA Junior Champion was not contested. Congratulations also have to go out to everyone that made the Postals.



Trap A Grade Ist
Filip Markovic



Trap A Grade 2nd
Tony DePadova



Trap B Grade Ist
Rito Borzillo



Trap B Grade Ist
Angus Gaskett



Trap AA Grade Ist
Molly Bretag



Trap AA Grade 2nd
Craig Henwood



Trap C Grade Ist
Dean Harden



Trap C Grade 2nd
George Karageorgis

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Trap Junior winner
Angus Gaskett



Trap Ladies winner
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Trap Veteran winner
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SA Trap Champion Shooter
Filip Markovic

In the winner's circle for Grades at the end of the Skeet's qualifiers and shoot-offs was Robert West for C grade 82/125, Chris Staikopoulos 2nd 72/125. Russell Stopp took out the B Grade 1st with a 107/125, with Elliott Gibb 2nd, on 104/125. In A Aaron Deans took out the grade 111/125 with Doyle Yoannidis 2nd with a 109/125. AA Grade Overall went to George Papachristoforos 109/125, and there was no contest for 2nd. Sarah Caldwell was the Ladies winner, Veteran was not contested, and Junior was taken by George Papachristoforos.

Below: AA Grade Ist and Junior winner George Papachristoforos





Skeet Ladies winner
Sarah Caldwell



Skeet A Grade Ist
Aaron Deans



Skeet A Grade 2nd
Doyle Yoannidis



Skeet B Grade Ist
Russell Stopp



Skeet B Grade 2nd
Elliot Gibb



Skeet C Grade Ist
Robert West



Skeet C Grade 2nd
Chris Staikopoulos



In one of the greatest gestures of sportsmanship, young George passed on his winning Junior State Sash to Tiger Lewis who had been having such a hard time on the field using someone else's gun

The SA Champion shooter this year in Skeet was Doyle Yoannidis and SA Junior Champion shooter, was Tiger Lewis.

The recipient of the Yoannidis Perpetual Shield, presented by Doyle, this year went to George Papachristoforos.

Congratulations to all that took home some honours.

We'd like to extend a word of thanks to Doyle and Aaron this year for taking the lead role on the Skeet side of this Carnival and just making it all happen for us. Legendary stuff!!

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 three days. A big thank you also to Joe from Melisi Projects and George Kontopolous from Omega Foods for your continuing support, and also Bronte and Tania Evans, and Jas from Knight Adjustable Stocks. Also this year, a generous donation was received from a kind sponsor that wishes to remain anonymous – Thank you. 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 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 2027. Thank you all.

Len DeCandia – State President



The recepient of the Yoannidis Perpetual Shield, presented by Doyle Yoannidis, was George Papachristoforos. Doyle was also the SA Skeet Champion Shooter

SACTA would like to extend sincere gratitude to all our Carnival sponsors for the 2026 season, wishing them a wonderful Christmas and fruitful 2027.

A very Merry Christmas and safe and healthy New Year to all members, their families, and the entire shooting fraternity.

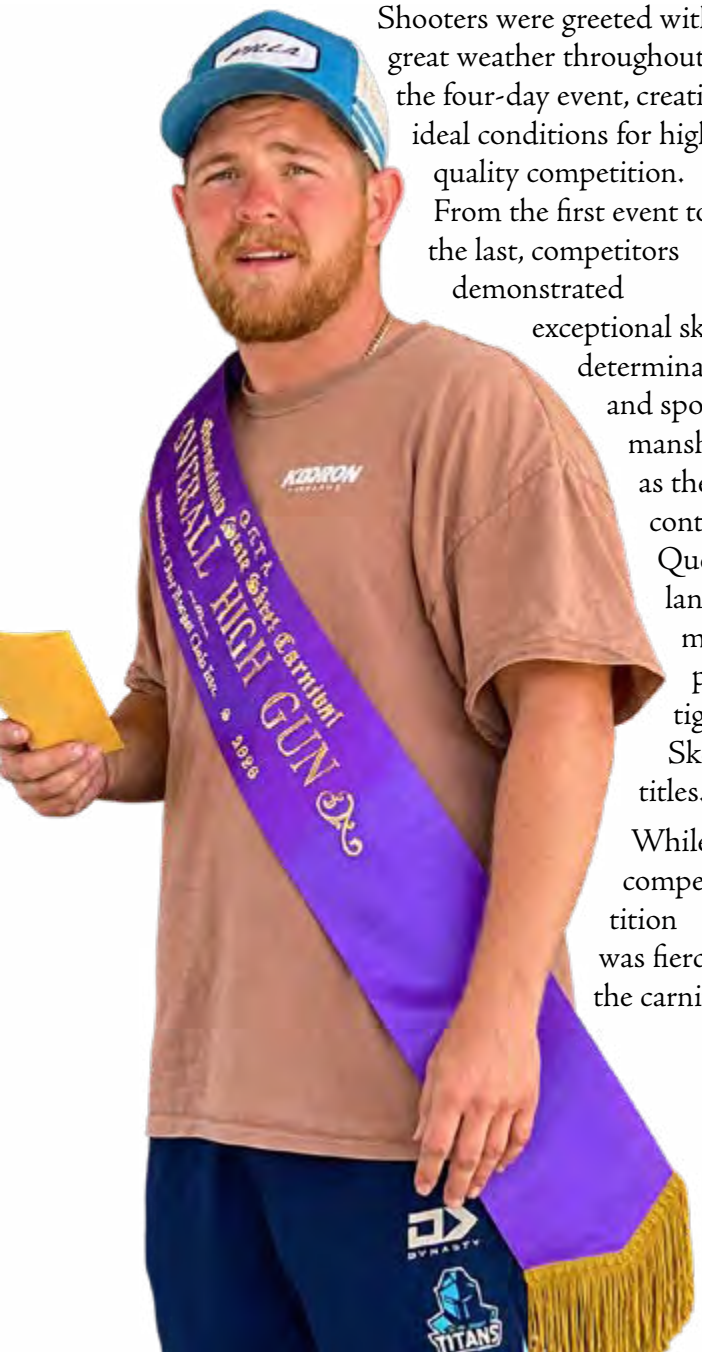
We look forward to hosting you all again in 2027.

Queensland State Skeet Carnival 2026

Blackwater Clay Target Club

The 2026 Queensland State Skeet Carnival was held at the Blackwater Clay Target Club from 17–20 September, attracting 64 competitors from across Queensland and interstate.

Antony Ballarino, High Gun QCTA Skeet Carnival



Shooters were greeted with great weather throughout the four-day event, creating ideal conditions for high-quality competition. From the first event to the last, competitors demonstrated exceptional skill, determination, and sportsmanship as they contested Queensland's most prestigious Skeet titles.

While the competition was fierce, the carnival once again highlighted what makes clay target shooting so special. Friendships were strengthened, new connections were made, and competitors enjoyed the renowned Blackwater hospitality. The efforts of the club's dedicated officials, members, volunteers and sponsors contributed greatly to the success of the event and ensured all visitors enjoyed a memorable experience.

The Queensland Clay Target Association sincerely thanks the Blackwater Clay Target Club and everyone involved in delivering an outstanding State Skeet Carnival.

Event 1 50 target Queensland State 28 Gauge Championship

Port Denison shooter Antony Ballarino made an immediate impact, winning the 28-Gauge Championship with an impressive 49/50. The victory was the first of several championship titles he would collect throughout the carnival.

Brisbane Junior Luke Given demonstrated his talent by claiming both the AA Grade and Junior honours with 48/50, setting the tone for an outstanding carnival.

Event 2 50 target Queensland State 410 Championship

Ballarino continued his dominance in the .410 Championship, securing a second Open Title with 47/50. Meanwhile, Caboolture's Kathryn Lange enjoyed a strong performance, winning both A Grade and Ladies honours.

Event 3 50 target Queensland State 20 Gauge Championship

One of the highlights of the carnival came in the 20 Gauge Championship, where Luke Given produced a flawless 50/50 to claim both the Open and Junior titles.

Townsville's Jason Phillis won A Grade, while several grades required exciting shoot-offs to determine the final placings. Bathurst shooter Katie Hoskins emerged victorious in the Ladies section after a strong shoot-off performance.

Given's perfect score confirmed his place among the carnival's standout performers.

Event 4 Queensland State Skeet Handicap
The Handicap attracted the largest field of the carnival, with 61 competitors entering.

Townsville's Ted Baldwin emerged victorious after a closely fought contest, finishing level with Rockhampton's Jessica Tate on adjusted scores. Baldwin's consistency under pressure saw him secure the title after the shoot-off.

Event 5 100 target Queensland State Skeet Championship
The flagship 100 Target 12 Gauge Championship produced some remarkable scores. Townsville shooter Cody Chapman delivered one of the carnival's standout performances, breaking 99/100 targets to claim the Open Championship. His clubmate Athan Phillis secured AA Grade honours with 98/100.

The victory capped a strong carnival for Chapman and further highlighted Townsville's strength in Skeet competition.

Event 6 50 target Queensland State Champion of Champions
Luke Given added another major title to his growing collection by winning the Champion of Champions event. After shooting a perfect 50/50, Luke remained unbeaten through the shoot-off to finish with an outstanding 52/52 score. The performance also secured him another Junior Title and reinforced his standing as one of the carnival's most successful competitors.



Luke Given
State Champion of Champions Overall



Antony Ballarino State Skeet Doubles Overall

Event 7 50 target Queensland State Doubles Championship
The State Doubles Championship saw Antony Ballarino capture yet another Open title. After posting 49/50, Antony remained perfect through the shoot-off to secure victory. Caboolture's Adam Corless won A Grade, while Tahnee Davenport claimed both second place in A Grade and the Ladies title.

High Gun Honours
Consistency across the entire carnival was rewarded through the prestigious High Gun awards.

Overall Antony Ballarino 293/300. AA Grade Cody Chapman 291/300. A Grade Adam Corless 283/300. B Grade Ted Baldwin 282/300. C Grade Chris Gilder 243/300. Junior Luke Given 296/314. Ladies Tahnee Davenport 280/300. Veteran Steve Steenstrup 263/300.

Antony Ballarino also claimed the prestigious High All Round title with an impressive 389/400.

The Queensland State Postal Teams competition again showcased the depth of talent across the state. Cody Chapman topped the Open standings with 149/150, while Luke Given led the Junior division. Lee-Anne Walker headed the Ladies standings and David Williams was the leading Veteran competitor.

In the State Open Representative Team standings,



High Gun winners

Chapman again led the way with 197/200, ahead of Athan Phillis and Antony Ballarino.

Antony Ballarino continued his exceptional form by shooting a perfect 50/50 to win the Queensland Open Team High Gun.

Additional Team High Guns in the Sections were, Brisbane's Oscar O'Neill, Junior High Gun with a perfect 25/25, while Veronika Forsythe claimed Ladies High Gun and Glen Farmer took out the Veteran High Gun

Congratulations to all winners, placegetters, competitors and families who attended the 2026 Queensland State Skeet Carnival. Congratulations also to the Queensland Representative Team, who will travel to Wagga Wagga, NSW in March 2027 to represent Queensland.

The QCTA extends its sincere appreciation to our carnival sponsors for their generous support of the event.

The QCTA now looks forward to welcoming competitors to the Toowoomba Clay Target Club for the Queensland State Skeet Carnival in September 2027.

The following is a full results summary:

State Champions

28 Gauge Championship Antony Ballarino 49/50. .410 Championship Antony Ballarino 47/50. 20 Gauge Championship Luke Given 50/50. Skeet Handicap Ted Baldwin 78/78, 12 Gauge Championship Cody Chapman 99/100. Champion of Champions Luke Given 52/52. Doubles Championship Antony Ballarino 53/54. Queensland Open Team Shoot Antony Ballarino 50/50.

Grade Winners

28 Gauge AA Grade Luke Given. A Grade Darryl Chapman. B Grade Ted Baldwin. C Grade Mason Luke.

.410 AA Grade Joshua Teague. A Grade Kathryn Lange. B Grade Peter Ballarino. C Grade Michelle Russell.



Antony Ballarino High Alround



Steve Steenstrup Veteran High Gun

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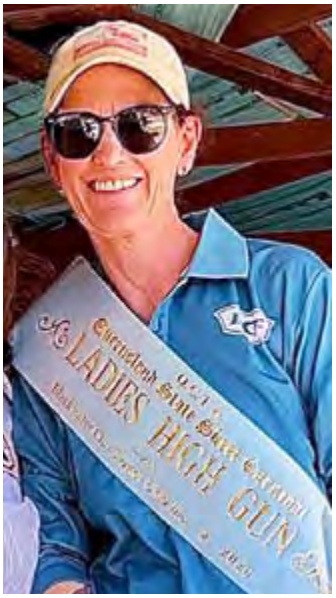
Luke Given Junior High Gun



Tahnee Davenport Ladies High Gun

20 Gauge AA Grade Antony Ballarino. A Grade Jason Phillis. B Grade Ted Baldwin. C Grade Chris Gilder.

12 Gauge AA Grade Athan Phillis. A Grade Darryl Chapman. B Grade Ted Baldwin. C Grade Wyatt Vohland.

Champion of Champions AA Grade Antony Ballarino. A Grade Kathryn Lange. B Grade Ted Baldwin. C Grade Robert Car.y

Doubles AA Grade Cody Chapman. A Grade Adam Corless. B Grade Jeremy Freeman. C Grade Grahame Noffke.

Section Winners

28 Gauge Junior Luke Given. Ladies Lee-Anne Walker. Veteran Steve Steenstrup.

.410 Junior Luke Given. Ladies Kathryn Lange. Veteran Steve Steenstrup.

20 Gauge Junior Luke Given. Ladies Katie Hoskins. Veteran Tracey Ashton.

12 Gauge Junior Luke Given. Ladies Katie Hoskins. Veteran David Williams.

Champion of Champions Junior Luke Given. Ladies Kathryn Lange. Veteran Steve Steenstrup.

Doubles Junior Ted Baldwin. Ladies Tahnee Davenport. Veteran Glen Farmer.

Sections Team Shoot Junior Oscar O'Neill. Ladies Veronika Forsythe. Veteran Glen Farmer.

Queensland State Open Postal Teams

Cody Chapman 149/150, Athan Phillis 147/150, Antony Ballarino 145/150, Adam Corless 144/150, Jason Phillis 144/150, Rick Ball 144/150, Joshua Teague 143/150, Darryl Chapman 143/150, Dean Baird 143/150, Ted Baldwin 142/150, Tahnee Davenport 141/150, Craig O'Neill 141/150, Michael Chelepy 140/150, Glenn Walker 140/150, Kathryn Lange 139/150.

Queensland Junior Postal Team

Luke Given 140/150, Jackson Stewart 139/150, Oscar O'Neill 136/150, Cooper Luke 114/150, Mason Luke 87/150.

Queensland Ladies Postal Team

Lee-Anne Walker 138/150, Meagan Baldwin 132/150, Veronika Forsythe 130/150, Tracey Ashton 129/150, Katrina Santa 123/150, Michelle Russell 104/150.

Queensland Veteran Postal Team

David Williams 156/175, Steve Steenstrup 155/175, Clive Glasgow 154/175, Brian Muirson 129/150, Garry McKay 129/150, Glenn Farmer 126/150.

Queensland State Open Shoulder to Shoulder Team

Cody Chapman 197/200, Athan Phillis 195/200, Antony Ballarino 195/00, Adam Corless 192/200, Jason Phillis 192/200.

Queensland Junior Shoulder to Shoulder Team

Ted Baldwin 165/175, Luke Given 163/175, Jackson Stewart 163/175, Oscar O'Neill 161/175.

Queensland Ladies Shoulder to Shoulder Team

Tahnee Davenport 163/175, Kathryn Lange 162/175, Lee-Anne Walker 160/175.

Queensland Veteran Shoulder to Shoulder Team

David Williams 156/175, Steve Steenstrup 155/175, Clive Glasgow 154/175.

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2027 Blue Book Update

The NSWCTA Executive Committee has made the decision to move to a **digital-only Blue Book** for 2027, with no printed hard copies being produced. This decision follows declining demand for printed copies and increasing production costs.

The 2027 Digital Blue Book will be available free of charge to all members and clubs through the NSWCTA website. This will be a trial year, with feedback from clubs and members welcomed to help guide future decisions.

Further information on accessing the Digital Blue Book will be provided once available.

We thank everyone for their understanding and continued support.

NSWCTA State Fees

The NSWCTA Executive Committee wishes to advise members and affiliated clubs that the **NSW State Membership fee will increase by $5, bringing the 2027 fee to $25**.

This modest increase is necessary to help cover rising operational costs, which the Association has absorbed for a long time, with the fee remaining at $20 for many years. The adjustment will assist in maintaining State Carnivals, supporting our State Teams, continuing to develop clay target shooting throughout NSW, and advocating on behalf of our members and sport to all sides of government.

We remain committed to keeping membership affordable while ensuring the NSWCTA can continue to support our clubs, members and the future of our sport.

We thank everyone for their understanding and continued support.

NSWCTA State Office – Christmas Closure

As we approach the end of another year, please be advised that the NSWCTA State Office will be closing for the Christmas break from **Thursday, 17 December 2026**.

Our office will re-open in January 2027, with the confirmed re-opening date to be announced.

From everyone at the NSWCTA, we would like to wish all our shooters, members, clubs, sponsors and the wider shooting community a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

Thank you for your continued support throughout 2026. We look forward to another fantastic year ahead and to welcoming everyone back for our 2027 State Carnivals.

NSW Government Firearms Buyback

Congratulations to the Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party for securing a parliamentary inquiry into the Labor government's 2025 firearms laws.

For now, the best thing to hand in is a submission to the inquiry. The NSWCTA Facebook page has links to the government's submission website, and the Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party offers guidance to help all firearms enthusiasts contribute.

The NSW Clay Target Association Inc will make a submission, and we encourage all members to do the same.

In the meantime, we encourage members not to give the government a media photo opportunity with large numbers of surrendered firearms. The buyback is currently voluntary, so we recommend waiting for the inquiry's report and the outcome of the March State election before making a decision you may regret. Once surrendered, a firearm is gone. The buyback runs until late 2027, so there is no need to rush. As always, understand your obligations under the Firearms Act and remain compliant.

From the NSWCTA, stay safe, enjoy the festive season, and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Roma's Competition for Registered Shooters

Essential Club Equipment for Roma

This story is about two very well known and well used pieces of equipment at our club.



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It is of course, the humble Urinal, the least loved, thought about or revered possession of any club. But some have historical value, some have a history in their own right and many have been used, sometimes regularly, by the champions of our sport.

How many of our greatest shots have used the services of the clubhouse urinal in Roma. Did Darren have a nervous act of relief before shooting the first 100/100 DR shot in Australia? Did Doug, Fraser and Matt occasionally avail upon its services? They are not discipline specific either, with Adrian and Russell likely having used them as well.

These are men that have risen to the pinnacle of our sport. But are they aware of the heights that the equipment they have used has been to. Above all of them, higher than the peak of the roof. Why is it so that a humble urinal has looked down from such a greater height than some of our greatest champions?

Well, the story goes like this. Early 1997 and erection (possibly a poor choice of words here) of the new Roma clubhouse nears completion, plumbing in walls, electrical completed but the Urinal has not shown its face on site. The usual group of workers are having lunch and finally the Urinal is delivered. It is a BIG carton and with all the walls completed it didn't take long for Legs to say "how are the builders going to get that around the corner in the hallway and into place". It is quite obvious that it just won't fit. So Nugget rings the contracted builder and local mayor at the time and



explains the problem. He is met with deadly silence before the mayor responds with "You just F****d up my lunch". This could be the most expensive urinal fitting in history.

So the roof sheets were removed, a hole cut in the ceiling and a large crane employed to raise the humble urinal to heights we had never imagined towering well over anyone who has ever used it.

The clubs second Urinal in the Robinson Room amenities has a much longer history having greeted many of us for many years at another club. Some of the tallest, Rod and Geoff, some of the shortest, Pigmy and Brett, some of the biggest characters, Graham and Dale and definitely the noisiest, Scotty.

This artifact from the now defunct, previously highly successful Sunshine Coast club was purchased at the conclusion of their final shoot. The council taking the site to add to the adjacent refuse facility was a sad day for shooting. The Urinal was fitted to the hall amenities before the hall opening in 2009. It is interesting to note that its original site was adjacent to their bar, a common design feature of most gun clubs, assisting with efficient access and convenience for users.

So when you are next standing at either of these Urinals, give a thought to those that have stood there before you and the history of the objects themselves.

Anonymous

If you can put a Christian and surname to all persons referred to in this story, send to Jenny via email and I will arrange a bottle of spirits for the first correct entry drawn from entries received by C.O.B 6/12/2026.

Winner will be announced in January's edition of Clay Target.

Prize will be available for collection from the National office or posted to your address.

Jennys email is info@claytarget.com.au



WACTA 2026 State Skeet Carnival

15th–17th October 2026

Back at the WA Gun Club and Weary Travellers Manage the State Skeet Carnival

Having only just stepped off the plane from the US after attending the 2026 World Skeet Championships in San Antonio, Texas, the club's Skeet Captain, Greg Schweikert, stepped straight into running the WACTA State Skeet Carnival, 15th–17th October. Thankfully Shane O'Brien along with other members stepped up to ensure that all had been checked for the Carnival, including machinery, VOR plus all other areas involved so that Greg wasn't rushed once he hit home soil.

The weekend weather promised to be sunny and up to 24 degrees with slight breezes. However, Friday had some drizzle with sunshine, Saturday was excellent then on Sunday, it changed bringing major wind gusts and extremely cloudy – good Skeet challenges.

The program for the State Carnival was for the Sub Gauges, .410, 28G and 20G, to be shot on Friday, Skeet Doubles and Handicap on Saturday along with Zone Teams and then on Sunday the 100 target Skeet along with the State Teams.

Day 1 started with the 50 target State .410 Bore Skeet with some drizzle. The US must have given the training for the winner Matt De Paoli, 49/50, (Collie). This was the start of his sub gauges dominance for him as well as being inducted into the WACTA Hall of Fame. Another US "tripper", G Schweikert (WAGC), took out AA Grade from S Davis (Collie) and J Dichiera (WAGC) after a shoot-off for 2nd and 3rd. J Fleay (BSN) vied with L Paterson (Collie) for 1st and 2nd A and B Wellington (Geraldton) taking out 3rd. B Grade won by A Featherstone (Denmark) from N Iara (Geraldton) and Jennie White (WAGC). There were no C Graders for the event but the Junior High Gun went to Ryder Finn (Boyup Brook) and Veterans to Three Springs legend – Terry Marsden. All up, 22 shooters participated in the first event of the State Skeet Championships.

After Event 1,



Skeet Captain Greg Schweikert with .410 Overall Matthew De Paoli



.410 AA Grade



.410 Veteran & Junior



28g Overall Matthew De Paoli

we then progressed in sub-gauge sizing with the State 28G Skeet with 23 participants. Matt De Paoli shot a perfect 50/50 (Collie) to take out the event. G Schweikert (WAGC) shot off against P House (Boyup Brook) and D Thomson (Collie) for 1st AA Grade with the others taking out 2nd and 3rd respectively. J Dyas showed he still had it by winning A Grade from L Paterson (both Collie) from J Fleay (BSN) who took 3rd in grade.



28g AA Grade



28g A Grade

A Featherstone (Denmark) clearly won B Grade from N Iara (Geraldton) and junior Zane Uren (Boyup Brook) 3rd. Ryder Finn (Boyup Brook) won 1st in C Grade plus won the Junior High Gun



28g B Grade



28g Junior & Veteran



28g C Grade



Shane O'Brien with 20g Overall Matthew De Paoli

and Shane O'Brien (WAGC) the Veteran High Gun.

Last event of the sub gauges was the State 20G Skeet. It was here that people were wishing that Overall Winner Matt De Paoli 50/50 had stayed in the US and not used it as a training ground for the State Skeet titles. Likewise, they were saying the same about G Schweikert when he won AA Grade from J Dichiera (both WAGC) and T Polmear (EGCTC). The field was greater in this event with 34 undertaking the 20G. A Grade went to D Sprigg (Collie) from M Pedri (WAGC) and J Fleay (BSN). Only 2 places were awarded in the B Grade and they went to A Featherston (Denmark) and N Iara (Geraldton) which was also the result in C Grade with junior R Finn (Boyup Brook) taking 1st from Michelle Bowles (Collie). Zane Uren (Boyup Brook) won the Junior High Gun, Sarah Kurylo (Collie) the Ladies and Shane O'Brien (WAGC) the Veterans.



20g Veteran, Lady & Junior



Doubles Overall Matthew De Paoli



20g A Grade



Doubles AA Grade



20g Veteran, Lady & Junior

Next morning came and the start of the State Team selection was underway but first Event 4 50 target State Skeet Doubles had to be undertaken. Matt De Paoli 49/52 started the day with his 4th title with a shoot-off with Daniel Sprigg (Collie) who took out 1st B Grade. AA Grade was won by T Polmear (EGCTC) from E Harris (CMT) and no 3rd awarded. A Grade had a full contingent with P House (Boyup Brook)

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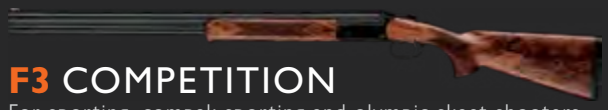

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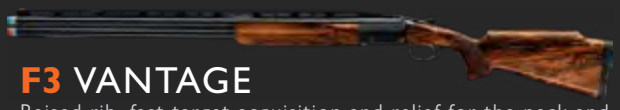

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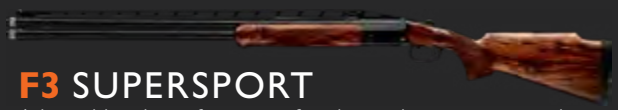

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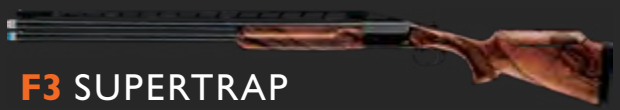

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Doubles A Grade



Doubles B Grade



Doubles C Grade



Doubles Veteran, Lady, Junior

winning from G Schweikert and J Dichiera (both WAGC). The 2nd and 3rd in B Grade were won by J Higham and D Thomson (both Collie). P Lawler (CMT) won C Grade from E Violante (WAGC) and J Fleay (BSN). Zane Uren (Boyup Brook) ruled the Juniors with his 2nd High Gun, Jennie White (WAGC) took out the Ladies High Gun and Jon Dyas (Collie) the Veteran. In all, 41 members shot the State Skeet Doubles.

Now was the time for the 50 target State Skeet Handicap –Event 5, a State Team selection event. Paul Lawler 60/60 (CMT) showed his prowess to win the event from L Harvey (Northam), R Finn (Boyup Brook), Michelle Bowles (Collie) and M De Paoli (Collie) who kept his name in the MCMS Reports, heading towards the Carnival High Gun. 45 members participated in the State Skeet Handicap.

Sunshine made the day a much better sight which supported Event 7 being the State Skeet Zone Teams event. South West Zone won from Central Zone with a 73/75 being the top 3 scores of the Team. South West Team was M De Paoli, D Sprigg, J Dyas, P House and T Starkey. Congratulations South West Zone.

That finished the day and the evening was then dedicated to the WACTA Hall of Fame. The 2026 Skeet Inductee was Matthew De Paoli. His credentials read like the "who's who" of shooting which encompassed State, National and International achievements. Jon Dyas had the pleasure of reading out Matt's achievements whilst



Matt with John Dyas at the Hall of Fame presentation

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WACTA Hall of Fame inductee Matt De Paoli

Matt sat humbly absorbing what he's done in his Skeet history. Executive Member, Terry Marsedn, presented Matt with his 2026 Hall of Fame Award and then it was open to the floor for funny quips or experiences related to Matt over the years of his shooting (or outside of it). Congratulations Matt on a well deserved Hall of Fame Award. Thank you also to the ladies who stepped up to make the evening a wonderful night for Matt.



100 Target State Skeet Overall Damon Thomson

Event 5 on Sunday morning was the 100 target State Skeet with 49 shooters, which saw Damon Thomson 97/100 (Collie) capably win the event. AA Graders J Dichiera (WAGC) and M De Paoli (Collie) fought out the top placings, AA Grade and E Harris (CMT) taking up 3rd. A Grade was an all round Collie affair with M Evans winning from J Dyas and J Higham. Geraldton's N Iara picked up 1st in B Grade from A Featherstone (Denmark) and D Kennedy (WAGC). However C Grade saw another CMT member come to the fore with C Chant winning from R Finn (Boyup Brook) and P Lawler (CMT). Shane O'Brien (WAGC) won the Veterans, Sarah Kurylo (Collie) the Ladies and 3rd timer Zane Uren (Boyup Brook) the Junior.



Handicap winners

Last event was the 100 target State Skeet Champion of Champion with 22 participants and the Hall of Fame Inductee, Matt De Paoli won the Overall with a 98/100 cementing his drive to achieve the State Skeet Carnival High Gun. S O'Brien (WAGC) took out AA Grade from P House (Boyup Brook) and J Dichiera (WAGC) with J Fleay (BSN) winning A Grade from L Paterson and J Dyas (both Collie). A Featherstone (Denmark) continued his dominance in B Grade



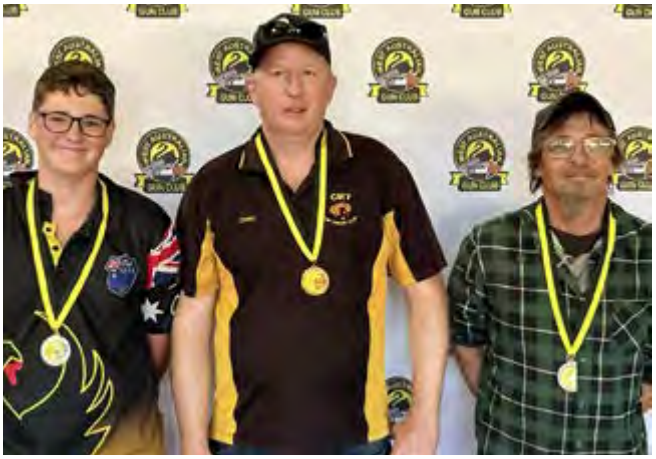
100 Target Skeet AA Grade



100 Target Skeet A Grade



100 Target Skeet B Grade



100 Target Skeet C Grade



100 Target Skeet Veteran, Lady, Junior

taking it out from N Iaria (Geraldton) and Jennie White (WAGC). There was no C Grade presented. Junior High Gun went to Ryder Finn (Boyup Brook) and Veteran to S O'Brien (WAGC).



Champion of Champions Overall Matt De Paoli with Greg Schweikert



Champion of Champions A Grade



Champion of Champions C Grade



Champion of Champions B Grade

The 2025 Interclub Skeet Postal Event was won by Esperance CTC consisting of D Neale, A Dinnison, T Maloney, R Daniels and H Freeman with a score of 204/250. Congratulations Esperance on your win. This was a "double up" win for them as they also won the Interclub DTL Postal event.

The Percy Crackle 5 Man Team event was won by Collie with a 698/750 from WAGC 678/750. Team consisted of J Dyas, M De Paoli, D Thomson, M Evans and D Sprigg. Congratulations Collie.

The State Teams were identified and the subsequent shoot-off for the Postal Team plus State Team positioning took place.

The State Skeet Open Team consisted of D Thomson, M De Paoli, S O'Brien (High Gun), J Dichiera, M Evans, P House, G Schweikert, E Harris, L Harvey, S Davis, J Higham, G Boyes, J Fleay, N Iaria and T Polmear. Ladies saw Sarah Kurlyo, her first State Team High Gun, J White and Michelle Bowles make up the WA Ladies Team. T Starkey High Gun, T Marsden, J Dyas, M Pedri, S Saunders and G Jannings made



Right: Shane O'Brien, Open Team High Gun



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Ladies Team High Gun Sarah Kurlyo



Collie – Percy Crackle Team Winners

up the. Over the State Carnival we had only two Juniors, so the Team consisted of R Finn High Gun and Z Uren. Congratulation to all the State Team members who have qualified and no doubt the State Coaching Director will be contacting you soon re your availability for the 2027 ACTA Skeet Nationals in Wagga from 7th–13th March 2027.

The final of the presentations for the 2026 State Skeet Carnival were the High Guns. There was a lot of speculation as to who would take out these, but it was no surprise when the Overall High Gun winner was announced as Matt De Paoli (Collie) 192/200. This just sealed his excellent shooting weekend plus his induction into the Hall of Fame. Jennie White won the Ladies High Gun, Shane O'Brien the Veterans and Zac Uren the Junior. Grades went to Phil House (AA), Julian Higham (A), Nathan Iaria (B) and P Lawler (C).

Thank you to all who travelled, the members who ensured that the Skeet equipment was up to scratch and every person who helped out in any small way to ensure that both the Hall of Fame plus the State Skeet Carnival happened without fuss or controversy. The State Skeet will be back in 2027 at WA Gun Club, Perth.



WACTA State Skeet Overall High Gun, Matt De Paoli



State Skeet Grade High Guns
AA Grade Phil House, C Grade P Lawler, A Grade Nathan Iaria



State Skeet Ladies High Gun,
Jennie White



State Skeet Junior High Gun
Zac Uren



Left: State Skeet Veteran High Gun Shane O'Brien

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History of Sporting Clays in Australia

During a visit to the USA in 1993 the then ACTA president, Glenn Woodhatch and his wife Jan were invited to take part in a 5 Stand Sporting shoot in Rancho Cordova, Sacramento. This was the first time that they had seen this type of event and was impressed in that it utilized a skeet layout set over a DTL layout with an additional 3 sporting traps set in front of a DTL traphouse. They immediately realized that this could easily fit within all ACTA layouts on club grounds throughout Australia.

On returning to Australia and finding support from ACTA Executive members, meetings were arranged with the Field & Game Federation of Australia and the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia. The meeting with Field and Game resulted in a negative outcome in that the ACTA was informed that any sporting discipline in Australia would be solely Field and Games. In the following meeting on the same day with the SSAA, their then National President Ted Drane informed the ACTA that SSAA already owned the sole right to conduct 5 Stand Sporting in Australia and that they were happy to hand over this right to the ACTA providing their members (SSAA) could participate at a Club level.

From then, this type of shooting clays became an Australian Clay Target Association (ACTA) sport with the first national championship held at Easter 1994, and the 30th national championship was shot at Wagga Wagga in November 2025. Over those three decades the event grew from a small joint venture with the SSAA into a FITASC Compak championship drawing more than 200 shooters, with Australian teams medaling at world level.

This history draws on the *ACTA website*, its archive of *Clay Target Shooting News* (CTSN) editions, the national Sporting Clays results and presentation books, and the Hall of Fame pages. Where the record has gaps, they are noted at the end.

Origins (1994)

The first Australian Sporting Clays Nationals were shot at the Gold Coast & Albert Clay Target Club, Queensland, on 2–4 April 1994, run jointly by the ACTA and the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (SSAA).

In the *January 1994 CTSN*, National President Glenn Woodhatch wrote that introducing ACTA Sporting Clays and running "our first national sporting clay championship" was still "a much discussed topic." The Field & Game Federation objected to the joint ACTA/SSAA event.
A national shooting federation meeting ruled that any organisation may run a national championship for its own members, as reported in the *March 1994 CTSN*.

The July 1994 CTSN report records about 24 inches of rain before the event. The program opened



1994: Gundy Manning, first National Champion with Glenn Woodhatch & Ted Drane



1994: Official party, Drane, Woodhatch, Meadows, Stevens



1994: Col Burt, Tamworth, at first Nationals



1994: First Nationals Gold Coast & Albert CTC shooters & tower

on Saturday 2 April with a 75-target ACTA–SSAA Queensland Sporting Clays Championship, then the 150-target national title.

- **First national champion:** Gundy Manning, 125/150, after several shoot-offs.
- **AA grade:** won by Ian Collinson on 125/150; Collinson also took the three-day Overall High Gun.
- **Prize:** a sterling-silver belt buckle engraved with a gold map of Australia, Woodhatch's idea.
- **Entries:** modest; the report hoped numbers would grow "when word of this success spreads."

The SSAA used the event to show its "Birdbrain" target system. In the *December 1994 CTSN*, Woodhatch called the joint Nationals "the beginning of what I believe is to be a successful venture." The *May 1994 CTSN* announced a second joint Nationals for Melbourne in 1995, of 125 or 150 targets over 3-, 4- or 5-Stand layouts.

The Early Years (1995–1999)

The second Nationals moved to Illawarra Gun Club, NSW, on 26–27 August 1995, and were shot as "International 5 Stand Sporting Clays" on the SSAA's "Birdbrain" computerised system.

The *November 1995 CTSN* cover and report give the results:

- **High Gun:** David Cunningham (Frankston), 164/175, after a shoot-off with Peter Wells.
- **AA:** Peter Wells (Newcastle) 162/175; John Younger (Melbourne) 139/150; Mike Birgan (Brisbane) 136/150.



1995: David Cunningham, High Gun, Illawarra



1995: Illawarra winning team with Woodhatch & Drane

- **Team:** Illawarra (Kevin Perkins, Ali Ambs, Brian Nubley, Dave Brenton).
- **Junior:** Ben O'Halloran (Springvale).
- **Field:** shooters from every state, including "a lone gun from Western Oz" (Peter Muntz).

The top ten scores were listed "for selections," an early sign of national team selection from this event. The *April 1996 CTSN* confirms Illawarra as "our second Sporting Clays Nationals," still hosted jointly with the SSAA.

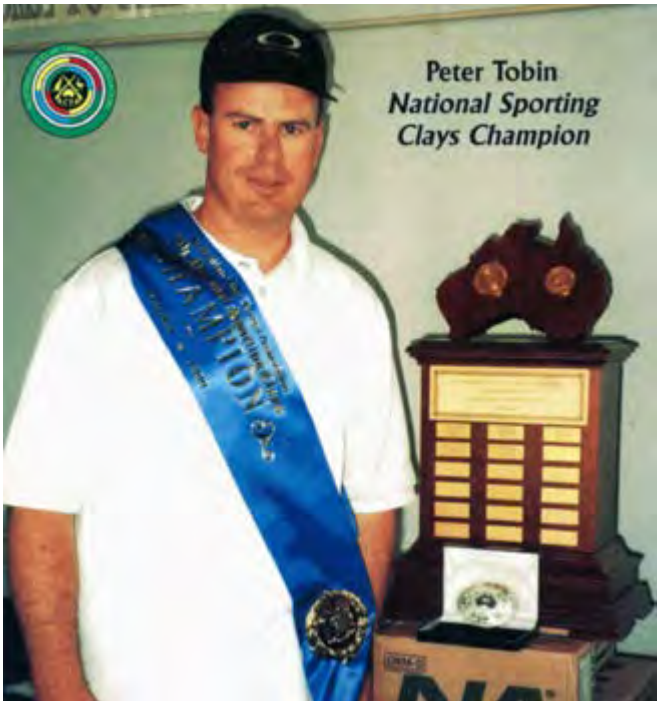
The discipline's home was contested. In November 1995 Woodhatch reported a move within the Australian Shooting Association to place 5 Stand Sporting with the Field & Game Association and stop ACTA running National and State titles. He argued that 5 Stand, "or as we prefer to call it, ACTA Sporting," is shot over trap and skeet layouts that exist on ACTA grounds, and "should be within our control."

The event kept moving between states. The *November 1997 CTSN* advertised the ACTA/SSAA Sporting Clays Nationals at Melbourne Gun Club, Lilydale, over 150 targets (75 a day), with AA–C grades, Ladies, Junior and Veteran sections and a four-person team trophy. CTSN event calendars through 1998 list the ACTA National Sporting Clays at Gold Coast CTC.

Clay Target News February 1997 records that the 1996 ACTA/SSAA Sporting Clay Nationals were held at the Melbourne Gun Club on the 30th November and the 1st December, there were 65 shooters. Overall was David Cunningham 141/150, Colin MacPherson ran second and John Younger third.

The 1997 ACTA/SSAA Sporting Clay Nationals were once again held at the Melbourne Gun Club on the 22nd and 23rd November it is recorded in the January 1997 Clay Target that there were only 45 competitors. David Cunningham once again won the Overall with a score of 143/150. F Botica came in second and Peter Tobin finished third.

There is quite a detailed article in the January 1999 Clay Target that reports on the 1998 5th National Sporting Clays Championships that were held at the Gold Coast Clay Target Club on the 7th and 8th November. Only 36 and 39 shooters shot on the respective days, with John Younger winning



1999: Winner Peter Tobin National Sporting Clays Champion

the National Championship with a score of 191/200. This event was shot over 3three grounds, shot 100 targets each day.

The Cover of *Clay Target February 2000* has a photo of Peter Tobin as the 6th National Sporting Clays Champion. The eveny was shot at the National Ground in Wagga Wagga on the 27th and 28th November 1999. Only 38 shooters contested the



2002: Marty Seymour National Sporting Clays Champion

Championship. The scores mentioned indicate that only 150 targets were shot over the 2 days with Peter Tobin winning on a score of 141/150.

Growth at the National Ground (1999–2019)

The 1999 and 2006 results books place the Sporting Nationals at the ACTA's National Shooting Ground in Wagga Wagga, and from 2000 they followed a stable two-event, 200-target format.

The *results books* show how it worked:

- **Two 100-target events:** the ACTA Sporting Clays Championship and the Commonwealth Sporting Clays Championship.



2006: Sox Philipasidis National Sporting Clays Champion



2014: Brian Mortensen National Sporting Clays Champion



2011: Daniel Johnson National Sporting Clays Champion



2017: John Younger 24th National Sporting Clays Champion



2017: Commonwealth AA Peter Tobin, John Younger, Renae Birgan



2025: Compak AA Nate Palubiski, Chris Brown, BillyCain



2017: Team winners Jack Gibbs Renae Birgan Sox Pilipasidis

- **The National title:** decided on the 200-target aggregate, carrying the ACTA National Sporting Clays Championship Perpetual Trophy, a royal blue sash and a belt buckle.
- **Grades:** AA, A, B and C, with Women's, Junior and Veteran sections. In 2005–2007 grades were replaced by Divisions 1–4.
- **Teams:** a three-person club team event and a State Teams Match for the Bruce Hall Perpetual Trophy (Victoria won in 2017 with 525/600).

Fields roughly doubled in the first decade, from 54 shooters in 2000 to 115 in 2008, and reached a full 120 in 2014, 2015 and 2018. Victorians dominated the honour roll. Sox Pilipasidis won four national titles between 2001 and 2006, and John Younger, Anthony Panetta and Brian Mortensen each won it twice.

Scores rose as the field matured. Brian Mortensen shot 200/210 in 2015, the highest aggregate in the 200-target era. The 2019 field fell to 57, and no Nationals were held in 2020 or 2021 because of COVID.

National Champions and Field Sizes

Chris Brown (2018–2025) and Sox Pilipasidis



2026 Team



2026: Official Party, Kaye Hull AM, Michael Kruger-Davis, Mal Collins, Ray McFarlane, Malcolm Dyson, Glenn Woodhatch

(2001–2006) share the record in this archive with four national titles each. Competitor counts are for the two (from 2022, the first two) championship events; scores are out of 200 unless shown.

Year	*Edition*	*National champion*	*Score*	*Competitors*
2025	30th	Chris Brown (Maryborough, VIC)	282/300	178 / 211
2024	29th	Jeremy Kent	278/300	93 / 98
2023	28th	Robert Hall (Melbourne, VIC)	283/300	99 / 103
2022	27th	Chris Brown (Maryborough, VIC)	287/300	107 / 118
2020–21	—		Not held	(COVID)
2019	26th	Chris Brown (Maryborough, VIC)	193	57 / 54
2018	25th	Chris Brown (Maryborough, VIC)	192	120 / 120
2017	24th	John Younger (Werribee, VIC)	186	108 / 108
2016	23rd	Anthony Panetta (MCC, VIC)	185	103 / 103
2015	22nd	Brian Mortensen (Noorat, VIC)	200/210	120 / 120
2014	21st	Brian Mortensen (Noorat, VIC)	199/210	120 / 120
2013	20th	Peter Tobin (Brisbane, QLD)	189	70 / 70
2012	19th	Robert Hall (Little River, VIC)	191	84 / 81
2011	18th	Daniel Johnson (Colac, VIC)	199/210	109 / 107
2010	17th	Anthony Panetta	183	76 / 75
2009	16th	Craig McPherson (Ballarat F&G, VIC)	185	91 / 91
2008	15th	Daniel Johnson (Geelong, VIC)	186	115 / 110
2007	14th	John Younger (Werribee, VIC)	191	88 / 88
2006	13th	Sox Pilipasidis (Noorat, VIC)	180	76 / 77
2005	12th	Bart Brighenti (Griffith, NSW)	188	76 / 75
2004	11th	Sox Pilipasidis (Abruzzo, VIC)	192	75 / 74
2003	10th	Sox Pilipasidis (Abruzzo, VIC)	193	86 / 90
2002	9th	Marty Seymour (Field & Game, VIC)	185	67 / 58
2001	8th	Soc Pilipasidis (Werribee, VIC)	189	46 / 42
2000	7th	Peter Muntz (Busselton, WA)	190	54 / 51
1995	2nd	David Cunningham, (Frankston, VIC) High Gun	164/175	not recorded
1994	1st	Gundy Manning	125/150	not recorded

Edition numbers before 2010 are counted back from the 17th (2010) and 30th (2025), assuming one event a year from 1994. Sources: *ACTA Sporting Clays results archive*; 1994–1995 from CTSN.

International Results

Australian Open sporting teams have medalled at every ICTSF World English Sporting Championship recorded on the *ACTA's Sporting Clays – World page*, and a Seniors team won world Compak gold in 2026.

Year	*Host*	*Team*	*Result*	*Score*	*Members*
2026	Italy	Seniors (FITASC World Compak)	1st	—	Michael Lucas, John Younger, Peter Tobin

Year	*Host*	*Team*	*Result*	*Score*	*Members*
2019	Ireland	Open	2nd overall	720	Chris Brown, Nicholas Guerra, Blake Nankervis, Robert Hall, Mathew Wilesmith
2017	England	Open	2nd overall	662/768	Jamie Dunn, Anthony Panetta, Socrates Pilipasidis, Peter Tobin, John Younger
2015	South Africa	Open	3rd overall	654	Brian Mortensen, Daniel Johnson, Reece Turner, Peter Tobin, Bart Brighenti
2013	Canada	Open	3rd overall	637	Peter Hall, John Younger, Paul Lillis, Noel Lillis, Andrew Garvie
2011	New Zealand	Open	2nd overall	763	Anthony Panetta, John Younger, Socrates Pilipasidis, Craig McPherson, Peter Hall
2011	New Zealand	Ladies	2nd overall	300	Renae Birgan, Gaye Shale, Trina Adams

John Younger appears in four of these teams, more than anyone else. The world body, the ICTSF, was formed in 2008; at its 2017 General Assembly it cut affiliation fees from £500 to £100 after building up more than £30,000 in reserves *(September 2017 CTSN)*. The 2026 result is from the cover of the October 2026 CTSN.

The Modern Era: Sportrap, 5 Stand and FITASC Compak (2022–2026)

Since the COVID break the Nationals have been rebuilt twice, and the 2025 move to FITASC Compak produced the biggest fields in the event's history.

- **2022–2024:** three 100-target events at the National Ground, decided on a 300-target aggregate: the ACTA National Sportrap Championship (1st held 2022), the Commonwealth 5 Stand and the ACTA National 5 Stand (1st held 28 August 2022). The 2022 *results book* shows Chris Brown winning with 287/300 and 107–118 shooters per event.
- **2025:** rebranded the *30th ACTA National FITASC Compak Sporting Clays Championships*, 21–23 November 2025 at Wagga Wagga. It added the 1st National English Sporting Clays (100 targets, won by Chris Brown with 91/100) and a 200-target National FITASC Compak. Entries rose to 178 and 211.
- **New divisions:** Sub-Junior, Junior, Ladies, Senior (55–65), Veteran (65–73) and Masters (73+).
- **World team selection:** the 200-target Compak now picks a world team of 3 Open, 3 Ladies, 3 Senior and 3 Veteran shooters.



2026: Seniors World Compak Champions, Michael Lucas, John Younger, Peter Tobin – cover photo October 2026

The *October 2026 CTSN*, the latest edition, puts Compak at the centre of the sport. It covers the Seniors' world title in Italy, a Compak rule clarification, the NSW State Compak Championship, "Bendigo Continued Compak Growth", and a ban on spreader cartridges across all ACTA disciplines. The *2026 National FITASC Compak Championships* are programmed for 14–20 October 2026 at the National Ground, Wagga Wagga, with a FITASC Compak Grand Prix on 19–20 October.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CLAY TARGET ASSOCIATION

Roamin' Around

Roamin' around WA and the world is what we do – this time to the US, Hopetoun, then ISSF and finally the "Coal" area?

After our last long journey to Kalgoorlie for the State DTL Carnival and WA Hall of Fame, our diligent members have now trekked across to the US as part of an Australian Team plus to the south-eastern coastal strip, then to back to Perth for the State Skeet Carnival and then the State ISSF Trap and Skeet Championships.

Flights booked, accommodation in place and a West Aussie driving in San Antonio, Texas. Oh no . . . what could possibly happen!!! WA members Matt De Paoli (seasoned US tripper) and first timer Greg Schwiekert were part of the ACTA Australian Representative Team to the 2026 Skeet World Championships held each year at San Antonio,



World Skeet Team members, Greg Schweikert & Matt De Paoli



2026 Skeet World Championship Team: Matthew De Paoli, Lorraine Hughes, Greg Schweikert, Daniel Sacchetta & Shane Bennett

Texas in the US. Just to keep the boys honest, Greg's wife, Carol and his brother, were there with him on his first foray into the massive competition amongst the world's best Skeet shooters. Both Matt and Greg performed to their best over in Texas and the full story of all that happened in the Championships is in a separate article on the Australian Team in Clay Target. Congratulations to both Greg and Matt for their performances over there plus great to see that as a novice World's shooter, Greg had good support behind him.

Now, the caravans were on the move as the mini shooting community set up in location at Hopetoun Clay Target Club, just south of Ravensthorpe, some 6 hours and 590 kms from Perth. The State Deauville Doubles was the main drawcard for the weekend, apart from the great southern coastal weather. In all, 44 people participated in the Hopetoun CTC "Qualup Bell" 2.5 day DTL Carnival. There was a rumour that the mornings were very brisk down there, much rugging up was in order. However, the food and camaraderie over the Carnival was superb which was how some made up for the cold starts.

Our Geraldton "boys" who attended after 10 hours and 952 kms, made sure that they made their names known but in particular was Justin Pirrottina with 2 events on offer – the 75 target Continental Medley "Cooks Cup" and the Overall Carnival High Gun. Well done Justin. Esperance cohort, Wayne Pickersgill also took out 2 of the events, giving Justin a run for his money and pushing him all the way towards that High Gun award. Wayne won the 50 target Double Barrel "Salmon Gum Shield" then went on to partner with Terry Maloney (Esperance) to win the 2026 State Deauville Doubles plus he then also took out the Carnival's A Grade High Gun. Congratulations Wayne, some nice shooting there.

The State Deauville Doubles was won by Terry Maloney and Wayne Pickersgill with K Roy (Hopetoun) and G Smith (WAGC) (2nd), J Saville and Q Marsh (both EGCTC) (3rd), R Herridge and M Voke (both WAGC) (4th) and father and son combo from Esperance (R and A Chambers) (5th).

At the end of the Carnival, the High Guns other than those already mentioned, went to S Crocker AA Grade (Esperance), S Marsh B Grade (Kojonup), W Muni C Grade (WAGC). J Santostefano won Ladies and M Voke Veterans (both WAGC).

Once it was all over, those in the caravans stayed overnight Sunday to start the trek back to their various locations around the State. All others who resided locally, Kalgoorlie, Esperance, Albany and Kojonup, left on their journey back home after presentations Sunday.

With everything settled down the State Skeet Carnival was next on the major shoot calendar at WA Gun Club, Perth. See separate article on the Carnival in this edition.

WA Gun Club then went on the next weekend to host the 2026 State ISSF Trap and Skeet Championships. The grounds had been given a massive clean-up and new chips had been installed on all 3 layouts. In preparation for the State Carnival and to get more people interested in ISSF, the ISSF Captain, Julia Collin, had been hosting Saturday morning "get to know ISSF" with Carlo Zorino and Pete Boylson assisting with good advice and mentoring of the new shooters. This is slowly building WA ISSF back up, but unfortunately, it didn't show in the numbers present at the State Titles.

At the end of the State ISSF Trap Title, after the final was completed, the victor was Julia Collin (WAGC) 22/30 from Anthony Snooke (CMT) 21/30. Since WA adopted the no-gender trophy, it is the first time a female has won the "John Harris" ISSF Trap Perpetual Trophy. Congratulations Julz, absolutely fabulous achievement and your first Open State Title Red Sash and making the State Travelling Team in 5th spot. 1st A Grade to A Snooke (CMT) and 2nd A to M La Vertu. J Collin also took 1st B Grade with F Mammone taking 2nd. C Grade saw G Hyder 1st from G Monteleone.

As is the tradition in WA, the State ISSF Titles was the final selection for the State Travelling Team. The members who qualified in order were M La Vertu, P Boylson, M Periera, C Zorio (Vet 1), F Mammone, J Collin, N Young, M Davis (Vet 2) and J Monteleone. The 2027 ACTA National ISSF Championships will be in Sydney at Cecil Park, so get your bookings in early, if you're going.

To the 2026 State ISSF Skeet and "Jules Steiner" ISSF Skeet Perpetual Trophy. This was won by



Collie Ladies Day attendees

Matthew Nekpavli (Thailand and QCTA member). Well done Matthew and great to have you here for the WA State ISSF Titles. Our other visitor, G Papachristoforus (Vic) took out AA Grade from L Coles and due to the limited numbers, no other grades were presented. No Skeet members qualified for the State ISSF Skeet Travelling Team.

After the conclusion of the State ISSF, all were informed that there would be ISSF coaching as programmed on Saturday 7th November starting at 8:30am with Murray Alexander, OAM and 1996 Australian Team Coach to the Atlanta Olympics. Another initiative by the WAGC ISSF Captain.

At the same time that the State ISSF was on, Collie Clay Target Club undertook their first ever "Ladies Come and Try" initiative which was pushed by the females of the club and accepted by the men as a worthy project. The day was freezing cold with a dusting of rain, only as Collie could provide. But not to worry, they would have had the fire roaring inside the club rooms.



Overall winner Deb Scott



Runner-up Zara Matthews



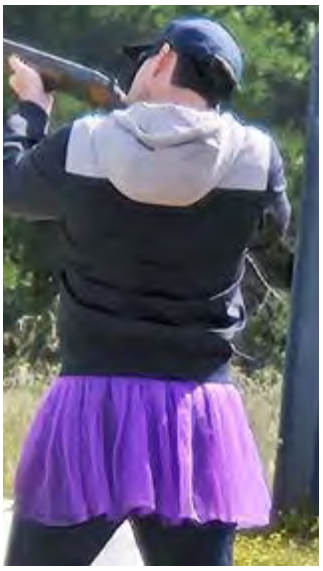
Collie Ladies Day



3rd Place Jodie Walton



Encouragement Award to Shiloh Walton



Ladies Day Token Lady



Ladies Day Token Lady 2



Ladies Day Team winners



Speck Shot Winner Eva Brake

Over the morning, they had 15 ladies in attendance with 2 token females (men in tutu's and pink). All had never shot before, excepting one male who was coming back after a considerable shoulder operation and he was declared invalid in the competition that was held at the completion of their practice. First they all shot 15 targets practice under the watchful eyes of their coaches (Stu Uren and Mike Kendall) or mentors, Pauline Scott, Michelle Bowles, Pauline Walton, Ian Porter, John Walton, Greg Scott and Stix Davis, whereby they were given the finer points about shooting clay targets. Now that all were in











Ladies Day Team organisers

sync with their abilities to shoot the targets, they went on to a mini competition of 10 targets that was sponsored by Southwest Firearms, Nurture Better Futures (Aaron Offer) and Mike Daden.

The overall winner was Deb Scott with runner-up being Zara Matthews and 3rd was Jodie Walton. Eva Blake won the "Specky Shot" Award whilst Shiloh Scott (13 years old) won the Encouragement Award. The Teams Award for the day was presented to Jodie Walton, Shiloh Scott, Tara Knapp, Zara Matthews and Jess Anastasakis. Congratulations to all the ladies who took part in the initiative plus the sponsors and all the club members who assisted to make it a great day out for the ladies. All the ladies plus the 2 token ladies thoroughly enjoyed the day plus time on tracks and shooting them thar pesky clay targets.

To back up Collie's support of this ladies initiative asked of by the female members, the club has now programmed it into the 2027 club calendar for Saturday 23rd October 2027. Well done to the club for its support of female growth development in the sport of clay target shooting.

Our next article will cover the "Silver Dolphin" DTL Carnival at Peel (13th–15th November) and Augusta's "Hillview Challenge" Field Shoot (5th–6th December).

Of course, don't forget that the WA Clubs 2027 State Program Booklets allocation will be available for collection at the "Silver Dolphin" Carnival on the Sunday.

Don't forget that your 2027 club membership is now open and needs to be paid before 31st December 2026 in accordance with ACTA Rules regarding memberships. So, contact your club, if they haven't yet sent out your membership renewal, and renew your membership now for the 2027 year.

From the Executive of the Western Australian Clay Target Association, we wish all our members a safe, happy and very merry Christmas. May you all have a wonderful time at your club's closing shoots and a wonderful time with families plus friends over the Christmas–New Year period.

See you all around the traps in 2027.





Psychological Skills for Shooting

by Michael Kruger-Davis

Lessons to learn to live by

Last month's article explored the seven lies we live by and that get in the road of our achieving our maximum potential: I am stupid, I am a failure, I need talent, learning just happens, I am not bothered by what other people think of me, concentrate on your mistakes and not on your achievements, and we all learn the same. These lies do not define us, nor can we use these 'lies' or distorted models of thinking, to learn new and different ways to think, behave and react. This month, I intend to look further into Stephanie Burns' book, "Great Lies We Live By" to explore the 11 essential lessons that we need to learn so that we can dispel the lies that get in our way. These lessons can be used to offset the lies so that we can change our thinking and adopt new models to help us learn and achieve greater results.

Lesson Number 1: **You always were OK.** As adults the problem most people have is that they do not have the brain power or the skill to learn or do a task. It is this belief that we are incompetent, or incapable, that limits our ability to begin new projects or start new learning. Most of us remember the failures and the embarrassment that occurred while we were at school. Therefore, we become risk-adverse to limit any discomfort by avoiding the opportunity to learn.

Lesson Number 2: **Choosing the right path.** There has been considerable debate in recent years about the teaching of reading. Two basic camps have been established. The first camp is the Bottom-up theory and the second is the Top-down theory. The Bottom-up theory says that you need to start at the bottom and learn the pre-requisite and requisite skills necessary and then practise. The Top-down theory says that you only need to watch and listen to good readers, and you will learn from what you see and hear. These theories have big implications for coaching. I'm sure some people can watch good shots and then perform well but these people probably have the pre-requisite skills; good vision, good hand-eye co-ordination, good muscles strength and flexibility and so on. Some of us must learn these skills first and continue to learn more as we go.

Lesson Number 3: **What you think is what you get – positive thoughts get positive results.** I have written several articles about self-talk and self-doubt. The only difference between the shooter who hits all the targets and the shooter who doesn't is that self-doubt interfered with shooter who missed. Self-talk is related to our expectations, judgements, fears and beliefs about ourselves and our ability. Positive comments and thoughts won't guarantee that you'll win but negative self-talk will guarantee that you won't win. I am amazed at the number of shooters who speak very poorly of themselves as they are about to shoot. I often ask them, "How would you feel if I said those things about you?" They usually reply, I'd be angry or upset". If that's the case, then don't say those things about yourself either.

Lesson Number 4: **Beliefs are a choice.** Beliefs are not real, they are abstract; you can't pick them up, touch them or look at one. Beliefs do dictate how we approach life, learning, shooting, etc. Most people won't do things they think are dangerous or morally wrong; beliefs are the filter that stops you attempting something new or even taking a risk. If your beliefs are rational then all is well but is your beliefs are irrational, then your behaviour will be skewed to accommodate your already distorted thinking.

Lesson Number 5: **Learning the finer levels of distinction.** Coaching is about adding distinctions to someone's existing skill base. Stephanie Burns believes, for the student, learning is about recognising that to improve is a matter of learning finer levels of distinction.

Lesson Number 6: **How to eat an elephant.** Often as learners we are daunted by the complexity or the enormity of the task. Break it up into smaller chunks. How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time! Big tasks need to be broken up into little ones: 100 targets are a lot easier to shoot if it is seen as 100 x 1 target events, rather than 1 x 100 target

event. It is easier to maintain concentration and focus for 1 target and do it 100 times than it is to maintain your focus and concentrate for a full 100 targets.

Lesson number 7: **Feelings are not facts.** As humans we don't like feeling anxious. We like our comfort zone, we like the reassurance that we are competent and confident and as a result we often avoid those new and exciting situations that will help us learn, grow or develop. Sometimes what we already know gets in the way of new learning. So toto avoid the feelings that we may have experienced last time we tried to learn something new. Learning is about taking risks; "If you always do what you always did, then you'll always get what you always got!"

Lesson number 8: **If you can't remember it, you didn't learn it.** The problem here is that we are confusing not remembering with not being able to recall it. I usually drive with my lights on in the fog, but sometimes when you get to work you forget that you turned the lights on and well the battery goes dead during the day. Now however, when I turn my lights on in the fog, I also lock the driver's side door. This means that when I get to work and I can't open the door, I remember that the lights must be on. This aid to remembering is called pair association; at it helps me to recall that I have left the lights on. There are lots of tricks to help us remember things, and there's nothing wrong with using them.

Lesson number 9: **The art of taking notes.** We take notes as a mechanism for remembering or reviewing what we have learnt. We learn two types of things: skills (or things you do with your body) and knowledge (information, concepts, facts and ideas). If you are going to write down information then make sure it is written in a way that isn't boring and all the same: vary the style, the colour, use symbols or pictures.

Lesson number 10: **The importance of words.** In this lesson, Stephanie Burns, argues the importance of us having a good vocabulary because it provides us with a greater understanding of the things we read or hear. Often in my practise I come across children who have learning and reading difficulties. It sometimes becomes apparent that these children come from BIG country. By this I mean that where they grew up everything was big: a big tree, a big tractor, a big truck, a big header, etc. Nothing is ever gigantic, enormous, massive, huge, etc. Growing up in big country limits our ability to take risks because we do not fully comprehend the words being used to teach us.

Lesson number 11: **Being great is a choice.** In Stephanie's last lesson she claims that great people are made not born. Great people have goals and the drive to achieve them and at the same time are not discouraged by failures but see them as important aspects in the learning process. Edison had 10,000 goes at making the light bulb before he had a success. When asked, why did he keep going, he said; "I know 9,999 ways of how not to make a light bulb".

This book is primarily about being an adult learner and avoiding those traps that prevent us from learning. Our existence is a life-long journey of learning and growing. Don't get stuck in a rut and avoid the choice of being something or someone different.

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ROMA GUN CLUB
JUNIOR PATHWAY
TO QCTA
2025 – 2028

Junior Pathway Program Presentation

QCTA State Skeet Carnival, Blackwater CTC



L–R: Ben Beazley (representing Top Servo), Cooper Luke, Mason Luke, Oscar O'Neil, Luke Given, Ted Baldwin, Jackson Stewart, Julie Allan (representing WZ)

Presentation of JPP packages were made to 6 aspiring Juniors on Saturday 19th of September.

Packages included JPP kitbag, hat, Beretta vest, $300 in cash and co-sponsors promotional products.

The Juniors were very well mannered, respectful and a pleasure to have general conversation with. They are a credit to their parents in every way.

From the JPP perspective, the highlight was the raffle result. The raffle was organised by Craig O'Neil who arranged ticketing, donations of prizes and the Juniors as a very, "We don't take no for an answer" sales team. Vera Storch had arranged prizes for a second raffle, but these were graciously diverted to the JPP raffle as extra prizes.

The raffle raised $1320 for the RCTC JPP. A huge thank you to Craig and Vera, prize donors, the Junior Sales Team and all who so generously bought tickets, achieving such a great result.

This presentation completes this years program. During 2026, 66 Juniors at 4 State Titles were presented with packages worth over $39,600. The Program looks forward to a bigger and better year next year.

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19/10/2026

To all RCTC-JPP co-sponsors, existing and new.

Re: RCTC–JPP 2026 washup.

Hello all,

Presentation of packages at the State Skeet has wound up the program, for this year. The Program has travelled 5670 km since its inception in 2025.

This year we have presented at the following State Championships:

6 Sporting – Toowoomba; 42 Trap – Roma;
12 ISSF – Brisbane; 6 Skeet – Blackwater.

A great result for the year with 66 packages presented to Juniors from across the State including a few from interstate. Over $39,600 of support from you all.

Starting next year, we will no longer be presenting at the ISSF. It was found that most, if not all present, were regular Trap or Skeet shooters and were covered with packages at these events.

For 2027 we welcome Ballandean Clay Target Club and the Col Burt Junior Foundation on board as co-sponsors. The sponsors banner now includes their logos.

Ballandean club hosted the formation meeting of the QCTA and with the State's 50th Anniversary coming up in 2028 it is fitting that the club is supporting the program. Thank you Ballandean.

Col Burt was a highly achieved shooter and a fantastic coach from grass roots to Olympic level. He was the ACTA Director of Coaching, holding Level 3 accreditation and one of the most dedicated and active supporters of Juniors our sport has ever seen. He was at the heart of the Tamworth club when they were arguably the strongest Skeet club in Australia. A big thanks to Jenny for remembering Col and helping the JPP via the Col Burt Junior Foundation.

To existing co-sponsors, please accept both the clubs and my personal thanks for so generously supporting the RCTC JPP and continuing to encourage Juniors in the sport we all love so much.

We hope to build Junior numbers in the future for the betterment of our sport. Below is a link to the presentation re: JSP and JPP from the RCTC AGM and dinner. (Please click on the link to view)

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Finally, a big thanks to Luke, my driver and photographer, Pat Magee, my eyes and Donna. Without them, we would not be presenting anywhere.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming festive season.

Kind Regards,
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Bendigo Retains the Mountain Duck Trophy

Bendigo Clay Target Club retained the Mountain Duck Trophy by 71 targets after hosting the deciding leg of its annual challenge against Bendigo Field & Game on Saturday, 7 November. The 100 Target Compak Sporting shoot drew a strong field despite cold, overcast conditions and a stiff wind. Bendigo's Michael "Mick" Keirl dropped just two targets to win the day with 98/100.

With early nominations being less than has been the case over the past Compak days we opted to set up 3 grounds rather than the 4 we have used recently. With nominations on the day being some 64, 4 grounds would have been ideal.

The Mountain Duck Trophy

The two Bendigo clubs have contested the trophy since 1979. Bendigo Field & Game hosted the opening leg, with Bendigo Clay Target Club hosting the return shoot. Each club's five best scores at each leg counted towards the trophy, so the margin reflected the scores of both teams across both grounds.

The annual challenge is part of a close relationship between the clubs. The host club reported growing support for its monthly Compak shoots and said both clubs were working together to develop their shooting disciplines and grow participation in central Victoria.

Keirl's 98/100 earned him the Overall High Gun at the second leg. The individual award across the two legs went to his Bendigo clubmate Mick Easton, who followed his opening 93/100 with 94/100 at the return shoot for a combined 187/200. Easton's second-leg score also earned him second place in AA Grade.



Compak winner and Overall High Gun Michael Keirl



Leigh Climas, Field & Game President & Bendigo CTC President Glenn Woodhatch with the Mountain Duck Trophy

Maryborough's Glenn Philipson headed AA Grade with 95/100, a target clear of Easton. In A Grade, MCC's John Kamaris shot 96/100 to finish four targets ahead of Maryborough's Brian Taylor on 92/100.

B Grade came down to a single target between two Bendigo shooters. Junior Jett Beagley took first place with 87/100, ahead of Gregory Shelton on 86/100. Echuca's Peter Keck won C Grade with 80/100, with Bendigo's Steven Bailey second on 77/100.



2nd Overall Mick Easton being congratulated by Glenn Woodhatch



Ist C Grade Peter Keck



2nd C grade Steve Bailey



Ist AA Grade Glenn Philipson



2nd A Grade Brian Taylor



Junior Marcus Keirl



Ladies Emma Keirl

Emma Keirl shot 84/100 off the gun in the Ladies competition, then shot nine in the shoot-off to take the honours with 93/110. Marcus Keirl added a Junior win for Bendigo with 83/100, while clubmate Tony Connell topped the Veterans with 89/100. Maryborough's Bryan Rafferty took the Master's with 83/100.

The team event saw outstanding scores from both teams considering the weather conditions. Bendigo Clay Target Club team consisted of Mick Keirl 98/100, Mick Easton 94/100, Rick Keirl 92/100, Mick Coll 92/100 and Ben Gilmore 91/100 for a score of 467/500.

The Field and Game team were in no way disgraced with members Brian Taylor 92/100, Andrew Campbell 90/100, Ken Smith 88/100, Craig Stephen 87/100 and Greg Shelton 86/100 for a team total of 443/500.



Ist B Grade Jett Beagley



2nd B Grade Greg Shelton



Veteran Tony Connell

Competition Results

VCTA

Bendigo 07/11/2026
Very windy (63): 100T Compak Sporting CS: Mountain Duck Challenge: OA: M Keirl 98/100; AA: G Philipson 95/100, M Easton 94/100; A: J Kamaris 96/100, B Taylor 92/100; B: J Beagley 87/100, G Shelton 86/100; C: P Keck 80/100, S Bailey 77/100; JNR: M Keirl 83/100; LAD: E Keirl 93/110; VET: T Connell 89/100; MSTR: B Rafferty 83/100; Best F & G: B Taylor 92/100; Two Day HG: M Easton 187/200; Mountain Duck Interclub Challenge: Bendigo CTC 467/500; M Keirl 98/100, M Easton 94/100, R Keirl 92/100, M Coll 92/100, B Gilmore 91/100; Bendigo F&G 443/50; B Taylor 92/100, A Campbell 90/100, K Smith 88/100, C Stephen 87/100, G Shelton 86/100.

Bendigo 07/11/2026
Very Windy (65): 100T Compak Sporting: OA: M Keirl 98/100; AA: G Philipson 95/100, M Easton 94/100; A: J Kamaris 96/100, B Taylor 92/100; B: J Beagley 87/100, G Shelton 86/100; C: P Keck 80/100, S Bailey 77/100; LAD: E Keirl 93/110; VET: T Connell 89/100; JNR: M Keirl 83/100; MSTR: B Rafferty 83/100.

Bendigo 17/10/2026
Excellent (16): 15T Medley–CD: T Siler, D Knight, J Murphy 25/25; 75T Ch/Ch CS: OA & A: P Beaman 137/150, A Langridge 135/150; AA: D Knight 117/135, T Siler 116/135; B: W Boschetti 107/125, L Obery 102/125; C: C Slide 100/125, R Cook 96/125.

Frankston 18/10/2026
Mild and Sunny: 30T "Warm up" HC: 1st T Zucchet B17 32/33, 2nd D Cleary AA33 31/33, 3rd T Burns AA20 41/43; 30T Lord Birdwood Cup HC: 1st D Allsop B17 35/36, 2nd M Inguanti A19 34/36, 3rd T Tait A21 34/37; 30T Duke of Gloucester Cup HC: 1st R Pitts A19 30/30, 2nd J Barclay AA21 33/34, 3rd T Burns AA20 32/34, 4th T Caldwell B18 31/33, 5th J Brady A20 29/31.

Frankston 01/11/2026
Mild and sunny (27): 25T DB: AA: A Panetta 55/55, R Esplin 54/55; A: M Inguanti, P Haslam; B: C Pitts 43/44, R Williams 34/36; C: G Addario 25/25, L Harrison 21/25; 25T SB: AA: C Brown 25/25, T Burns 34/35; A: P Haslam 24/25, M Inguanti 22/25; B: M Rocca 29/30, B Calvi 28/30; C: G Addario 23/25, L Harrison 19/25; 25T HC: 1st T KupschA20 35/36, 2nd D G GrujicaA21 34/36, 3rd G HuntAA21 30/32; 20 Pr D/R: A: C Brown 38/40, B Brown 35/40; B: T Burns 34/40, M Rocca 33/40; C: M Inguanti 36/40, P Calvi 33/40; Grd HG: AA: C Brown 11/15; A: M Inguanti 10/15; B: M Rocca 10/15; C: G Addario 98/15.

Frankston 18/10/2026
Mild and Sunny (18): 50T Grd SKT plus FACTC vs MGC challenge: AA: Andrew Daff 52/54, R Miller 51/54; A: M Oakley V 48/50; B: R Ould 44/50, G Hunt 40/50; C: T Tom 40/50, M Koncewicz 39/50; Interclub challenge, MGC 96.6%, FACTC 96%; 50T SKT Dbls: AA: D Sacchetta 42/50; A: S Hewitt 42/54; B: A Daff V 38/50; C: M George V 42/50, R Ould 37/50.

Frankston 04/10/2026
Breezy, sunny, and mild. (52): 25T DB: AA: B Brown 26/26, T Burns 25/26; A: M Inguanti 28/28, R Pitts 27/28; B: P Calvi 28/30, S Morley 27/30 C: I Rimmer 22/25, G Addario; 25T PS: AA: D Williams 74/75, M Koncewicz 71/75; A: R Pitts 85/87, C Brown 82/87; B: T Zucchet 73/78, V Buxton 70/78; C: M Rocca 64/75, A Condon 63/75; 25T SB: AA: T Burns 26/29, D Williams 25/29; A: R Pitts 24/25, J Rowe 23/25; B: V Buxton 27/31, D Allsop 26/3; C: A Condon 23/29, I Rimmer 20/25; 25T HC: 1st T Scapin 26/27, 2nd V Buxton 25/27, 3rd C Pitts 30/32; HG Sashes: Open: R Pitts 144/150; AA: D Williams 139/150; A: G Porter 138/150; B: V Buxton 137/150; C:

North East Zone/V.C.T.A.
DECEMBER 2026 PROGRAM

SUNDAY 6TH
Numurkah 11:00am
Christmas Shoot
20 tgt P/S
20 tgt S/B
Lunch
20 tgt D/B Cont
10 pr D/D SP
Presidents Off the Fence
Lunch in cost of noms

SATURDAY 12TH
Colbinabbin 11:00am
Christmas Shoot
20 tgt SxS D/B
20 pr D/T, DP, A&D
10 pr A&D
Novelty Events

Mathoura 11.00am
Christmas Shoot
25 tgt D/B
25 tgt S/B *(cont next column)*
25 tgt P/S Gr
High Gun
Club Champion

St James 11.00am
Christmas Shoot
15 tgt D/B W/B
20 tgt P/S
20 tgt D/B S/S
20 tgt D/D

SUNDAY 13TH
Euroa 10.30am
Christmas Shoot
20 tgt Christmas D/B Tower
Chook Shoot 1-2 AA, A, B, C
20 pr D/D Turkey Shoot 1-2
25 tgt D/B Hams
1-2 AA, A, B, C
20 tgt H/cap 1-3 BM
If total fire ban, shooting cancelled

Kyneton 11.00am
Maureen O'Meara Perpetual Trophy
50 tgt D/B Gr Trophy
Christmas Shoot Novelty Events

SATURDAY 19TH
Bendigo 10:00am
Christmas Shoot
25 tgt ACTA Compak Sporting
Clays Christmas C/ship
25 tgt D/B Christmas C/ship
18mt
Deauville Triples DP 18mt
Christmas Shoot
20 tgt Tower OA, 3gr

SUNDAY 20TH
Mansfield 10:30am
4 x 20 tgt Christmas events

BENDIGO CLAY TARGET CLUB

AUSTRALIA DAY SHOOT

AMMUNITION & CASH PRIZES

26 JANUARY

TUESDAY	PRACTICE	COMPETITION
26 JANUARY 2027	8.30am sharp	9.00am sharp

EVENT **01**

NOMS $50 / REDUCED $45

30 Tgt Australia Day Double Barrel Championship

Graded O/A, AA, A, B, C
1st each Grade: 500 Shotshells
2nd each Grade: 250 Shotshells

Sponsored by Outdoor Trading Company • Lee Berger

EVENT **02**

NOMS $25

25 Tgt Australia Day Handicap

1st $500 / 2nd $250 / 3rd $150
4th $100 / 5th $50

Sponsored by Bendigo Mitsubishi & Shaun Dempsey

EVENT **03**

NOMS $30 / REDUCED $25

30 Tgt Australia Day Points Score Championship

1st each Grade: XTM Twin Compressor Value $199
2nd each Grade: Yetti Rambler Value $85

Kindly sponsored by Warren Builders Pty Ltd

Overall takes Grade in Events 1 & 3

Overall High Gun Sash & Trophy

Ladies High Gun Sponsored by Moama Florist

Veteran High Gun

Junior High Gun
Proudly sponsored by Collumbo Shooting

ENQUIRIES 0429 401 122 or 0407 418 332
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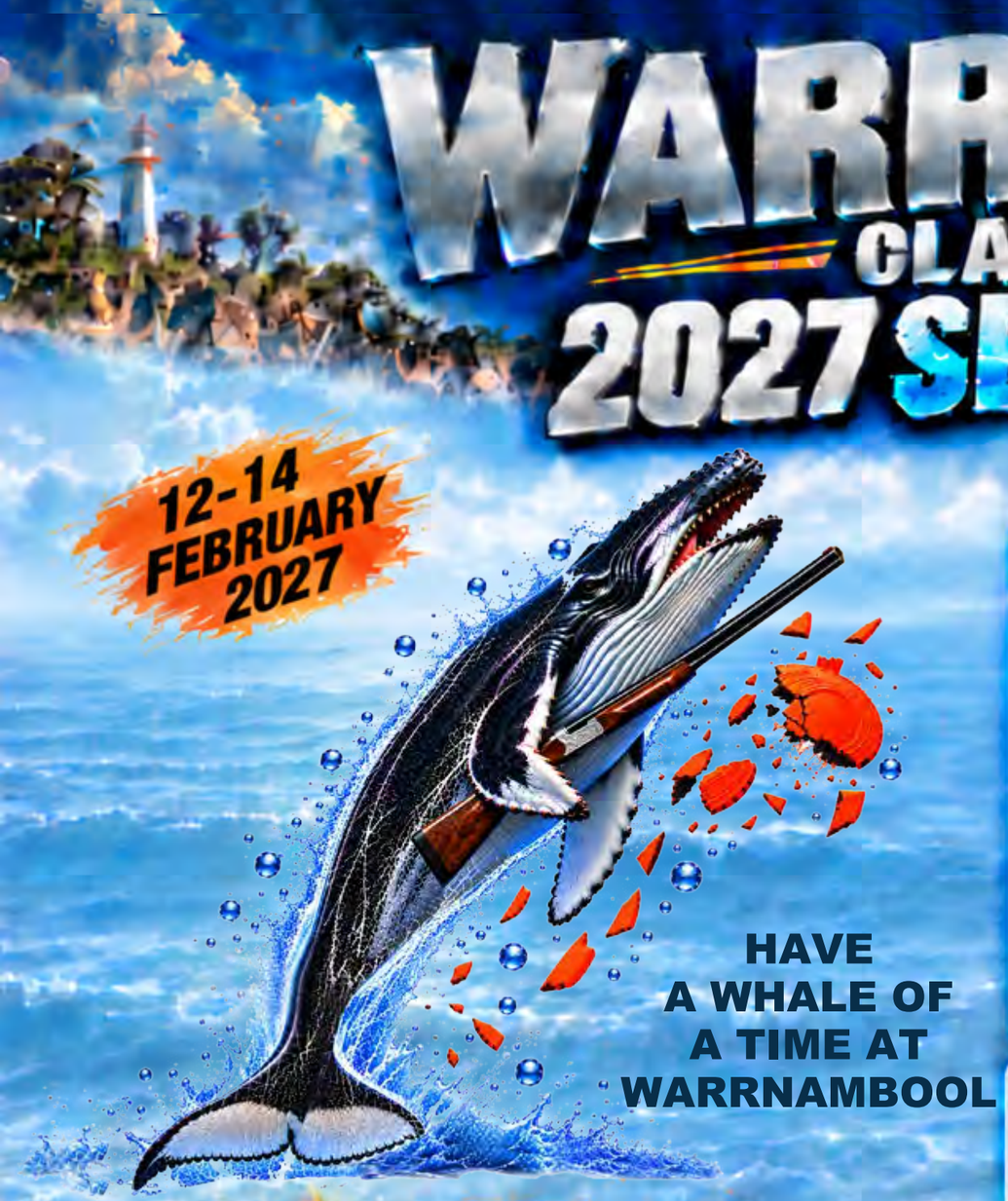
551 Bendigo–Pyramid Road, Woodvale
Food & refreshments available from our friendly canteen staff

Total nominations $105
Reduced L, J, V $95
EFTPOS available

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

WARRNAMBOOL
CLAY TARGET CLUB
2027 SEASIDE CARNIVAL

12-14 FEBRUARY 2027



HAVE A WHALE OF A TIME AT WARRNAMBOOL

White Flyer targets used - supplied by Winchester Australia

FRIDAY 12TH
12pm start

EVENT 1
30 Tgt Points Score Championship
Noms $30.00

EVENT 2
45 Tgt South West Zone Medley
Noms $50.00

SATURDAY 13TH
9.30am start

EVENT 3
30 Tgt Points Score Championship
Noms $30.00

EVENT 4
30 Tgt Single Barrel Championship
Noms $30.00

EVENT 5
30 Tgt Seaside Classic Double Barrel Championship
Noms $35.00

O/All $800 + 500 shotshells
1st all grades $400 + 250 shotshells
2nd all grades $200 + 125 shotshells
3rd all grades $100 + 125 shotshells

SUNDAY 14TH
9.30am start

EVENT 6
25 Tgt Seaside Classic Handicap
Noms $30.00

Sponsored by Beretta Australia

1st 1500 Trust Shotshells + $600
2nd 1500 Trust Shotshells + $500
3rd 1000 Trust Shotshells + $400
4th 750 Trust Shotshells + $200
5th 500 Trust Shotshells + $100
B/Marker – 25mt $200

EVENT 7
45 Tgt Medley Championship
Noms $45.00

CARNIVAL HIGH GUNS • Events 3 to 7 • O/A, AA, A, B, C, L, V
Richardson Marine & Sinclair & Wilson Accounts

Collumbo Shooting Junior High Gun • Trish Schiller Junior Encouragement Award

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

REVERSE DRAW
Sponsored by Winchester Australia

1st • BROWNING 525
30" 12ga Trap Gun • Value $2,800

2nd • RANGER .22 LR RIFLE • Value $1000

3rd • 500 WINCHESTER SHOTSHELLS • Value $280

All winners from the 7 Carnival events: O/All, AA, A, B, C, Ladies, Juniors & Veterans. Last name drawn wins 1st, 2nd last wins 2nd. 3rd last wins 3rd. Draw immediately after High Gun Presentation. Following the Reverse Draw Competitors Lucky Door Prizes 750 shotshells.

Conditions apply – winning competitors must attend both draws to collect prizes.

OVER $28,000
Cash • Firearms • Shotshells • Medals • Sashes

TOTAL NOMINATIONS $250.00 • FIELD LIMITED TO 220
Pre Nominations available through MCMS. Nominations also accepted each day at the office.
Practice from 9.30am Friday • 6 layouts in use, Canterbury and Materalli traps
On-ground camping – bookings essential: Mal Dyson 0407 802 107
Saturday Night 2 Course Meal & Calcutta • $25.00 per person
CLUB CONTACTS: Mal Dyson 0407 802 107 • Wayne Jenkins 0408 529 102

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2027 VICTORIAN STATE SKEET CARNIVAL

21st January to 24th January 2027

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 15TH JANUARY 2027.**
Squad information will be available on MyClubsMyScores by **TUESDAY 19th JANUARY 2027**.
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 21st of JANUARY – 9:00AM START

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 22nd of JANUARY – 9:00AM START

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 23rd of JANUARY – 9:00AM START

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 24th of JANUARY – 9:00AM START

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

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For additional information and Conditions of Entry, please visit www.melbournegunclub.com

M Rocca 124/150; JNR: C Pitts 129/150; Lad: B Calvi 122/150; VET: F Connon 147/162.

Maryborough 24/10/2026
(20). 20T PS CD: L Watts 60/60, N Barnes 59/60, S Forbes 59/60, S Ringin 57/60, T Gull 57/60, J Shepherd 57/60. 25T DB CS: OA/AA: N Cassells 115/115, 2nd AA T Gull 114/115; A: N Barnes 33/34, A O'Connell 32/34; B: J Ferguson 23/25, G Pegg 21/25; C: J Shepherd 24/25, L Johnson 21/25. 30T DB CS: OA/AA: N Cassells 61/61, 2nd AA: S Forbes 60/61; A: N Barnes 29/30, A O'Connell 28/30; B: Emmett Ferguson 30/35, J Ferguson 29/35; C: L Douma 26/30, J Shepherd 25/30. HG: OA: L Watts 114/115; JUN: E Ferguson; LAD: Leisa Douma 89/115; VET: J Shepherd 106/115.

Maryborough 28/10/2026
North Central School Zone Shoot. 30T SB: OA: E Ferguson 30/40; AA: H Clarke 29/40, M Burke 19/30; A: V Davis 8/30; B: G Ferguson 16/35, C Kirk 14/35.

Maryborough 31/10/2026
(35). 100T Compak: OA: A Reading 93/100; AA: L Edson 114/128, M Hannah 111/128; A: C Stephen 115/128, B Rafferty 113/128; B: D Watts 109/121, P Chace 108/121; C: D Jennings 82/100, J Shepherd 78/100. JUN: D Price 75/100; LAD: A Hansen 22/100; VET: G Shelton 84/100; MAS: G Woodhatch 50/100.

Melbourne 16/05/2026
Muy bien! (175): SEZ 25T HC CS: 1st: R Hughes-Gage 87/87; 2nd: S Africano 86/87; 3rd: W Woodward 68/69; JFM: S Africano 25/25; BM: P Aquilina 50/51; SEZ 25T DB CS: AA: M Iles 89/90, D Hutchins 88/89; A: D Milhuisen 68/69, S Howlett 59/60; B: T Zucchet 41/42, G Hesse 35/36; C: J Blackman 41/42, J Hesse 29/30; LAD: G Ferteklis 54/55; JNR: C Hughes-Gage 44/45; VET: C Brown 43/44; OA: N McDonnell 90/90; SEZ 25T SB CS: AA: S Trembath 74/75, O Zielezna 73/74; A: J Rowe 41/42, C Hyde 29/30; B: T Zucchet 27/28, W Kotlarewski 26/28; C: K Lynch 22/25, J McFarlane 35/39; LAD: C Hyde 29/30; JNR: C Hughes-Gage 26/27; VET: J Rowe 25/25; OA: M Appleby 75/75; SEZ 25T PS CS: AA: A Cameron 107/108, R Foote 104/105; A: M Koncewicz 144/147, J McCarthy 95/96; B: R Chamberlain 102/105, M Cecchetto 92/93; C: S Africano 74/75, W Hailes 69/75; LAD: M Trembath 75/75; JNR: S Africano 74/75; VET: R Chamberlain 102/105; OA: R Pitts 150/150; SEZ Carnival HG: OA: A Brady 174/174; LAD: C Hughes-Gage 146/150; VET: C Brown 148/150; JNR: C Hughes-Gage 146/150.

Morwell 17/10/2026
Cracker of a day! (47): 100T PS CS: OA & AA: R Foote 300/306, M Coleman 299/306; A: S Walters 293/300, S Howlett 278/300; B: S Swain 275/300, G Cummins 262/300; C: T Bormann 268/300, K Leadoux 259/300.

St James Gun Club 31/10/2026
(33): NEZ DB CONT CS: 25T: A & OA: T Hicks 25/25, S Murphy 26/27; AA: C Figgins 50/51, J Wojcik 49/51; B: G Ganning 26/28, A Sutherland 25/28; C: M Sharp 26/30, J Jackson 25/30; St James Gun Club 80th Birthday Shoot: 25T PS: AA: D Saunders 119/120, K Willett 116/120; A: M Kelly 73/75, L Fitzpatrick 72/75; B: D Luelf 85/90, A Sutherland 83/90; C: B Makin 67/75, M Baczyk 84/93; St James Gun Club 80th Birthday Shoot: 25T DB: AA: D Thomas 42/42, D Saunders 41/42; A: M Kelly 25/25, S Murphy 49/50; B: G Madill 25/25, J King 30/31; C: P Ferrari 24/25, M Baczyk 31/33.

Yarrawonga 08/11/2026
(26): 100T DB CS: AA & OA: R Wojtowez 100/100, Jake Wilson 111/112; A: G Dwyer 99/100, P Antonello 96/100; B: I Smolls 93/100, T Powell 91/100; C: R Ellis 92/100, I Thorpe 85/100; HG R Wojtowez 100/100.

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Peel 16/10/2026
A lovely 20 Degrees.(90): BSF-Beretta-Peel Invitational: 50T DB: OA: A Fiek/N McDonnell 75/75, R Tait 50/51; A: B Purdey 54/55, A Bowden 64/65; B: R Smith 50/51, B Evans 49/51; C: C Reid 48/50, J Byrnes 46/50; 30T PTS: OA: T Hearn 98/99; AA: N Blake 96/99, D Hutchins 136/138; A: G Spence 89/90, M Voke 97/99; B: J Bowden 105/111, P Vincent 102/111; C: N Yozzi 88/89, M McDonnell 86/90; 30T SB: OA: D Smith 34/35; AA: N McDonnell 34/35, N Blake 33/35; A: R Riggs 30/31, G Spence 29/31; B: A Mitchell 33/35, D Thomson 29/30; C: N Yozzi 30/33, D Robb 29/33; 30T DB: OA: A Fiek 83/83; AA: D Hutchins 82/83, N McDonnell 64/65; A: G. Symons 45/46, D Richter 31/32; B: G Heal 50/51, B Ginbey 30/31; C: F Yozzi 29/30, J Byrnes 29/31; 30T Medley: OA: R Tait 74/75; AA: T Burnard 104/111, N McDonnell 99/110; A: B Harrison 69/75, G Quaranta 68/75; B: L Tuccio 72/75, R Smith 48/50; C: S Vitetta 62/75, J Kendrick 53/75; 30T HC mixed meterage: 1st: A Fiek 36/37, 2nd: G Symons 35/37, 3rd: B Westerberg 32/34, 4th: L Tuccio 29/31, 5th: A Mitchell 28/30; 30T PS: OA: D Hutchins 88/90; AA: A Fiek 87/90, E Featherstone 86/90; A: K Wilkinson 85/93, G Spence 84/93; B: G Heal 77/90, L Tuccio 76/90; C: D Heasman

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Majura Park 04/11/2026
Windy, scattered showers (17): 50T PS CONT CS: OPEN: C Ewing 144/150; AA: S Waugh 143/150; A: R Southwell 142/150; B: D Churchill 133/150; C: J Thompson 138/150.

Majura Park 01/11/2026
Saturday - windy and hail (106): Sunday - sunny, light wind: 30T Neville Betts Memorial Handicap: OPEN: 1st Jn Moussalem 42/42, OPEN: 2nd C Young 41/42, OPEN: 3rd A Brown 35/36, OPEN: 4th A Taylor 40/41, OPEN: 5th C Judianto 39/41; 50T SB: OPEN: M Stokes 98/99; AA: G Coleman 97/99, M Iles 78/80; A: L Stokes 62/64, C Nolan 61/64; B: G Mason 44/50, J Schoepfer 43/50; C: B Smith 43/50, S MacDonald 42/50; LAD: T Stringer 48/50; VET: C Smith 48/50; VET: G Thatcher 48/50; 50T DB: OPEN: D Power 173/173; AA: B De Pedro 172/173, I Harris 151/152; A: L Stokes 145/146, L Galea 73/74; B: P Johnston 49/50, D Churchill 48/50; C: E Thatcher 46/50, S MacDonald 42/50; LAD: A Jarvis 100/101; VET: C Young 51/52; 30T PS: OPEN: G Coleman 255/255; AA: L Young 254/255, D Power 158/159; A: S Smith 164/165, A Niesar 107/108; B: G Lye 114/120, P Johnston 113/120; C: B Frost 87/90, E Thatcher 86/90; LAD: C Nolan 112/114; VET: L Galea 89/90; 60T Medley: OPEN: J O'Brien 100/100; AA: S Waugh 99/100, D Power 99/100; A: J Mortys 131/135, J Dunn 130/135; B: G Mason 115/125, K Willetts 112/125; S MacDonald 90/100, B Frost 105/125; LAD: L Gee 94/100; VET: G Thatcher 98/100; HG: OPEN: D Power 315/320; AA: G Coleman 314/320, M Iles 314/320; A: L Stokes 306/320; B: K Willetts 290/320; C: S MacDonald 284/320; LAD: L Gee 303/320; VET: G Thatcher 307/320.

Majura Park 30/10/2026
Cool, no breeze (47): 25 Pair D/R: OPEN: D Power 49/50; AA: M Iles 48/50, B Burgess 56/60; A: N Elliott 46/50, D Reed 53/60; B: M Harris 42/50, J Dunn 41/50; C: A Taylor 43/50, M Reid 51/60; LAD: A Jarvis 43/50; VET: L Galea 41/50. 20 Pair Night Commonwealth DDs: OPEN: 1st M Stokes, C Banks 45/45, OPEN: 2nd R Hughes-Gage, Ben De Pedro 44/45.

Majura Park 28/10/2026
Very cool slight breeze (19):75T Ch/Ch (18m): OPEN: J Smith 121/125; AA: D Power 120/125; A: M Harris 116/125; C: J Thompson 103/125; C: B Wharton 103/125.

Majura Park 21/10/2026
Wet and windy (19): 25T SB CS: OPEN: C Goodwin 33/33 25 / 25; AA: A Smith 24/25 24 / 25; AA: D Power 24/25 24 / 25; A: M Harris 32/33 25 / 25; B: K Willetts 22/25 22 / 25; C: J Thompson 22/25 22 / 25; 25T Round 10 HC Masters: 1st T Quill 33/33 25 / 25 , 2nd J Thompson 32/33 25 / 25, 3rd D Power 29/30 25 / 25.

Majura Park 18/10/2026
Mild and sunny (13):75T NSW State Ball Trap CS: OPEN: J Yarak 71/75; AA: D Brighenti

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20th & 21st FEBRUARY 2027

COMPAK State Carnival

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5 YOUR PRIVACY

- You can ask for your submission to be published without your name.
- You can also request your personal details to be kept confidential.

6 SUBMIT BEFORE THE DEADLINE

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE:
MONDAY
1 FEBRUARY 2027

REPORT DUE:
15 FEBRUARY 2027

7 MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT

- Be clear and respectful
- Keep it relevant and practical
- Share real examples
- Help ensure fair and sensible firearms laws for NSW.

LET'S REPEAL THE BAD LAWS

SHOOTERS, FISHERS AND FARMERS PARTY
RECLAIM FREEDOM

WAGGA CLAY TARGET CLUB

22ND GOLDEN CROW

TWO-DAY TRAP CARNIVAL

SATURDAY 6 FEB: 9 AM START

45T MIXED (DB, SB & PS) CHAMPIONSHIP

30T SINGLE BARREL CHAMPIONSHIP
Sponsored by Level Electrical & Air

30T DOUBLE BARREL CHAMPIONSHIP
Sponsored by Des Mullins Electrical & Solar

1st & 2nd AA, A, B & C grades: Cash prizes



SUNDAY 7 FEB: 9 AM START

GOLDEN CROW 100T POINT SCORE CHAMPIONSHIP

Overall: $2000, Buckle + Sash
1st AA, A, B & C grades: Cash + Sash
2nd AA, A, B & C grades: Cash
LVJ: Cash + Sash

2-DAY HIGH GUN

Overall: Cash + Sash
AA, A, B & C grades: Cash +Sash
LVJ: Cash + Sash

PRE-NOM VIA MCMS: $220 BOTH DAYS & GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN A SLAB OF WINCHESTER AA SHELLS

NOMINATIONS ON THE DAY: $230

ENTRY VIA TASMAN RD ONLY
PRACTICE FRIDAY ONLY FROM 3 PM
CANTEEN & EFTPOS AVAILABLE, NO AMMO SOLD ON GROUNDS
ACTA CAMPING SITES (02) 6938 2121

Contact: Janenne Kidd 0418 862 832

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WAGGA CLAY TARGET CLUB

26TH AUSTRALIAN VETERANS GAMES

18 APRIL TO 22 APRIL

SUN 18 APRIL: 100T COMPAK
MON 19 APRIL: 100T SKEET
TUE 20 APRIL: 100T MIXED
WED 21 APRIL: 100T DOUBLE BARREL
THU 22 APRIL: 100T POINT SCORE
10 AM START EACH DAY



GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS
FOR EACH AGE GROUP
(45–55, 56–60, 61–65, 66–70, 71–75, 76+ YRS)

OVERALL AND HIGH GUN SASHES

BBQ DINNER WED NIGHT

NOMINATIONS ON THE DAY

$60 PER EVENT OR $250 FULL PROGRAM

Organise a group of your shooting mates or club friends for a fun week of shooting!

NB: Wagga Clay Target Club will conduct its monthly 100T COMPAK shoot on Sat 17 April.

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Majura Park 14/10/2026
Light breeze (24): 25T DB CS: OPEN: D Power 46/46; AA: C Goodwin 45/46; A: D Reed 25/25; B: M Reid 37/38; C: J Potter 24/25.

Majura Park 14/10/2026
Cold, light breeze (19): Southern Zone Night PS 25T: OPEN: C Goodwin 75/75; AA: S Waugh 75/78; A: M Harris 74/75; B: M Reid 69/75; C: B Frost V 51/75.

Richmond River 18/10/2026
Wet & Windy (32): 50T DB CD: AA: C Maher 50/50, D Bodley, G Watson, P Batson 48/50; A: A Thomas, J Mulhearn, Dale Smith 49/50; B: Donnie Johnson 45/50, P Chittick 44/50. C: D Wilson 43/50, I Sullivan 42/50; 100T DB: OA: D Bodley 99/100; AA: L Hart 97/100, P Batson 96/100; A: A Thomas 96/100, G Bruce 95/100; B: Donnie Johnson 92/100, W Reichman 87/100; C: D Wilson 90/100, J Traves 86/100.

TCTA

No shoot results to hand for Tasmania this month. See Mersey CTC advertisement on page 93

NTCTA

No shoot results to hand for Northern Territory this month. See NTCTA State Skeet advertisement on page 94

QCTA

Atherton 24/10/2026
Overcast/misty mornings, afternoon thunderstorms. (97): 30T PS CD: AA: B Murphy 90/90, J Smaniotto (V) 88/90, J Rossato 88/90; A: W Cislowski (V) 90/90, J Zappala (V) 88/90; B: W Masters (V) 84/90, S Crapella (L) 82/90; C: H Read 81/90, B Heffernan 77/90; 30T Med: OPEN: J Rossato 74/75; AA: B Harrison (V) 97/100, M Thurston 95/100; A: J Scalia 72/75, P Crapella 69/75; B: Z Hicks 47/50, P Scott 46/50; C: H Read 46/50, D Sheahan 44/50; 30T SB: OPEN: M Thurston 29/30; AA: L Groat (V) 28/30, J Rossato 45/48; A: B Fichera (J) 29/31, R Clive (V) 39/42; B: C Cannon 27/30, P Scott 27/31; C: H Read 26/30, T Barletta 25/30; 50T DB Ross Cannon Memorial: OPEN: J Rossato 109/109; AA: B Harrison (V) 108/109, S Paton 91/92, J Smaniotto (V) 61/62; A: P Crapella 58/59, C Cislowski 57/59, J Murray 60/62; B: Z Hicks 63/65, E Brill 62/65, R Mikkelsen (V) 47/50; C: T Barletta 48/55, B Heffernan 47/55, H Read 50/58; 30T HC: 1st J Cerqui (V) 40/41, 2nd B Harrison (V) 39/41, 3rd N Di Salvo 33/35, 4th G Rea 30/31, 5th K Rea (L) 29/31; 50T CONT PS Queensland State CS: OPEN: J Smaniotto (V) 147/150; AA: J Rossato 150/156, M Thurston 149/156, L Groat (V) 143/150; A: W Rossato (J) 145/150, R Rosendahl (L) 141/150, C Cislowski 140/150; B: R Mikkelsen (V) 135/150, G Braid (V) 134/150, W Masters (V) 155/174; C: H Read 123/150, J Santarossa (J) 120/150, A Oosthuizen 119/150; HG: OA: J Rossato 384/400; AA: J Smaniotto (V) 381/400; A: C Cislowski 367/400; B: Z Hicks 349/400; C: H Read 345/400; JNR: W Rossato 365/400; LAD: R Rosendahl 361/400; VET: B Harrison 378/400.

Ballandean 18/10/2026
Overcast, windy, cool(22): 75T Med: OA: A Wilmot 144/150; AA: L Hannant 141/150, R Ross 117/125; A: Z Scalia 116/125, Brock Hills 138/150; B: L Scalia 106/125, S Coventry 105/125; C: T Hills 110/125, S Pippos 104/125; 20pr D/R Jack Wise Trophy: OA: J Rapisarda 35/40; AA: G Costanzo 34/40; A: R Ross 31/40, R Esposito 30/40; B: B Hills 44/50, L Hannant 43/50; C: L Costanzo 34/40, N Warden 30/40; HG: OA: L Hannant 154/165.

Brisbane 25/10/2026
Damp (18): 25T DB CD: AA: J Porter 25/25; A: M Chounding 24/25; B: J King 25/25; C: M Cummings 23/25; 25T HC: 1 A Davey 25/25, 2 G Pincham 59/61, 3 K Stevens 58/61; 25T SB: AA: J Porter 22/25; A: P Strange 24/25; B: S Cannizzaro 22/25; C: M Cummings 21/25; 50T PS: AA: J Porter 144/150; A: P Strange 135/150; B: J King 135/150; C: M Cummings 136/150; HG: AA: K Stevens 213/225; A: T Morgan 202/225; B: J King 202/225; C: M Cummings 202/225.

Brisbane 14/10/2026
Overcast (17): 75T Night Medley: AA: M Pain 117/125, A Incani 115/125; A: G Buchanan 112/125, A Herron 111/125; B: S Cannizzaro 106/125, K Page 104/125.

Bundaberg 01/11/2026
Hot and humid (28): 25T DB CD: AA: D Large 24/25; A: M Tipman, J Trill and Connor Large 25/25; B: J Varley, K Rehbein, B Simpson and C Large 23/25; C: R Daley 25/25; 25T HC: 1st Connor Large 31/32, 2nd M Tipman 30/32, 3rd C Large 28/29; 25T PTS CS: OA: B Fisher 74/75; AA: G Wright 71/75; A: P Grove 73/75; B: J Varley 65/75; C: B Fisher 74/75; 15PR D/R: A: D Large 23/30; B: P Grove 25/30; C: Connor Large 24/30; HG: OA: Connor Large 145/155; JNR: Connor Large 145/155.

Caboolture 01/11/2026
(90): 30T DB CD: AA: K McGuire AA21 30/30, A Herron AA21 30/30, C Koutsakis AA20 30/30, A Incani AA27 30/30, M Pain AA25 30/30, S Patrick AA22 30/30; A: R Jones A20 30/30, P McAndrew V A19 30/30, P Freeleagus V A24 30/30, B Brown A20 30/30; B: D Stevens J B17 29/30, F Mills L,V B17 29/30, B Barnes B17 28/30; C: K Trotter V C15 30/30, K Aitchison C15 29/30, A Faull L C15 25/30, D Trotter C15 25/30; 45T Medley (Andy Aitchison Memorial): OPEN: A Incani AA27 124/125; AA: M Pain AA25 122/125, J Laird AA21 96/100; A: J Moore L A21 95/100, M Barden A20 94/100, B Barnes B 17 72/75, D Stevens J B17 69/75; C: J Fea VC15 61/75, K Trotter V C15 60/75; JNR: H Stevens L,J C21/75; LAD: F Mills L,V B17 65/75; VET: J Porter V AA24 73/75; 50T DB: OPEN: J Laird AA21 54/54; AA: M Pain AA25 53/54, A Incani AA27 76/77; A: C Stevens A19 49/50, B Allan A18 48/50; B: B McDonald V B19 47/50, B Barnes B17 50/54; C: J Barden L C17 45/50, K Aitchison C15 44/50; JNR: D Stevens J B17 43/50; LAD: J Moore L A21 47/50; VET: D Stevens V AA25 48/50; 30T Pts: OPEN: A Incani AA27 90/90; AA: M Pain AA25 104/105, A Herron AA21 103/105; A: J Moore L A21 86/90, P McAndrew V A19 85/90; B: B Barnes B17 86/90, M Murphy B17 85/90; C: T Barnes J C15 79/90, J Fea V C15 75/90; JNR: J Pearce JA19 79/90, D Stevens J B17 77/90; LAD: F Mills L,V B17 80/90; VET: D Stevens V AA25 105/111; 30T HC: OPEN: A Herron AA21 33/33, J Laird AA21 32/33, S Lee V AA20 31/32, D Reynolds V B17 35/36, L Peoples-Langridge A19 34/36; 30T CONT: OPEN: A Incani 87/87; AA: M Pain 86/87, B Stevens 29/30; A: B Allan 29/30, L Peoples-Langridge 29/30; B: S Cannizzaro 29/30, D Reynolds 27/30; C: T Barnes 27/30, K Aitchison 27/30; JNR: J Pearce 28/30, D Stevens 18/30; LAD: J Moore 28/30; VET: S Lee 29/30; HG: OPEN: A Incani 301/305; AA: A Herron 299/305; A: L Peoples-Langridge 286/305; B: B Barnes 284/305; C: K Aitchison 255/305; JNR: D Stevens 260/305; LAD: J Moore 285/305; VET: J Porter 288/305.

Gold Coast 08/11/2026
(17): 25 pr D/R: A: A Herron 40/50; B: S Weeden 38/50, G Facer 36/50; C: D Cokley 38/50, W Stinson 36/50; 50 pr D/R: A: A Herron 80/100; B: G Facer

Mersey Clay Target Club - TAS
Annual 3 Day Memorial Shoot

Saturday 16th to Monday 18th of January 2027

Saturday 16th January 2027
Event 1 50T Mersey Points Score Championship $30 J - $20
Sponsored by **Miles Contracting Service - Kalgoorlie WA**

Event 2 50T Double Barrel Jack Cunningham Memorial Championship $30 J - $20
Sponsored by **RFW Contracting PTY LTD - Kalgoorlie WA**

Sunday 17th January 2027
Event 3 45T Champions Medley (Shot from 18m) $27 J - $18
Sponsored by **GR & AM Whiteley**

Event 4 50T Double Barrel Denis Whiteley Memorial Championship $30 J - $20
Sponsored by **RFW Contracting Pty Ltd - Kalgoorlie WA**

Overall High Gun for Saturday and Sunday - Sash & Portable Fridge (Waeco or similar)
sponsored by the **Johnson, Chapman & Whiteley Families**
Grade and Category High Guns - Sash & Cash
sponsored by **Miles Contracting Service - Kalgoorlie WA**
Junior Encouragement Awards sponsored by **Robbie Elmer**

Monday 18th January 2027
Event 5 25T Handicap Carnival $15 J - $10
Sponsored by **T & F Atkins**

Event 6 25 Pair Double Rise Eye-Opener $30 J - $20
Sponsored by **RA Mechanical & Transport**

Event 7 50 Pair Double Rise Championship $60 J - $40
Sponsored by **M & S Johnston and P & S Jones**

Practise available throughout the event

Over $10,000 in prize money

Nominations taken at the club only

Mersey Clay Target Club Inc
Smith and Others Rd
Sassafras, TAS

For more information contact
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Northern Territory Clay Target Association Inc.

NORTHERN TERRITORY SKEET CHAMPIONSHIPS

12 June – 14 June 2027

Venue: Top End Gun Club, 500 Cox Peninsula Road
Berry Springs

Saturday 12 June	**9:00 am**
Event 1:	50 Target 20g Skeet Championship
Event 2:	50 Target Skeet Handicap
Sunday 13 June	**9:00 am**
Event 3:	100 Target Skeet Championship NT Postal Teams
Monday 14 June	**9:00 am**
Event 4:	50 Target Skeet Champion of Champions (25 Target 12g in first visit and 25 Target 20g in second visit)
Event 5:	50 Target Skeet Doubles Championship (25 Pair)

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

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Overall on Events 1 - 5
NT Sash, Gold Badge and Cash or Sponsor Prize

1st and 2nd AA, A, B, C on Events 1, 3 - 5
NT Medallion and Cash or Sponsor Prize

1st Ladies/Juniors/Veterans on Events 1, 3 - 5
NT Medallion

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

Overall High Gun Events 1 - 5
NT Sash, Gold Badge and Cash or Sponsor Prize

Grade High Guns (AA, A, B, C) on Events 1 - 5
NT Sash and Cash or Sponsor Prize

Ladies/Juniors/Veterans High Gun on Events 1 - 5
NT Sash

Nominations through MyClubsMyScores. Open 1 April 2027.
NOMINATIONS (Per Event)
Events 1, 2, 4 & 5- Open $70.00, Ladies/Junior/Veterans $65.00
Event 3 – Open $140.00, Ladies/Junior/Veterans $130.00

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

For information regarding camping please contact the Darwin Clay Target Club secretary at dctcsecretary@gmail.com

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Ballandean
Clay Target Club Inc
TWO DAY TRAP CARNIVAL
16th & 17th January 2027

Saturday January 16th
Nominations 8.00am, shoot commencing 8.30am

Event 1 15pr Double Rise Championship – 15m

Sash & Cash Overall; Cash 1st & 2nd in AA,A,B,C Grades

Event 2 25t Pointscore Championship – 15m

Sash & Cash Overall; Cash 1st & 2nd in AA,A,B,C Grades

Top 12 shooters will represent the two States, with top 10 scores to count in Teams Match

** Ballandean Teams Match 20t Point score – QLD v NSW – 16m **

Badge for each winning team member

Event 3 50t Double Barrel Championship – 15m

Sash & Cash Overall; Cash 1st & 2nd in AA,A,B,C Grades

Sunday January 17th
Nominations 8.00am, shoot commencing 8.30am

Event 4 50t Combination (25t DB ~ 25t SB) – 15m

Sash & Cash Overall; Cash 1st & 2nd in AA,A,B,C Grades

Event 5 50t Lindsay Australia Graded Meterage

$1000 and Sash – 1st: $500 – 2nd: $250 – 3rd: $125 – 4th: $50

LINDSAY RURAL
A Division of LINDSAY AUSTRALIA

LINDSAY TRANSPORT
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Nominations $195 - if prenominating on MCMS $185

Juniors – FREE if nominating for the full program.

Juniors - Please nominate via MCMS and nominations will be returned during presentations on Sunday.

EARLY NOMINATION DISCOUNT CLOSES 15TH JANUARY

High Guns - Sash & Cash

OVERALL
AA * A * B * C
GRADE
LADIES, JUNIORS, VETERANS

PRACTICE AVAILABLE FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2PM TO 5PM



POWERED SITES AVAILABLE $20/night

UNPOWERED SITES $10/night



Breakfast and Lunch available Saturday and Sunday

CANTERBURY TRAPS ON ALL 4 LAYOUTS – WHITE FYLER TARGETS

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The committee has the right to alter the program if necessary.

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CONDAMINE GUN CLUB

60TH ANNIVERSARY 1967 – 2027

2027 ANNUAL CARNIVAL

OVER $17,000 IN CASH & PRIZES

FRIDAY, 22 JANUARY 2027 - 7.00pm Start

NIGHT EVENT – 50T QCTA NIGHT SINGLE BARREL C'SHIP $40
Sponsored by ***CRC Electrical and OSA***
Overall – Sash & Cash Prize
Prize – 1st & 2nd in each Grade and 1st Ladies, Junior & Veteran

SATURDAY, 23 JANUARY 2027 - 8.30am 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 ***Nitschke Energy***
Overall – Sash, Condamine Bell & Cash Prize
Cash Prize - 1st & 2nd in each Grade

EVENT 3 – 60T "CONDAMINE BELL" 60TH ANNIVERSARY DB C'SHIP $40
Sponsored by ***Condamine Hotel and Condamine Seeds & Tyres***
Overall - Sash, Condamine Bell & Cash Prize
Cash Prize - 1st & 2nd in each Grade and
1st Ladies, Junior & Veteran
Kiwi Trophy for the Highest Scoring Condamine Club Member
Shoot-offs to be continued under lights if required

SUNDAY, 24 JANUARY 2027 - 8.00am Start

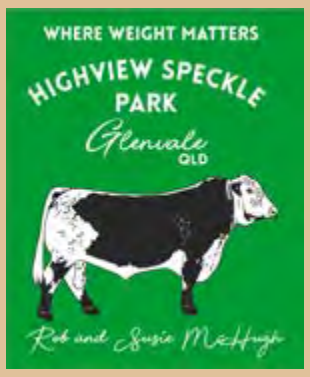
EVENT 4 – 50T "MEMBERS MEMORIAL" HANDICAP $40
Sponsored by ***FKG***
Prizes: 1st – 5th ***(Calcutta on the Handicap)***

EVENT 5 – 20 PAIR DOUBLE RISE CHAMPIONSHIP $35
Sponsored by ***Highview Speckle Park***
Overall - Sash & Cash Prize
Cash Prize - 1st & 2nd in each Grade

FULL PROG NOMS $165 (Excl Night Event)
V, L & J FULL PROG $145 (Excl Night Event)
Nominations Subsidised by **WDRC**

High Guns - Events 1 - 5
Overall – Sash, Condamine Bell & Prize
AA, A, B & C Grades, V, L & J – Sash & Prize

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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75/100, S Weeden 75/100; C: S Cannizzaro 78/100, W Stinson 78/100; HG: OA: A Herron 120/150; B: S Weeden 113/150; C: W Stinson 114/150.

Gold Coast 04/11/2026
(15): 75T Night Gr Meterage: AA: S Weeden 112/125, S Rad 110/125; A: L Anderson 114/125, D Davis 113/125; B: K Page 108/125, D Cokley 103/125; C: M Rowe 84/125.

Gold Coast 11/10/2026
Fine but windy (36): 25T DB CD: AA: S Rad 25/25, Alex Incani 25/25; A: A Snelling 25/25, S Tsavasilis 25/25, C Faull 25/25, L Anderson 25/25; B: E Snelling 25/25, K Page 24/25, D Cokley 24/25; C: G Pincham 24/25, J Tait 23/25; 100T PS Gold Coast 300: AA: Alex Incani 289/300, K Stevens 287/300; A: C Faull 278/300, L Anderson 275/300; B: D Cokley 277/300, E Snelling 274/300; C: Anthony Incani 273/306, G Pincham 270/306.

Kingaroy 01/11/2026
Overcast, warm (31): 50T DB: AA: M Rankin 65/65, R Ridder 64/65; A: B Zelinski 49/50, S McCullough 57/59; B: P Powne 46/50, P McDonald 50/57; C: J Whyte 47/50, D O'Hanlon 45/50; 25T SB: AA: R Ridder 24/25, W Humphreys 32/34; A: A Thorp 23/25, S McCullough 32/35; B: P Powne 24/29, P McDonald 23/29; C: J Whyte 20/25, D O'Hanlon 20/27; 30T HC–Cowandilla Cup: Ist S Gittins AA22 80/81, 2nd N Warden AI9 79/81, 3rd J Whyte 33/35; HG: AA: R Ridder 100/105; A: N Warden 99/105; B: P Powne 91/105; C: J Whyte 96/105.

Port Denison 25/10/2026
(11): 25T PS Grd Cash Prizes: A: D Stitt 71/75; B: D Parker 59/75; C: S Uprichard 54/75; 25T DB: AA: A Lemphers 25/25; B: G Clarke 24/25; C: A Parker 20/25; 25T HC Graded Cash Prizes: Ist G Maltby 24/25, 2nd A Lord 30/34, 3rd D Parker 29/34; 15 Pr D/R Grd Cash Prizes: AA: A Lemphers 23/30; B: A Lord 22/30; C: D Parker 20/30.

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Bordertown 18/10/2026
(50): 20Pr D/R CS: OA & AA: J Nicholls 38/40, D Pratt 37/40; A: J Newcombe 36/40, G Height 44/50; B: D Fisher 34/40, Chris Jorgensen 33/40; C: N Rishworth 33/40, P Sanders 31/40; 30T Medley CS: 10T DB, 10T SB, 10T PS off 18m: OA & AA: A Hawker 50/50, J Dunn 72/75; A: G Hopgood 72/75, E Hendy 71/75; B: A Volkoff 48/50, A Nolte 45/50; C: F Dodson 44/50, M Hendy 43/50; 25T HC: D Nicholls 29/29, B Hawker 28/29, D Pratt 26/27, J Dunn 53/54, E Hendy 52/54; Two Day HG: LAD: B Hawker 171/265; JNR: E Hendy 226/265; VET: D Pratt 252/265; Two Day Gr HG: AA: W Hawker, D Nicholls 252/265; A: J Newcombe, M Nolte 243/265; B: A Nolte 238/265; C: F Dodson 225/265; Two Day OA HG: A Hawker 254/265.

Bordertown 17/10/2026
(55): 30T PS CS: OA & AA: A Hoare 102/102, D Pratt 99/102; A: R Andrews 101/102, J Newcombe 98/102; B: F Dodson 96/102, P Sanders 95/102; C: W Hendy 82/90, S Breeden 77/90; 30T SB CS: OA & AA: J Nicholls 41/42, J Dunn 40/42; A: M Nolte 29/32, D Peel 28/32; B: G Pike 32/37, A Nolte 36/42; C: M Hendy 27/31, A Beattie 26/31; 30T DB CS: OA & AA: D Nicholls 80/80, W Lindner 79/80; A: D Fisher 36/37, W Sanders 34/35; B: A Nolte 29/31, D Robertson 28/31; C: S Breeden 73/74, W Hendy 27/30.

Broken Hill
Warm and Steamy (12): 25T SKT: A: D Nicholls, R Walsh, D Ashwood 23/25; B: B Howe 25/25; C: W McAllister 19/25, E Mallon 17/25; 50T SB: A: D Ashwood 48/50, J Nicholls 47/50; B: M Hooper 43/50, L Gray 34/50; C: N Hill 38/50, E Mallon 29/50; 50T PS CS: OA & AA: J Nicholls 149/150, D Ashwood 146/150; A: R Walsh 132/150, P Grossi 130/150; B: L Gray 130/150, M Hooper 120/150; C: E Mallon 106/150; LAD: T Harman 136/150; VET: P Hocking 122/150; OA HG: J Nicholls 217/225.

International 11/10/2026
Clear, Sunny, No wind, 21 deg (23): 25T PS Gr: AA: B Cook 72/78, R Clark 71/78; A: B Quinzi 74/78, R Rossi 73/77; B: N Crowe 71/78, A Souter 68/78; C: V Oliviero 63/75, G Letterio 62/75; LAD: V Oliviero 63/75; VET: D Oliviero; 25T DB Gr: AA: R Clark 25/25, B Cook 24/25; A: E Parletta 27/28, B Quinzi 26/28; B: P Marmorale 25/25, N Droukas 32/33; C: D Robinson 23/25, V Oliviero 23/27; LAD: R Renna 16/25; VET: P Baldock 24/25; 20 Pr Central Zone DD CS: Ist V Oliviero-D Oliviero 20/20, 2nd P Bourne-A Souter 19/20; 3rd P Marmorale-A Panazzolo 18/20, 4th R Clark-N Crowe 18/21, 5th G Karageorgis-N Droukas 17/21; PS/DB HG: B Quinzi 95/100.

International Club 17/10/2026
10: Fir weather, low 20s, sunny patches: 50T Gr ISSF Trap: : A: C Bentley 43/50, F Markovic, M Bretag 41/50; B: R Borzillo 41/50, P Marmorale 38/50; C: R Low 15/50; 50T SKT Singles CS: OA & A: L Forza 48/50, N Campbell 47/50; B: N Dimasi 46/50; C: D Brown 34/50, A Nagel 33/50.

International 03/10/2026
16 deg, patchy cloud, howling Northwest Wind (10); 75T ISSF Trap CS: OA & B: E Parletta 62/75; A: T De Padova 56/75; B: A Sologub 57/75; C: M Cavuoto 53/75, K Perry 50/75.

Mount Gambier 12/09/2026
(39): 50T B/T: AA: G Height 46/50; A: D Simson 48/50, T Jenkins 45/50; B: S Chambers 41/50, M Little 38/50; C: H Simson 39/50, M Rudd 38/52; 25T DB: AA: D Simson 102/102, G Height 101/102; A: M Nolte 29/30, M Medhurst 28/29; B: S Fleming 28/29, M Rudd 25/26; C: T Lloyd 24/25, G Bowd 23/25; 25T SB: AA: G Height 24/25, D Pratt 23/25; A: M Medhurst 23/25, H Megaw 21/25; B: H Simson 25/25, A Funcke 22/26; C: P Klieve 24/25, T Lloyd 20/25; HG: D Simson 96/100.

South Australian 18/10/2026
Mild, Overcast (23): SKT: Cancelled; 25T SB: AA: R Warden 23/25, G Coppola 21/25; A: D Oliviero 24/26, R Borzillo 23/26; B: L Schubert 22/25, M Pontifex 21/25; C: L Boddington 18/25 D Halikiopoulos 19/27; VET: B Quinzi 22/25; 25T PS: AA: G Coppola 68/75; A: D Oliviero 75/75, T De Padova 69/75; B: M Pontifex 70/75, L Schubert 74/81; C: B Hammond 69/75, T Scott 71/84; VET: P Marmorale 69/75; 25T DB: OA: L Schubert 54/54; AA: R Warden 53/54, G Coppola 24/25; A: T De Padova 47/48, R Borzillo 45/47; B: L Schubert 54/54, P Marmorale 28/29; C: T Scott 23/25, D Halikiopoulos 20/25; VET: D Oliviero 23/25; HG: D Oliviero 121/125.

Southern Yorke Peninsula 18/10/2026
Pleasant slight breeze (13): 75T Ch/Ch: A: T Johnson 103/125, S Bowley 101/125; B: T Piteo 113/125, T Haggerty 105/125; C: S Haggerty 108/125, J Parker 101/125; OA HG: M Anderson 117/125; 15pr D/D: Ist: T Johnson, J Parker 29/30, 2nd: N Marsh, M Anderson 28/30.

Wilkawatt 11/10/2026
Windy (28) (20): 50T SKT EZ: OA & A: A Lock 48/50, M Raper 45/50; B: D Beelitz 42/50, D Murrell 40/50; C: G Harvey 37/50, D Rich 40/56; 25T DB: OA & AA: A Lock 34/34, D Beelitz 24/25; A: M Batten 33/34, R Andrews 25/26; B: M Humberstone 24/25, C Dodson 23/25; C: J Rich 23/25, K Pfeiffer 22/25; 30T CONT: OA: M Batten. AA: A Lock 43/45, A Beelitz 42/45; A: M Batten 44/45, G Harvey 50/52; B: C Dodson 28/30, M Humberstone 27/30; C: K Pfeiffer 27/30, D Rich 31/36; HG: OA: A Lock 102/105; LAD: V Batten 50/55; JNR: C Dodson 72/109; VET: M Raper 97/105.

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STATE DTL CARNIVAL

4–7 February 2027

MCMS nominations opening in December

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

Pre Nominations close Tuesday 2nd February - $20 one time fee for late entries

THURSDAY • 11:00 a.m.

Event 1 SACTA "PullBang" State Champion of Champions
75 targets from 18m
MCMS nominations Open $80 & L,V $75, 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" 50tgt State Single Barrel Championship
MCMS nominations Open $50 & L,V $45, Jnrs free

Beretta Servicing
On sight in 2027

Event 5 SACTA "DRC" 50tgt State Double Barrel Championship
MCMS nominations Open $60 & L,V $55, Jnrs free
Shot to completion under lights if necessary

SUNDAY • 8:00 a.m.

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

Event 6 SACTA 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- ***SACTA***
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**
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BOB & LINDA ANDREWS
State silver badges

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9–10 JANUARY 2027

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9 JAN — DAY 1 · SATURDAY

25t	Pointscore Championship
25t	Single Barrel Championship
25t	Double Barrel Championship

Practice 9am · Comp 9:30am

10 JAN — DAY 2 · SUNDAY

25t	Single Barrel Championship
45t	Medley (15t DB 15t SB 15t PS)
HG	High Gun over events 1–5 (OA + Graded + LVJ)

Practice 9am · Comp 9:30am

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Taking target firearms interstate to Western Australia

Part 1 explains WA Police Equivalent Authority Permits under the *Firearms Act 2024*.
Part 2 sets out the four-step process for travelling with shotguns and ammunition to WA.

ACTA AUSTRALIAN CLAY TARGET ASSOCIATION

PART 1 Understanding Western Australia firearm entry requirements

You must obtain an approved WA Equivalent Authority Permit prior to entering Western Australia

Bringing a competition shotgun into Western Australia is regulated under the *Firearms Act 2024* and *Firearms Regulations 2024* (which repealed the 1973 Act). Automatic mutual recognition does not apply—any person bringing an interstate-licensed firearm into WA must hold an approved **Equivalent Authority Permit (Regulation 213)** prior to crossing the WA border. Group permits are no longer issued.

Each competitor must apply individually, pass a WA Police probity check, pay the statutory permit fee (**$136** for up to 3 months), and carry their home-state licence, registration certificates, and proof of ACTA/WACTA competition entry.

IMPORTANT — APPLY AT LEAST 6 TO 8 WEEKS PRIOR TO TRAVEL: WA Police Licensing Services conduct mandatory probity checks on all permit applicants. Ensure your approved individual Equivalent Authority Permit is issued and printed before boarding flights or crossing into WA by road.

PART 2 How to organise it, in order

1 Apply for your WA Police Equivalent Authority Permit (Form LSF17)

- Download and complete **Permit Application Form LSF17** (and Identity Certificate LSF129 if required) from **wa.gov.au**.
- Attach copies of your home State Firearms Licence, government photo ID, firearm registration certificates, and WACTA/ACTA shoot entry.
- Submit exact shotgun details (make, model, action, gauge, barrel length, and matching serial number) with the $136 application fee.
- Lodge via email to WA Police Licensing Services (or post to Locked Bag 9, East Perth WA 6892) and print your written permit once approved.

WA Police Licensing Services • 1300 171 011 • LicensingServices@police.wa.gov.au • wa.gov.au

2 Verify firearm registration, WA legality & serial number accuracy

- Confirm all competition shotguns are actively registered in your name on your home State Firearms Registry and permitted under WA's 2024 laws.
- Check that serial numbers on your home registration, Form LSF17 permit, and airline declarations match your shotgun receiver letter-for-letter.
- Pack your physical plastic State Firearms Licence card, printed registration certificates, and approved WA Equivalent Authority Permit.

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3 Notify your airline and pack to strict domestic aviation standards

- Request Dangerous Goods / firearm approval directly with your airline (e.g. Qantas, Virgin Australia) at least 72 hours prior to departure.
- Pack your break-action shotgun unloaded (disassembled in its fitted case or fitted with a trigger lock) inside a heavy-duty, keyed/padlocked hard case.
- Pack ammunition (max 5 kg gross weight per passenger, Division 1.4S) in original factory boxes locked in a separate checked bag—never inside the gun case on Qantas/Virgin domestic flights unless specifically separated per carrier rules.

4 Airport processing & strict WA transit storage compliance (ss. 307–308)

- **Departing Home State:** Arrive 2 hours early. Present your gun case and licences at the airline service desk to complete firearm tags.
- **Arriving in Perth (WA):** Collect your firearm case in person at the Oversize Baggage desk upon presenting photo ID and licence/permit.
- **Strict WA Transit Storage (ss. 307–308, Firearms Act 2024):** In WA, firearms in transit must be unloaded, rendered inoperable (trigger/action lock or disassembled), stored separately from ammunition out of sight, and locked in a container fixed or padlocked to the vehicle structure—or placed in approved club/dealer storage when unattended.

FOUR THINGS THAT HOLD TRAVELLERS UP

✖ **Assuming automatic interstate recognition** (entering WA without an approved individual LSF17 permit is an offence; group permits ceased)

✖ **Loose or co-packed ammunition** (cartridges packed loose or inside the gun case cause airline check-in refusal)

✖ **Breaching WA 2024 vehicle transit laws** (gun cases in vehicles must be out of sight, separate from ammo, with trigger lock & anchored to vehicle)

✖ **Mismatched receiver/barrel serial numbers** (discrepancies between home registry, WA permit, and gun halt travel)

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COMPETITOR FIREARM COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Taking target firearms overseas to New Zealand

Part 1 explains Australian export clearance and NZ Visitor Licence & Import Permit rules.
Part 2 sets out the four-step process for travelling with competition shotguns and ammunition.

ACTA AUSTRALIAN CLAY TARGET ASSOCIATION

PART 1 Understanding Australian & New Zealand border requirements

You must hold approvals from ABF and Firearms Safety and Education New Zealand (FSE)

Taking a competition shotgun to New Zealand constitutes a temporary export from Australia and a temporary import into New Zealand. Travellers must comply strictly with Australian Border Force (ABF) export controls and the New Zealand *Arms Act 2026* (administered from September 2026 by **Firearms Safety and Education New Zealand — FSE**, replacing Te Tari Pūreke).

Shotguns must be individually registered in your name on your Australian State Firearms Registry, and you must provide confirmed proof of genuine sporting reason (such as an official NZCTA or ACTA championship entry confirmation) plus NZ secure storage details.

IMPORTANT — APPLY BETWEEN 4 AND 6 MONTHS PRIOR TO TRAVEL: FSE requires Visitor Licence applications at least 4 months (and no earlier than 6 months) before arrival, whereas your Australian ABF Restricted Goods Permit (RGP) is valid strictly for 28 days from approval. Do not use *@bigpond.com* or *@bigpond.net.au* emails—FSE's portal rejects them.

PART 2 How to organise it, in order

1 Apply for your NZ Visitor Firearms Licence & Permit to Import

- Create a **MyFirearms** account via RealMe login at **firearmssafety.govt.nz** (avoid BigPond email addresses).
- Upload your State Firearms Licence, passport ID page, digital passport-style photo (4:3 ratio), return flight details, NZCTA competition entry, and nominated NZ licence holder storage details.
- Complete the online NZ Firearms Safety Code theory test, list exact shotgun serial numbers and ammunition counts, and pay the non-refundable **NZ$25** fee at least 4 months before arrival.

Firearms Safety & Education NZ (FSE) • +64 4 499 2870 (0800 844 431) • firearms@firearmssafety.govt.nz

2 Obtain Australian Border Force (ABF) export clearance

- Register as a client in the Integrated Cargo System using **Form B319** (with 100 points of ID) to obtain your Customs Client ID (CCID).
- Lodge an **Export Declaration (Form B957)** up to 60 days before departure to generate an Export Declaration Number (EDN).
- Apply for your **Restricted Goods Permit (RGP)** within **28 days of departure** (covers up to 4 break-action shotguns and 4,000 target rounds without a separate Defence Export Controls permit).
- Verify that serial numbers on your NZ permit, Form B957, and RGP match your State Registration Certificates letter-for-letter.

ABF Border Information • 131 881 • abf.gov.au

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3 Notify your airline and pack to strict trans-Tasman aviation standards

- Book firearm and ammunition carriage directly with your carrier (e.g. Qantas, Air New Zealand) at least 72 hours before departure.
- Pack shotguns unloaded and disassembled (or fitted with a trigger lock) inside a heavy-duty, lockable hard case.
- Pack ammunition (max 5 kg gross weight per passenger, Division 1.4S) in original factory boxes inside a separate locked checked bag—never inside the primary gun case.

4 Airport processing: Depart Australia and clear NZ Customs & Police

- **Departing Australia:** Arrive 3 hours early. Present shotguns, licence, registration, Form B957, and RGP to ABF for physical serial inspection and stamping prior to airline check-in.
- **Arriving in New Zealand:** Declare all firearms and ammunition on your NZ Traveller Declaration; report to NZ Customs and the Airport Police / Border desk with your FSE approval, Australian licence, and shotgun for physical issuance/clearance.
- **Returning to Australia:** Declare firearms on your Incoming Passenger Card and present your stamped RGP/export papers to ABF for smooth re-entry without requiring a B709A import permit.

FOUR THINGS THAT HOLD TRAVELLERS UP

✖ **Missing the 4-to-6 month NZ window** (FSE requires 4 months lead time; ABF RGP must be lodged within 28 days of departure)

✖ **Using a @bigpond email or wrong photo ratio** (blocks FSE portal acknowledgements or delays Visitor Licence review)

✖ **Packing cartridges inside the gun case** (breaches trans-Tasman airline & aviation security rules)

✖ **Skipping ABF inspection on departure** (unverified exports cause delays and penalties when re-entering Australia)

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COMPETITOR FIREARM COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Taking target firearms overseas to England (UK)

Part 1 explains Australian export clearance and UK Police Visitor Permit regulations.
Part 2 sets out the four-step process for travelling with competition shotguns and ammunition.

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PART 1 Understanding Australian & UK border requirements

You must hold an ABF Restricted Goods Permit (RGP) and a UK Visitor's Shotgun Permit (VSP)

Taking a competition shotgun to England constitutes a temporary export from Australia and a temporary import into the United Kingdom. Travellers must comply with Australian Border Force (ABF) export controls and Section 17 of the UK *Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988*.

Under UK law, overseas visitors cannot apply directly to UK police—a UK-based sponsor (such as the CPSA, event organiser, or host shooting ground) must apply to their local territorial Police Firearms Licensing Department on your behalf (statutory police fee: £48 individual or £240 for a group of 6–20).

IMPORTANT — APPLY 12 TO 16 WEEKS PRIOR TO TRAVEL: UK Police Constabularies experience significant licensing backlogs, while your Australian ABF Restricted Goods Permit (RGP) is valid strictly for 28 days from approval. Ensure your original paper UK permit is posted and in your hand before boarding flights from Australia.

PART 2 How to organise it, in order

1 Secure a UK Sponsor & apply for a Visitor's Shotgun Permit (VSP)

- Contact your UK host ground, event organiser, or the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association (CPSA) to act as your UK sponsor.
- Provide copies of your Australian State Firearms Licence, passport bio page, UK storage address, and competition invitation.
- Submit exact shotgun details (make, model, action, gauge, barrel length, and receiver/barrel serial numbers).
- Allow time for the issuing UK police force to grant the permit and post the original paper VSP document to Australia.

CPSA Visitor Services • +44 1483 485400 • info@cpsa.co.uk • cpsa.co.uk

2 Obtain Australian Border Force (ABF) export clearance

- Register as a client in the Integrated Cargo System using **Form B319** (with 100 points of ID) to obtain your Customs Client ID (CCID).
- Lodge an **Export Declaration (Form B957)** up to 60 days before departure to generate an Export Declaration Number (EDN).
- Apply for your **Restricted Goods Permit (RGP)** within **28 days of departure** (covers up to 4 break-action shotguns and 4,000 target rounds without a separate Defence Export Controls permit).
- Verify that every serial number matches your State Firearms Registration Certificates letter-for-letter.

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3 Notify your airline and pack to strict international aviation standards

- Request firearm carriage approval directly with your airline (e.g. Qantas, British Airways, Emirates) at least 72 hours prior to departure.
- Pack shotguns unloaded and disassembled (or fitted with a trigger lock) inside a heavy-duty, lockable hard case.
- Pack ammunition (max 5 kg gross weight per passenger, Division 1.4S) in original factory boxes inside a separate locked checked bag.
- Verify transit hub rules carefully—several Middle East and Asian layover airports enforce strict transit permit mandates or bans.

4 Airport processing: Depart Australia and clear UK Border Force

- **Departing Australia:** Arrive 3.5 hours early. Present shotguns, licence, registration, Form B957, and RGP to ABF for physical serial inspection and stamping before airline baggage drop.
- **Arriving in England:** Collect your gun case from Oversize Baggage and proceed straight to the Customs **Red Channel** (Goods to Declare).
- Present your original paper VSP, passport, and shotgun to UK Border Force officers for verification.
- **Returning to Australia:** Declare firearms on your Incoming Passenger Card and present your stamped RGP/export papers to ABF for duty-free re-entry without requiring a B709A import permit.

FOUR THINGS THAT HOLD TRAVELLERS UP

✖ **Late VSP or expired RGP timing** (apply 12–16 weeks out for UK Police, but lodge ABF RGP within 28 days of flying)

✖ **Travelling with a digital VSP copy** (UK Border Force requires the physical paper permit at the Red Channel)

✖ **Unapproved transit hub layovers** (missing transit permits at hub airports can trigger firearm seizure)

✖ **Skipping ABF inspection on departure** (unverified exports delay re-entry into Australia and risk penalties)

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COMPETITOR FIREARM COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Taking target firearms overseas to the United States

Part 1 explains Australian export clearance and US ATF Form 6NIA permit requirements.
Part 2 sets out the four-step process for travelling with competition shotguns and ammunition.

ACTA AUSTRALIAN CLAY TARGET ASSOCIATION

PART 1 Understanding Australian & US border requirements

You must hold an ABF Restricted Goods Permit (RGP) and an approved US ATF Form 6NIA

Taking a competition shotgun to the United States constitutes a temporary export from Australia and a temporary import into the US. Travellers entering under the Visa Waiver Program (ESTA) or a nonimmigrant visa must comply with Australian Border Force (ABF) export controls and the US *Gun Control Act of 1968*.

Under US federal law (18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(5)(B) and 922(y)(2)), nonimmigrant visitors must hold an approved **ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D)** supported by a qualifying sporting exception—such as an official competition invitation from the ATA, NSSA, NSCA, or USA Shooting, or a valid US state hunting licence.

IMPORTANT — APPLY AT LEAST 8 TO 10 WEEKS PRIOR TO TRAVEL: While ATF processing typically takes 6–8 weeks (valid for 12 months / multiple entries once granted), your Australian ABF Restricted Goods Permit (RGP) is valid strictly for 28 days from approval. Carry printed copies of your approved Form 6NIA and shoot invitation when flying.

PART 2 How to organise it, in order

1 Obtain your approved US ATF Form 6NIA Temporary Import Permit

- Download the current **ATF Form 6NIA (5330.3D, Rev. June 2025)** from **atf.gov** and email the completed PDF to **imports@atf.gov** (or fax to +1 304 616 4554).
- Attach your official US competition invitation/entry confirmation (or valid US state hunting licence) and passport details.
- Enter exact shotgun details (manufacturer name & country, model, gauge, barrel & overall length, and exact serial number).
- List all ammunition quantities you intend to bring into the US—unlisted ammunition will be refused entry by CBP.

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Taking target firearms overseas to Europe (Schengen Area)

Part 1 explains Australian export clearance and Schengen national firearm & transit permit rules.
Part 2 sets out the four-step process for travelling with competition shotguns and ammunition.

ACTA AUSTRALIAN CLAY TARGET ASSOCIATION

PART 1 Understanding Australian & Schengen border requirements

There is NO single "Schengen Firearm Permit" — you need permits for every destination AND transit state

While travellers move freely between the 29 Schengen countries, firearm movement is strictly governed by national laws under *EU Directive (EU) 2021/555*. Because the **European Firearms Pass (EFP)** is issued exclusively to EU/Schengen residents, Australian competitors must obtain a **National Temporary Firearm Import Permit** from the host country—plus separate prior **Transit Permits** for every Schengen country crossed by air, road, or rail.

To avoid multiple European transit permits (e.g. Dutch CDIU consent at Amsterdam or German transit clearance at Frankfurt), book flights from a non-EU hub directly into your final host competition country whenever possible.

IMPORTANT — APPLY 10 TO 14 WEEKS PRIOR TO TRAVEL: European federation, consulate, and police permits require substantial lead time (and official translations in some states), while your Australian ABF Restricted Goods Permit (RGP) is valid strictly for 28 days from approval. Allow extra airport buffer time for mandatory **EU ENTRY/EXIT SYSTEM (EES)** biometric border checks.

PART 2 How to organise it, in order

1 Secure host-country Temporary Import Permit (& any Schengen Transit Permits)

- Obtain an official personalised competition invitation from the ISSF, FITASC, or host national shooting federation (e.g. FITAV in Italy, FFTir in France, DSB in Germany, or RFEDETO in Spain).
- Lodge your national firearm permit application via the event organiser/federation or relevant Consulate/Customs office, listing exact shotgun specifications, serial numbers (including spare barrels), C.I.P. proof status if requested, and cartridge counts.
- If your itinerary connects through another Schengen hub or crosses borders by car, obtain prior written firearm transit permits from each transit country.

FITASC / ISSF Host Federation & EU Border Info • fitasc.com • issf-sports.org • travel-europe.europa.eu

2 Obtain Australian Border Force (ABF) export clearance

- Register as a client in the Integrated Cargo System using **Form B319** (with 100 points of ID) to obtain your Customs Client ID (CCID).
- Lodge an **Export Declaration (Form B957)** up to 60 days before departure to generate an Export Declaration Number (EDN).
- Apply for your **Restricted Goods Permit (RGP)** within **28 days of departure** (covers up to 4 break-action shotguns and 4,000 target rounds without a separate Defence Export Controls permit).
- Verify that receiver and barrel serial numbers on all European permits, Form B957, and RGP match your State Registration Certificates letter-for-letter.

ABF Border Information • 131 881 • abf.gov.au

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3 Notify your airline, verify transit hubs & pack to strict aviation standards

- Book firearm carriage directly with your airline(s) at least 72 hours out (note several European carriers charge per-sector firearm handling fees).
- Confirm non-EU layover rules (e.g. Dubai, Doha, Singapore, Abu Dhabi)—some Middle East/Asian hubs require advance police transit clearance even airside.
- Pack shotguns unloaded and disassembled (or fitted with a trigger lock) in a locked hard case; pack ammunition (max 5 kg gross, Div. 1.4S, and within host-country cartridge caps—e.g. 1,000 rounds in Italy) in factory boxes in a separate locked checked bag.

4 Airport processing: Depart Australia, clear Schengen entry & endorse exit

- **Departing Australia:** Arrive 3.5 hours early. Present shotguns, licence, registration, Form B957, and RGP to ABF for physical serial inspection and stamping before airline check-in.
- **Entering & Exiting Europe:** Complete EES biometric border screening at your first Schengen port, then report to Customs (**Red Channel**) / Border Police with original printed permits, shoot invitation, and shotgun for physical serial verification—and get your permit stamped out on departure from the EU.
- **Returning to Australia:** Declare firearms on your Incoming Passenger Card and present your stamped RGP/export papers to ABF for duty-free re-entry.

FOUR THINGS THAT HOLD TRAVELLERS UP

✖ **Unpermitted Schengen flight connections** (connecting via Frankfurt, Amsterdam, or Paris without a transit permit from that country causes seizure)

✖ **Tight connection times at first EU entry** (EES biometric enrolment plus Border Police gun sign-off regularly takes 90+ minutes)

✖ **Unlisted spare barrels or mismatched serials** (European police inspect separate barrel numbers alongside receiver serials)

✖ **Skipping EU exit stamp or ABF departure check** (failing to sign firearms out of Schengen or Australia triggers border penalties)

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COMPETITOR FIREARM COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Transit hubs & stopovers: Doha, Dubai, Abu Dhabi & Singapore

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Part 1 explains airside through-check vs. landside stopover firearm rules across major hubs.
Part 2 details exact permit & airline clearance procedures for each transit airport.

PART 1 Understanding airside transit vs. hotel stopovers

Single-ticket airside connections and landside hotel stopovers follow strictly different laws

When flying between Australia and Europe/UK, firearm transit rules depend on both the hub country and your ticket structure. In **Doha, Dubai, and Abu Dhabi**, airside transit on a single through-checked airline PNR is cleared via your airline's security portal without a separate police application—whereas **Singapore** strictly mandates an individual **Singapore Police Force (SPF)** approval even if you never leave the transit lounge.

Never split tickets or take guns landside: Unauthorised possession of a firearm or single cartridge at a Middle East or Asian hub carries severe custodial penalties. If taking a hotel stopover in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Doha, or Singapore, shotguns **cannot** leave the airport—they must be pre-declared for secure Airport Police armoury impoundment until your onward flight.

IMPORTANT — AVOID HONG KONG (HKG) & BOOK SINGLE THROUGH-TICKETS: Transiting Hong Kong requires a formal HK Police Arms Licence/Exemption via a local agent (up to 14 years' jail for breaches). Always book one continuous ticket so baggage transfers airside, and hold your final destination permit before requesting hub clearance.

PART 2 Hub-by-hub clearance requirements

1 Doha — Hamad International Airport (DOH) via Qatar Airways

- **Airside Transit:** No separate Qatari Police application required on a single Qatar Airways booking. Submit the online *Carriage of Firearms* form uploading your passport, State Licence, destination import permit, and exact gun case dimensions/weight (max 32 kg).
- Print and sign the emailed **Declaration of Surrender of Firearms** for check-in (ammunition max 5 kg gross, UN0012/UN0014, packed separately; bag must not be marked "Explosive"). Any flight change/rebooking voids approval and requires re-submission.

Qatar Airways Firearm Clearance • No airline carriage fee • qatarairways.com/en/help/firearms.html

2 Dubai — Dubai International Airport (DXB) via Emirates

- **Airside Transit & Stopovers:** Submit Emirates' online *Request to carry firearms, weapons and ammunition* form **within 30 days of travel** and at least **3 working days (recommend 10+ days)** prior, attaching passport, licence, shoot invite, and destination permit.
- Emirates coordinates Dubai Police / DCAA clearance and emails written confirmation—**do not go to the airport without this email**. If taking a Dubai hotel stopover, select *"Stopping over in Dubai"* so Airport Police impound the gun airside.

Emirates Firearms Desk • Submit 3–30 days prior (Mon–Fri) • emirates.com (Help & Support → Forms)

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3 Abu Dhabi — Zayed International Airport (AUH) via Etihad Airways

- **Airside Transit:** Contact Etihad Airways at least **7 to 14 days before travel** to lodge firearm & ammunition details (Div. 1.4S, UN0012/UN0014, max 5 kg gross in separate checked bag) alongside your passport, Australian licence, and destination permits.
- Etihad logs Abu Dhabi Airport Police transit clearance onto your booking. As in Dubai, stopover passengers cannot take shotguns into UAE hotels unless competing locally under a UAE Shooting Federation / Ministry of Interior permit.

Etihad Special Assistance / Dangerous Goods • Apply 7–14 days prior • etihad.com/en/help

4 Singapore — Changi Airport (SIN) via Qantas, Singapore Airlines or British Airways

- **Separate Police Permit Mandatory:** Under Singapore's *Guns, Explosives and Weapons Control Act 2021 (GEWCA)*, all passengers flying to, from, or **transiting airside through** Singapore must obtain prior approval from the **Singapore Police Force (Police Regulatory Department — PRD)**.
- Submit your SPF application and airline firearm request at least **7 working days (recommend 3–4 weeks)** before departure. On Qantas services via SIN, email your SPF approval to **#sindam@qantas.com.au** and arrange the mandatory **SGD $130 armed security escort fee**.

Singapore Police Force (PRD) • +65 6835 0000 • police.gov.sg • Qantas SIN: #sindam@qantas.com.au

FOUR THINGS THAT HOLD TRAVELLERS UP

✖ **Transiting Singapore without SPF approval** (airline clearance alone is insufficient at Changi; police permit + escort fee required)

✖ **Booking separate "self-transfer" tickets** (forces you landside through Customs with an unlicensed firearm—arrest risk)

✖ **Unannounced flight changes on Qatar/Emirates** (schedule changes invalidate hub gun clearances unless re-submitted)

✖ **Stray cartridges or choke tools in carry-on** (zero tolerance at Gulf & Singapore X-ray screening; strip range bags before packing)

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Caboolture CTC Annual Trap Carnival

High Guns: Overall Alexander Incani, A Grade Luke Peoples-Langridge, C Grade Kevin Aitchison, B Grade Bevan Barnes, Junior Daniel Stevens, AA Grade Andrew Herron, Ladies Jill Moore, Veteran John Porter

What a fantastic two days of clay target shooting at Caboolture Clay Target Club Annual Trap Carnival, 31st of October and 1st of November 2026.

Day one was a great success, with around 35–40 shooters joining us for a fantastic day of shooting, friendship and good old fashioned hospitality.

Although the weather was a little grey and overcast, it certainly didn't dampen anyone's spirits. There were plenty of smiles, lots of laughs and some excellent scores going up on the scoreboard.

It was also wonderful to see so many caravans roll in, with competitors setting up camp and staying overnight. It's always great to see everyone relaxing,



Andy's Aitchison's family. Andy's wife Lois is in the red cap

enjoying each other's company and making the most of the weekend.

Day one kicked off on time, nine o'clock first shot fired. Event two, 45 target Medley was of particular interest to the Aitchison family with a memorial shoot for Andy Aitchison who was a long-time serving member of Caboolture Clay Target Club in particular roles such as president and committee member for many, many years. Before the event started, many shooters and friends and family of Andy walked out onto the layout to shoot the final shot for Andy. He will surely be missed. Rest in peace Andy.

Day two wrapped up just as wonderfully as it began, with another great day of shooting, plenty of good company and everyone enjoying the friendly atmosphere. We were delighted to see the competition come to a smooth and enjoyable finish, with shooters heading home after a fantastic weekend and, hopefully, already looking forward to the next one.

Event 1 – 30 target Double Barrel Cash Divide

The opening 30 Target Double Barrel Cash Divide attracted 51 shooters, with six sharing AA Grade honours after returning perfect 30/30 scores. Toowoomba's Ken McGuire joined Brisbane shooters Andrew Herron, Connor Koutsakis, Alexander Incani, Malcolm Pain and Steve Patrick at the top of the grade.

A Grade also produced four possibles, with Redcliffe's Ricky Jones, Caboolture pair Pygmy McAndrew and Brett Brown, and Brisbane's Peter Freeleagus sharing first place on 30/30. Toogoolawah's Daniel Stevens and Caboolture's Fay







Mills shared the B Grade win with 29/30, followed by Redcliffe shooter Bevan Barnes in third on 28/30.

Caboolture enjoyed further success in C Grade, where Kenneth Trotter led the way with a perfect 30/30, ahead of clubmate Kevin Aitchison on 29/30. Brisbane's Alexandra Faull and Caboolture's Daniel Trotter shared third with 25/30.

Event 2 – 45 target Medley

The 45 Target Medley, carrying the Andy Aitchison Memorial sponsorship, also drew 51 competitors. Alexander Incani claimed the Open honours after shooting 74/75 and adding a perfect 50/50 in the shoot-off for 124/125. Malcolm Pain secured AA Grade with 122/125, having also started with 74/75 before adding 48/50. Gympie's Jamie Laird finished second AA with 96/100, comprising 74/75 and 22/25 in the shoot-off.

Surat shooter Jill Moore took A Grade with 95/100, edging out Mark Barden from Texas on 94/100 after both recorded 71/75 before the shoot-off. Bevan Barnes won B Grade outright with 72/75, ahead of Daniel Stevens on 69/75. Tarawera's John Fea secured C Grade with 61/75, one point clear of Kenneth Trotter on 60/75.





Rockhampton junior Hailey Stevens claimed her sectional award with 21/75, while Fay Mills took Ladies with 65/75 and Brisbane's John Porter won Veterans with 73/75.

Event 3 – 50 target Double Barrel

The 50 Target Double Barrel attracted 48 shooters and saw Jamie Laird and Malcolm Pain both complete the event with perfect 50/50 scores. Laird remained unbeaten through four additional targets to claim the Open win with 54/54, while Pain took AA Grade with 53/54. Alexander Incani secured second AA with 76/77, adding 27/27 in the shoot-off to his initial 49/50.

Toogoolawah's Craig Stevens won A Grade with 49/50, followed by Dalby shooter Bill Allan on 48/50. Gympie's Barry McDonald took B Grade with 47/50, while Bevan Barnes finished second with 50/54 after shooting 46/50 and adding 4/4.

Janet Barden brought further success for Texas by claiming C Grade with 45/50, one target ahead of Kevin Aitchison on 44/50. Daniel Stevens won Juniors with 43/50, Jill Moore took Ladies with 47/50 and Toogoolawah's Daryl Stevens secured Veterans with 48/50.

Event 4 – 30 target Points Score

Alexander Incani returned to the top in the 30 Target Points Score, producing a perfect 90/90 to take the Open honours from a field of 49. Malcolm Pain and Andrew Herron both recorded 89/90 before contesting the AA Grade shoot-off. Pain added 15/15 to win with 104/105, one point ahead of Herron on 103/105.

Jill Moore added another A Grade victory with 86/90, followed by Pygmy McAndrew on 85/90. The same scores decided B Grade, where Bevan Barnes took first with 86/90 and Caboolture's Mitchell Murphy finished second on 85/90.

Redcliffe junior Tyler Barnes won C Grade with 79/90, ahead of John Fea on 75/90. Gympie's Jett Pearce secured Juniors with 79/90, followed by Daniel Stevens on 77/90. Fay Mills claimed Ladies with 80/90, while Daryl Stevens added the Veteran award with 105/111, comprising 84/90 and a perfect 21/21 in the shoot-off.



Event 5 – 30 target Handicap

The 30 Target Handicap, sponsored by Morgan Farms and IBS Excavations, attracted 48 competitors. Andrew Herron, Jamie Laird and Kingaroy's Stewart Lee all shot the possible 30/30 before the leading placings were settled. Herron remained unbeaten to win with 33/33, ahead of Laird on 32/33 and Lee on 31/32.

Toogoolawah shooter Dave Reynolds secured fourth with 35/36, adding 6/6 to his initial 29/30. Brisbane's Luke Peoples-Langridge placed fifth with 34/36 after shooting 29/30 and adding 5/6.

Event 6 – 30 target Continental

The final event, the 30 Target Continental sponsored by Maleny Auto Spares, provided an extended contest for Open honours. Alexander Incani and Malcolm Pain both shot 30/30 before continuing through a further 57 targets. Incani maintained his perfect run to claim the Open win with 87/87, while Pain secured AA Grade with 86/87. Rockhampton's Brad Stevens finished second AA with 34/35, comprising 29/30 and 5/5 in the shoot-off.



Bill Allan won A Grade with 37/38, narrowly ahead of Luke Peoples-Langridge on 36/38 after both recorded 29/30 before the shoot-off. Brisbane shooter Sam Cannizzaro took B Grade with 29/30, followed by Dave Reynolds with 27/30.

Tyler Barnes added another C Grade victory with 27/30, while Kevin Aitchison secured second with 27/31 after shooting 26/30 and adding 1/1. Jett Pearce won Juniors with 28/30, ahead of Daniel Stevens on 18/30. Jill Moore claimed Ladies with 28/30, and Stewart Lee took Veterans with 29/30. The event drew 49 competitors.

High Guns

Alexander Incani's three Open event victories helped secure the Overall High Gun with 301/305. Andrew Herron claimed the AA Grade High Gun with 299/305, while Luke Peoples-Langridge completed a successful competition for the Brisbane contingent by taking A Grade with 286/305.

Bevan Barnes secured the B Grade High Gun with 284/305, and Kevin Aitchison won C Grade with 255/305. The sectional High Guns went to Daniel Stevens in Juniors with 260/305, Jill Moore in Ladies with 285/305 and John Porter in Veterans with 288/305.

Events like this are about so much more than just hitting targets. They're about bringing people together, catching up with old friends, making new ones and enjoying the wonderful community spirit that makes our sport so special, with shooters from many clubs such as Toowoomba, Brisbane, Redcliffe, Toogoolawah, Tarawera, Rockhampton, Texas, Surat, Gympie, Dalby and Kingaroy.

A huge thank you goes out to all our volunteers, our hardworking office staff and, of course, our wonderful ladies in the canteen. Your time, effort and dedication behind the scenes make these events possible, and we truly appreciate everything you do.

Special thanks also to our sponsors and without these sponsors events such as this would never happen. We'd like to especially thank Caboolture Firearms, Winchester Australia Bronzewing Australia, Watson Automotive Caniaba (NSW) IBS Bobcat Services, Ultimate Showers and Screens. LNG Electrical, Morgan Farms, the Aitchison family, Barry and Dean McDonald.

To all the shooters, visitors and campers who joined us, thank you for your support and for making this such a memorable weekend.

Great shooting, great company, wonderful friendships, fantastic memories. That's what it's all about!

Caboolture Clay Target Club Trap Team



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF WILKY

Founded in 1976, the Wilkawatt Clay Target Club in South Australia (colloquially known as "Wilky") celebrated it's 50th Anniversary on August 7, 8 and 9, 2026.

The shooting grounds are located 17 km from Lameroo and is on the site of the former Wilkawatt Football Club. Country sporting expert, Michael J O'Malley, tells us that in the early 1900s football matches were played in various paddocks across the district. Locations were chosen based on the least number of stumps and rocks and it is for this reason 19 Barret Road became the club's permanent home. To improve the playing surface local kids were paid two shillings and six pence to cut mallee shoots from the oval to prevent re-growth. Much like generations of shooters' children at Wilky who were bribed to collect whole targets at the end of a shooting day.

The weekend kicked off with a 25 target Points Score Cash Divide event on the Friday afternoon. Dino Oliviero and Luke Batten were the main winners shooting 75/75. Ian Findlay, Tyson Monaghan and Ted Stringer all shot 74/75 to take second place.

The camp, which featured around 30 caravans and upwards of 10 tents or swags in various configurations, was relatively quiet on the Friday evening with most people saving their energy for the weekend ahead.

Saturday saw sixty shooters front up for a 10 target eye opener before launching into the two main events of the day.

The first event was 50 target Points Score sponsored by Chris Windham and Daniel Morgan. Young Lachy Holtham was the best shooter on 147/50. First and second across the grades were as follows: AA: Lionel "Ted" Stringer 145/150, Wayne Reed 144/150; A: Ron Batson 155/162, Eric Yetman 152/162; B: Jeff "Emu" Raper 145/150, Alex Hulland 144/150; C: Peter Bourne 133/150 and Chris Barnes 128/150.

After a hearty lunch the crowd re-grouped for the afternoon's competition shooting the 50 target Anniversary Double Barrel Championship sponsored by Wilky member Brett Follet. The overall winner of the Single Barrel was Wilky President Luke Batten (68/68) who won a shoot-off with Ted Stringer leaving him with first place in AA on 67/68. Wayne Reed of Broken Hill was second in AA with 54/55. First and second places in other grades were as follows: A: Andrew Estcourt 66/67, Eric Yetman 52/53; B: Richard Wheaton 48/50, Peter Hendy 66/69; C: Kym Simon 45/50 and Chris Barnes 44/50. The best female shooter



Kevin Pfeiffer & President Luke Batten



Peter Rundle & Bruce Morris



Killick and Whelan Shield winners Bryan Peter, Chris Windham, Luke Batten, Mark Batten & Don Beelitz



Rob Damin, winner of the Veteran's prize for the Single Barrel

in the Single Barrel was Kerry Anderson (48/50), Cooper Dodson was the highest scoring Junior on 51/55 and Rob Damin took the Veteran's prize with 50/51.

As is customary, 5-person teams are drawn from the Single Barrel to win the club's Killick and Whelan Shield. This year's winning team was from Wilkawatt, comprising Bryan Peter, Chris Windham, Luke Batten, Mark Batten and Don Beelitz.

Following presentations attendees were treated to a smorgasboard of pizzas crafted by Dino Oliviero and his daughter Vanessa. Dino wowed the crowd with his deft dough flipping! Alongside the pizzas Steve Bowley of Pacific Estate Oysters treated everyone to a shucking demonstration and many tasty morsels. To compliment the entrées local distillery Mallee Spirit mixed a bevy of delicious gin cocktails.

As the band warmed up so did the main meal – a pig and lamb on the spit! The lamb was supplied and cooked by local farming group Booderoo Partners. Many people could be heard raving about the quality of the meat.

Following tea, Wilky's resident entertainer and immediate past President Grant Carter introduced current President Luke Batten for an official speech. At 23 years of age Luke is the youngest President in the Association, possibly even the country. Luke did a fantastic job of acknowledging past and present members as well as VIPs including founding and life members Don and Lynn



Dino Oliverio flipping pizza dough



Steve Bowley & his oysters



Luke Batten, WCTC President

Beelitz, Peter and Jill Rundle. past members Frank Miller and Wizza Haskell and the Club's most recent life member recipient, Luke's dad Mark Batten.

Luke encouraged everyone to view the memorabilia display in the club rooms co-ordinated by Lynn Beelitz and Jill Rundle which featured photos, past prizes and uniforms.

Luke spoke about how proud he is to be one of many kids who've grown up on the shooting grounds "scratching around in the dirt with the sound of gun shots ringing in my ears, waiting patiently for the day I could stand shoulder to shoulder with the adults".

"Over the past five decades, the club has seen plenty of changes. But the things that matter most have stayed the same: the welcome you receive when you arrive, the willingness to lend a hand, and the camaraderie that makes this club so special" Luke added.

In his speech Luke also acknowledged those members who are no longer with us or who for various reasons can no longer pick up a gun, stating "their contribution is part of the club's history, and their stories remain part of what makes Wilky such a great place".

In closing Luke asked all of the junior shooters present to join him on the stage. He then went on to say "the strength of this club has always been its people, and the future will depend on welcoming new shooters and encouraging young members to maintain the traditions that have made clubs like Wilky successful for half a century". This was met with great applause from the audience.



Wendy Batten with the birthday cake

Finally, Luke paid homage to all the members, families, supporters, and friends present and thanked them for being part of the milestone event. He then asked everyone to "join him in a toast" and "to celebrate the memories, the achievements, the friendships, and the many more targets yet to be broken".

With the official part of the evening finished the party commenced in earnest with revellers dancing along with local band The Rowntrees. Some



Lois and Bill Harris



The Dodson family of Bordertown



Farmer Johns Medley winners Tyson Monaghan, Ant Ietto, Adam Megson and Luke Batten

more musically gifted competitors such as Jeff "Emu" Raper, Lill Franklin and Grant Carter were welcomed on-stage for a sing-along. Others chose to enjoy the music from the comfort of the clubrooms, their vans or around the campfire.

A few sore heads, slow bodies and some drizzly rain didn't stop Wilky volunteers from "backing up" and putting on a perfectly run shoot on the Sunday.

The winners of the first event on Sunday, a 10 target Eye Opener were Matt Grundy, Grant Carter, Ant Ietto and Alex Hulland who all shot 30/30.

The next event was a 50 target Medley sponsored by Farmer Johns. Ant Ietto took the overall win with 166/168. First and second in AA were Luke Batten (162/168) and Ted Stringer (98/100). Tyson Monaghan came first in A Grade on 97/100 followed by Matthew Hayes (96/100). Megan Barnes won B Grade with 97/100 ahead of Ron Faux (107/112). Adam Megson shot well to win C Grade with a score of 95/100 and Darcy Rich aka "Big Daddy" was second on 91/100.

The final event for the epic weekend was the 50 target State Continental Single Barrel sponsored by Ramsey Bros. Wilky's own Don Beelitz was the best shooter on 54/58. Grade first and second places were as follows:
AA: Ian Findlay 53/58, Ant Ietto 49/54; A: Mark Batten 46/51; Kerry Anderson 45/50;
B: Cooper Dodson 44/50, Alex Hulland 43/50;
C: Adam Megson 41/50 and Darcy Rich 40/50.

The best shooters on day two were: Ant Ietto who took overall on 145/150, Kerry Anderson was the highest scoring female (138/152), Cooper Dodson (best Junior) 134/150 and Don Beelitz (best Veteran) 140/150.

The weekend culminated in the presentation of the 2-day High Guns which were sponsored by Bob and Linda Andrews and presented by their son Greg. In a rousing speech Greg paid tribute to



Frankie and Kyle Yetman of Patchewollock



Local band "The Rowntrees"



Day One Overall High Gun winner Lachy Holtham



Greg Andrews presenting 2 Day High Gun prizes to Ian Findlay (Veteran), Kerry Anderson (Ladies) & Cooper Dodson (Junior)



Kerry Anderson 2 Day Ladies High Gun winner with Zoe Hulland



Greg Andrews (sponsor) presenting the 2 Day Overall High Gun to Wilky's own Luke Batten



his parents' commitment to the sport and was doubly pleased to present the Overall prize to Luke Batten who shot 337/350 stating "dad was hoping this young fella would win". Other very happy winners were: AA: Ted Stringer (332/30); A: Tyson Monaghan 328/350; B: Steve Bowley 324/350; C: Adam Megson 293/350; Ladies winner: Kerry Anderson 319/350; Junior winner: Cooper Dodson 305/350 and Veterans winner: Ian Findlay 330/350.

Left: Peter Hendy accepting his novelty "Low Gun" prize

Following presentation of the winners a new (and humorous) custom was instilled, the awarding of a 2-day Low Gun prize. The criteria for such an award is a bit hazy but in this case it was awarded to Peter Hendy for forgetting to bring his ammo to the shoot. Hendy is now the proud owner of a novelty "Wild West" cap gun.



"The End"

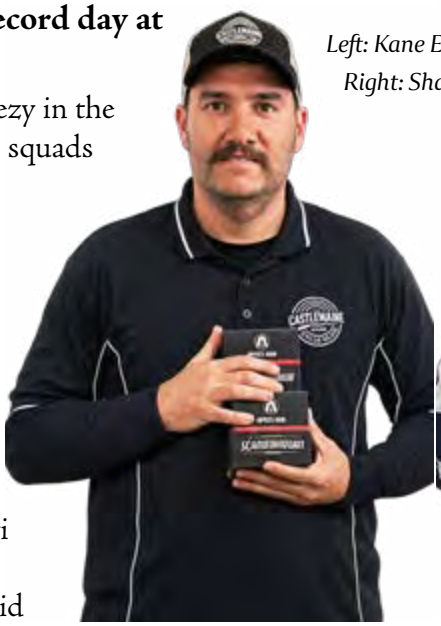
As with every anniversary shoot there were many people to thank for bringing the event together and for their generosity in sponsoring awards, prizes and all the various elements that made it a successful event. Wilky members and long-time sponsors were exceptionally generous donating over $5,000 worth of event prizes, $2,000 worth of raffle prizes and $3,000 worth of donated goods and equipment.

Thank you to everyone who came to the event and helped us to celebrate 50 years in true Wilky style – with a bang!



Break Badge Bonanza at Castlemaine

Melbourne Cup Day Shoot proved to be a record day at Castlemaine.





Left: Kane Evans
Right: Shayne Ringin

Whilst the weather was cloudy and somewhat breezy in the morning the competition was well attended with 9 squads present.

In the 25 target Double Barrel event, out of the 46 shooters present, 16 shot the possible (being 35%) and another dozen shot 24.

A lengthy series of shoot-offs ensued which culminated in four of the shooters obtaining multiple break badges.

Ben Morris from Werribee Club – B grade 50 break. Well shot Ben! Glen Gillespie of Wonthaggi Club – AA 200 break. (Glen couldn't recall if he ever got his 150 badge as it was so long ago, if he did he was using a muzzle-loader!) Shayne Ringin from Beaufort Club scored 3 badges; 150, 200 ,250. (Not bad going for a bloke recovering from the flu.) And last but not least, Kane Evans of Castlemaine Club who nailed 4 badges: 150, 200, 250 and 300. Kane is being coached by his wife Caitlin and his son, "High Gun Harry", who clearly are doing a good job.

Incidentally, there must be something in the air on Cup day as many years ago Aaron Hawden shot over 400 on this day and around 10 years ago on Cup Day Ricky McKinnon scored 400 and Rowan Lendon shot 550.

Congratulations to the Break Badge Boys and seasons greetings to all and sundry.

Burdekin Clay Target Club

Burdekin Clay Target Club welcomed 40 shooters for its monthly shoot on Sunday, October 11, with warmer weather signalling that summer was on its way. The four-event program featured the Burdekin Double Barrel Championship and the Patrons Trophy, with Joe Scalia claiming the Open championship and Wayne Cislowski taking the handicap honours.

The club thanked Michael and Susy Populin, Lui and Inez Populin, and Ray Collinson for their sponsorship, together with Lui Populin for his continued support in donating meat trays for the raffle.

Event 1 30 Target Medley, 15m
The program opened with the 30 target Medley from 15 metres. Lindsay Groat and Marius Venter shared first place in AA Grade with 48/50, while Greg Maltby won A Grade with 47/50. Joe Scalia and Wayne Cislowski shared second in A Grade on 45/50.

Giovanni Celona took B Grade with 45/50, followed by David Parker in second, while Peter Wade and David Russell shared third with 43/50. In C Grade, Murray Gavan finished first with 40/50, ahead of Peter Delle Baite and Allan Parker, who shared second on 39/50.

Event 2 30 target Burdekin Double Barrel Championship, 15m
Sponsored by Michael and Susy Populin, the 30 target Burdekin Double Barrel Championship saw Joe Scalia claim the Open title with a perfect 58/58. Scalia also secured A Grade, with Wayne Cislowski second on 49/50.

Aaron Lemphers won AA Grade with 57/58, while Brad Farry finished second with 35/36. Peter Wade took B Grade with 29/31, one target ahead of David Parker on 28/31. Brian Bonanno led C Grade with 29/30, followed by Murray Gavan with 27/30.

Event 3 25 target Single Barrel Patrons Trophy, 15m
The Patrons Trophy, sponsored by Lui and Inez Populin, went to Lindsay Groat in AA Grade with 24/25, with Aaron Lemphers second on 24/28. Alexander Parker claimed A Grade with 30/34, edging out Wayne Cislowski on 29/34.

Bruce McBow won B Grade with 22/25, followed by Giovanni Celona with 20/25. Murray Gavan secured C Grade with 19/26, ahead of Brett Paton on 18/26.

Event 4 25 target Double Barrel Handicap
Wayne Cislowski took the Open honours in the 25 target Double Barrel Handicap with 24/25.



Burdekin Double Barrel Championship: Brad Farry, Wayne Cislowski, Representative Lui Populin, Joe Scalia, Murray Gavan, Brian Bonanno, Peter Wade, David Parker, Aaron Lemphers



Single Barrel Patrons Trophy: Alexander Parker, Wayne Cislowski, Sponsor Lui Populin, Jack McBow, Lindsay Groat, Giovanni Celona, Murray Gavan, Aaron Lemphers, Brett Paton

Peter Scott finished second with 27/31, while Brad Farry placed third with 26/30.

October High Guns

The overall October High Gun awards, sponsored by Ray Collinson, went to Lindsay Groat in AA Grade with 122/130, Wayne Cislowski in A Grade with 120/130, Giovanni Celona in B Grade with 113/130 and Murray Gavan in C Grade with 107/130.

The club's next scheduled shoot will be held on Sunday, November 8, with the annual general meeting to follow the conclusion of all events.



Double Barrel Handicap: Wayne Cislowski, Peter Scott, Brad Farr



Overall October High Gun winners: Sponsor Ray Collinson, Lindsay Groat, Wayne Cislowski, Giovanni Celona, Murray Gavan

Two Events at Bega in November



Despite some members making the trip to Majura Park, some five squads assembled at BGC's Tarraganda ground for the November happenings with the usual ten target eye opener followed by 50 targets Double Barrel and then 50 targets of Points Score. Weather did the right thing with only a slight breeze, patchy cloud and of course, no rain.

The eye opener saw seventeen clear efforts sharing the cash across the grades and warmed everyone up for the main challenges.

Fifty targets Double Barrel, shot in two rounds, saw Chris Brown(AA), Keith Pearce (A), Craig McVittie (AA) clean after their first appearance at the traps. Chelsie Deacon (C) opened her efforts with a 25/25, eclipsing both Dad and Pop.

After the second round, Dean Shipton and Chris Brown both shot 49/50 score. Chris conceded the shoot-off, so Dean took the open and AA went to Chris, with Craig McVittie, 47/50 in second place. A grade saw Tony Gray shoot a solid 47/50 for first place with Col Sheehan one target behind on 46/50. B Grade went to George Adamopoulos with a score of 37/50. In C Grade John Walker added a 24/25 to his first round 23/25 to take first prize, 47/50, with Chelsea Deacon 45/50 in second.



Dean Shipton, EO; O/A DB; Ist PS

With a brief pause for lunch, once again courtesy of Jackie, and capped off with dessert,



it was off to attack the 50 target Points Score. Ray Welch opened with a 74/75 and added a 72/75 to win the open section, 146/150. Craig McVittie dished up a combined 142 for first in AA, with Phil Body in second on 137/150. In A Grade, Dean Shipton produced a 139/150 to win from Keith Pearce on 138/150. George Adamopoulos collected B Grade with a combined total of 122/150. C Grade went to Zip Summerell with a score of 135/150, with Chelsea Deacon, 130/150 scored second place.

At presentation, President Chris once again thanked Jackie for her lunch efforts and Belinda in the office who enables the smooth running of our days.

The shoot raffle was won by Ray Welch and being a long serving member, Ray graciously missed a target so that treasurer Keith didn't have to part with the $500 cash prize that has been available for some time now – perhaps at the Christmas shoot.

Next month will of course see the running of Bega Gun Club Christmas shoot. Hope to see you there.



Right: John Walker, Ist C DB



Chris Brown, EO; Ist AA 50T DB



Craig McVittie, EO; 2nd AA DB; Ist AA PS



Phil Body, 2nd AA PS



Chelsea Deacon, 2nd C DB; 2nd PS



Tony Gray, EO, Ist A DB



George Adamopoulos, EO, Ist B DB; Ist B PS



Keith Pearce, 2nd A PS



Zip Summerell, Ist C PS

October DTL, School Persons, Jennings Memorial Compak

Maryborough and District Gun Club

During October the Maryborough Club ran three separate competitions, our monthly DTL competition, a school persons shoot for the North Central School Zone and the Craig Jennings Memorial Compak Perpetual Cup.

DTL – October 24th

Most of the 20 shooters managed to dodge the worst of the weather but the cold and misty rain made the competition unpleasant. The three event program included a 20 target Points Score Cash Divide, a 25 target Double Barrel and following that, another Double Barrel of 30 targets.

Event 1 – 20 target Points Score Cash Divide

Leigh Watts opened the program with a perfect 60/60 to lead the 20-shooter field in the Points Score Cash Divide. Beaufort's Nathan Barnes and Maryborough's Stewart Forbes shared second place with 59/60, while Shayne Ringin, Travis Gull and Jim Shepherd shared fourth with 57/60.

Event 2 – 25 target Double Barrel Championship

Nathan Cassells produced an unbeaten run to claim



Nathan Cassells with Jamie Ferguson



Nathan Barnes



Adrian O'Connell



Travis Gull



Len Johnson



Jamie Ferguson



Greg Pegg

the Overall and AA Grade honours with 115/115. Cassells and Travis Gull both completed the opening 25 targets without a miss before continuing through a further 90 targets, with Gull finishing second in AA Grade on 114/115.

Nathan Barnes secured A Grade with 33/34, ahead of Adrian O'Connell on 32/34, after both shot 24/25 before the shoot-off. Jamie Ferguson won B Grade with 23/25, followed by Loddon District's Greg Pegg on 21/25. Jim Shepherd took C Grade with 24/25, ahead of Len Johnson on 21/25.

Event 3 – 30 target Double Barrel Championship

Nathan Cassells maintained his winning form in the 30 target Double Barrel Championship, again taking the Overall and AA Grade honours with a perfect score. After both Cassells and Stewart Forbes returned 30/30, Cassells added another 31 straight to finish on 61/61, with Forbes second on 60/61.



Nathan Barnes



Emmett Ferguson



Leisa Douma



Leigh Watts, High Gun

Nathan Barnes added another A Grade victory with 29/30, one target ahead of Adrian O'Connell on 28/30. Emmett Ferguson won B Grade with 30/35, edging out his father Jamie Ferguson on 29/35 after both recorded 25/30 before the shoot-off. Leisa Douma secured C Grade with 26/30, her second ever sash and a sign of many more to come.

High Guns

Without placing in either of the Double Barrel events, Leigh Watts claimed the Open High Gun with 114/115, only 1 point down for the day. Emmett Ferguson secured the Junior High Gun with 90/115, Leisa Douma took the Ladies High Gun with 89/115, and Jim Shepherd won the Veteran High Gun with 106/115.

North Central School Zone Shoot – October 28th

Maryborough had never run this event before and the Club was disappointed on the morning of the event to have 10 shooters withdraw. Nevertheless the competition between the remaining shooters was great to watch and we predict that they will all progress to be serious competition shooters.

The program is broken into 4 groups – Senior Girls, Senior Boys, Junior Girls and Junior Boys. Unfortunately, no Junior Girls competed. The event



North Central School Zone Overall, Emmett Ferguson, with teacher, Michael Wood



Ist Senior Boys
Hayden Clark



2nd Senior Boys
Marty Burke



Ist Junior Boys
Garth Ferguson



2nd Junior Boys
Charlie Kirk



Ist Junior Girls
Charlie Kirk

was a 30 target Single Barrel, shot in 2 brackets of 15 targets. It was interesting to note how the lead changed after the first 15.

Maryborough's Emmett Ferguson claimed the Open honours and took home the Overall sash with a score of 30/40 after shooting 21/30 off the gun followed by a 9/10 shoot-off with Hayden Clark.

Clarke finished with 29/40 to take Senior Boys, ahead of Marty Burke on 19/30. Victory Davis secured Senior Girls.

Junior Boys was also decided by a shoot-off after Garth Ferguson and Charlie Kirk each recorded 13/30. Ferguson added 3/5 to take first place with 16/35, while Kirk finished second on 14/35.

Craig Jennings Memorial 100 target Compak – October 31st

This was the third year of the Craig Jennings Perpetual Trophy and was once again proudly supported by McPherson's Printing Group, where Craig had worked and the Maryborough Highland Society where he was a Director.

It was wonderful to see the shooters arrive to compete for the trophy and to remember and talk about Craig. Craig's mother Kaye and father Bruce were in attendance along with his sons Matthew and BJ, and brother Daniel. The Jennings family contributed to the day, donating a slab of shotshells for a lucky door prize and the trophies in a section for friends of Craig in a Target Only event. A big thank you to the Jennings family. It was great to see many of the shooters remain after presentations for a couple of drinks and a talk.

Thank you to those shooters Darren, Bruce and Jim who set up the grounds and to Garry for loading the traps prior to the start. Thank you also to the many shooters, who, without any asking, pitched in and packed up the layouts in record time and once again the club extends its thanks to the ladies who worked



Daniel, Brendan & Matthew Jennings



McPherson's Printing Group's Deanne Evans, Highland Society's Bruce Kaye, Matthew Jennings, event winner Andrew Reading, Daniel Jennings, Brendan Jennings

tirelessly in the canteen and to Kim in the office.

We were once again pleased to have Deanne Evans from McPherson's Printing Group and Bruce Kaye from the Highland Society on hand to present the sashes, prizes and Perpetual trophy. We were extremely grateful for their time and commitment to the event.

The 100 target program was run over the now familiar 3 Compak layouts, shooting 35, 30 and 35 targets.

Melbourne's Andrew Reading claimed the Open honours with 93/100 in the 100 target Compak.

Luke Edson and Matthew Hannah both recorded 87/100 before contesting the AA Grade shoot-off.



Craig Stephen
A Grade Ist



Bryan Rafferty
A Grade 2nd



Bruce Kaye, AA Grade Ist Luke Edson, Deanne Evans



Matthew Hannah
AA Grade 2nd



Darren Watts
B Grade Ist



Peter Chace
B Grade 2nd



Daniel Jennings
C Grade Ist



Lachy McLennan
Targets Only Ist



Deklyn Price
Juniors



Ashleigh Hansen
Ladies



Glenn Woodhatch
Masters



Raffle winner Wayne Shay with club member Mark Passalick

Bendigo's Edson added 27/28 to win with 114/128, ahead of Hannah on 111/128.

A Grade also required a shoot-off after Bendigo's Craig Stephen and Maryborough's Bryan Rafferty each returned 90/100. Stephen added 25/28 to secure first place with 115/128, while Rafferty finished second on 113/128.

Maryborough shooters Darren Watts and Peter Chace both shot 91/100 before settling B Grade over a further 21 targets. Watts added 18/21 to win with 109/121, one target ahead of Chace on 108/121.

Daniel Jennings secured C Grade with 82/100, followed by Jim Shepherd on 78/100.

Wangaratta's Deklyn Price won Juniors with 75/100, while Maryborough's Ashleigh Hansen claimed Ladies. Bendigo's Greg Shelton took Veterans with 84/100, and Loddon District's Glenn Woodhatch won Masters.

In the targets-only Lachy McLennan took first place and Brendan Jennings second. Wayne Shay was lucky enough to win the door prize.

We hope to see you all again next year at this Memorial shoot.



OCTOBER 3RD & 4TH

What do you need to come down from a Western Zone Scrubby Creek? A nice, quiet long weekend sounds sensible.

A chance to put your feet up. Maybe sleep in. Perhaps interact with people who don't own a shotgun. So naturally, the Western Zone response was: "How about another shoot?" And not just another shoot. Three days. 92 competitors. Six events. Because the appropriate recovery strategy after a big weekend is to immediately do another big weekend.

Chinchilla was the scene of the crime.

Chinchilla Clay Target Club: 92 competitors, three days of mayhem. The weekend kicked off with the Medley, and right from the beginning it was clear that nobody had come to Chinchilla to take it easy.

Event 1: 30 target Medley

The weekend opened with some seriously sharp shooting. Overall: Kim Nealon (Veteran) 50/50 + 25/25. A perfect 50, followed by another perfect 25. AA 1st Grade: Brock Schrag 50/50 + 24/25, 2nd Ken McBean (Veteran) 49/50 + 24/25.





A Grade 1st Michael Tipman 49/50, 2nd Steph Matson (Lady) 48/50 + 25/25. B Grade 1st Leslie Arumugam 49/50, 2nd Hannah Chalmers (Lady) 48/50. C Grade 1st Connor Hiles (Junior) 47/50, 2nd Dennis Jackel (Veteran) 46/50

Event 2: 30 target Single Barrel

One shot. One opportunity.

Do you take it? Oh wait, that's Eminem. This is clay shooting. Still, the principle remains: one barrel, one shot, don't mess it up.

Overall: Greg Matson 30/30 + 14/14. AA 1st Robert Delbridge 30/30 + 13/14, 2nd Mitchell Pyke 29/30 + 14/14. A 1st Kim Block 29/30 + 1/1 2nd Frankie Robinson 29/30 + 0/1. B 1st Claud Nicula 27/30 + 6/6, 2nd Bevan Barnes 27/30 + 5/6. C 1st Tyler Barnes (Junior) 25/30 + 2/2, 2nd Isabella Fanning (Lady) 25/30 + 1/2.

Event 3: 50 target Double Barrel

Then came the Double Barrel,








where seven competitors managed 50/50 and headed into the sudden-death showdown.

Juniors, Ladies, Men, Veterans. Everyone was represented. Which is one of the great things about clay shooting: once the targets start flying, everyone's equal.

Overall: Kim Nealon (Veteran) 50/50 + 39/39. AA 1st Jessica Robb (Lady) 50/50 + 38/39, 2nd Dan Johnson 50/50 + 14/15. A 1st Issy Toop (Junior Lady) 50/50 + 21/22, 2nd Cam Sturgess 50/50 + 20/21. B 1st Claud Nicula 48/50 + 2/2, 2nd Daniel Black 48/50 + 1/2. C 1st Chad Matson (Junior) 46/50, 2nd Tyler Barnes (Junior) 45/50 + 17/18. Junior Jaidan Johnson 50/50 + 19/20, Lady Celeste Barnes 49/50 + 2/2, Veteran Ray Christie 50/50 + 8/9.



Event 4: 50 target Points Score

By event four, Kim Nealon was showing absolutely no signs of slowing down.

Overall: Kim Nealon (Veteran) 150/150, another perfect score. AA 1st Jessica Robb 149/150, 2nd Greg Matson 145/150. A 1st Ken McGuire 148/150, 2nd Mal Collins 147/150 + 18/18. B 1st Brenda




Collins (Lady) 145/150, 2nd Graham Rowe 143/150. C 1st Trent Burey 137/150, 2nd Dennis Jackel (Veteran) 132/150. Junior Jaidan Johnson 147/150, Lady Issy Toop 145/150, Veteran Steve Tsavasilis 143/150 + 15/15.

Event 5: 50 target Handicap

And now for the part everyone was waiting for.



The Western Zone Handicap Shootout Spectacular had a place on offer.

A 10-way shoot-off for first place eventually produced the Chinchilla qualifier. 1st Leslie Arumugam B16 48/50 + 40/40. Leslie is officially heading to the Western Zone Handicap Shootout Spectacular. 2nd Craig Barnes A19 48/50 + 39/40, 3rd Steph Matson A19 (Lady) 48/50 + 13/14, 4th Brenda Collins B16 (Lady) 48/50 + 10/11, 5th Issy Toop A19 (Junior Lady) 48/50 + 9/10.



High Guns

After two days and five events, the High Guns were finally able to stop pretending they weren't exhausted. Except Kim Nealon.

Overall Kim Nealon (Veteran) AA32 321/330, AA Grade Greg Matson AA24 318/330, A Grade Issy Toop (Junior Lady) A19 316/330, B Grade Claud Nicula B17 301/330, C GradeTrent Burey C15 290/330. Junior Jaidan Johnson A19 312/330, Lady Jessica Robb AA22 317/330, Veteran Ken McBean AA24 310/330.

Bonus Event 6: 50 pair Double Rise

Because stopping after five events would have been far too sensible.The bonus event gave everyone one final opportunity to test their eyesight, reflexes and willingness to voluntarily shoot another 100 targets.

Overall: Greg Matson 95/100. AA 1st Dan Johnson 92/100, 2nd Matthew Bach 90/100. A 1st Brock Schrag 86/100, 2nd Les Merton 84/100 + 16/20. B 1st Lachlan Karez 85/100 + 8/10, 2nd Andrew Mitchell 85/100 + 7/10. C 1st Ashley Williams 84/100, 2nd Cristian Faull (Junior) 83/100.

And with that, Chinchilla finally released everyone back into the wild. Three days. Six events. Hundreds of targets. Countless shoot-offs.



OCTOBER 10TH & 11TH

St George welcomed 21 competitors for its October monthly shoot, with a change of weekend proving no obstacle for those keen to get around the traps. The club reported a great day, some new faces, and a few familiar ones returning after a spell away. Always good to see the shooting family growing.

The results saw Terry Johnstone take Overall with 131/135, while Dave Newberry was hot on his heels in A Grade with 130/135. One target separated the pair, which is the sort of margin that makes a shooter either very pleased with themselves or spends the drive home mentally replaying three targets they absolutely should have hit.

Mark Robertson took AA Grade with 121/135, Bruce Webster claimed B Grade with 119/135, and Tony Grinke secured C Grade with 120/135.

Roma brought 37 competitors to the traps for a Saturday featuring Skeet Doubles, Medley, Handicap, and enough opportunities for a shoot-off to make everyone reconsider their hydration levels.

Event 1: 13 pair Skeet Doubles
Ian Andrews took A Grade with 22/26, while Greg Matson claimed B Grade with 19/26. Matt Moller followed in second with 15/26. C Grade was a particularly lively affair, with Brodie Hewitt-Bryant taking first with 21/26, Brock Schrag second with 20/26, and Ian Johnston third with 18/26 plus 1/1 in the shoot-off.

Event 2: 75 target Medley
Greg Matson took Overall with 122/125 before backing it up with 49/50 in the shoot-off.

Matthew Millar claimed AA Grade with 122/125 and 48/50, while Matt Moller and Bruce Keegan shared second with 121/125. There was clearly no shortage of good shooting in AA, and certainly no shortage of reasons for everyone else to stare suspiciously at the scoreboards.

In A Grade, junior Henry Johnson claimed first with 116/125. Steph Matson took second with 115/125 and 24/25 in the shoot-off, while Kelly Hafemeister finished third with 115/125 and 23/25. Steph and Kelly were separated by a single target in the shoot-off, which is a cruelly small margin when you've already spent 75 targets trying to prove a point.

B Grade went to veteran Alan Pack with 116/125, followed by junior Rabbit Chambers-Rice on 110/125 and Hudson Thomas on 106/125.

In C Grade, veteran Steven Phelps claimed first with 102/125, junior Mitchell Aisthorpe took second with 101/125, and Anthony Walters rounded out the podium with 98/125.

A fine showing from the juniors and veterans alike, proving that experience, youthful enthusiasm, and the occasional stubborn refusal to miss can all produce results.

Event 3: 25 target Handicap
If anyone thought the day was going to wind down quietly, the Handicap event had other plans.

Bree Schrag shot a perfect 25/25 from 16 metres to take first place in the Ladies category and, more importantly, the overall Handicap win. Twenty-five from twenty-five. Not a single target left behind to haunt her dreams. Fletcher Cameron took second with 24/25 plus 13/13 in the shoot-off, followed by Rabbit Chambers-Rice with 24/25 and 12/13. Brock Schrag finished fourth with 24/25 and 8/9, while Brodie Hewitt-Bryant took fifth with 24/25 and 5/6.

Four shooters on 24/25, with the shoot-off gradually sorting them into their final positions. That's the sort of event where every target suddenly feels like it has a personal grudge against you.

High Guns
Bruce Keegan finished the day Overall High Gun with 166/176, while Steph Matson claimed Ladies with 156/176. Ian Johnston took Veterans with 150/176, and Henry Johnson secured Junior with 137/150.

OCTOBER 11TH

Central Burnett kept things intimate on Sunday, with nine competitors fronting up for four events. Nine shooters, four events, and enough shooting to determine who was having a good day, who was having a very good day, and who would be muttering about one particular target for the next fortnight.

The undisputed headline act was Jason Darlington, who took Overall in the Single Barrel, Points Score, and Continental, before claiming Overall High Gun with 145/150.

Event 1: 25 target Double Barrel
Lincoln Driver took Overall with 24/25 plus 8/8 in the shoot-off, just edging Jason Darlington, who finished A Grade first with 24/25 and 7/8.











Pat Moloney claimed B Grade with 24/25 and 1/2, while Stephen Meyer took second with 22/25. C Grade went to Terry Jackson with 19/25 and 3/3, followed by Nicole Evans, who also shot 19/25 and finished with 2/3 in the shoot-off.

Event 2: 25 target Single Barrel
Jason Darlington returned to the top of the pile with 24/25 Overall. Pat Moloney took B Grade with 20/25, ahead of Stephen Meyer on 19/25. Terry Jackson claimed C Grade with 19/25, while Norm Evans followed on 17/25.

Event 3: 25 target Points Score
Jason continued his campaign with 73/75 Overall, while Pat Moloney took B Grade with 69/75 and Lincoln Driver finished second with 66/75. Junior Layne Millican claimed C Grade with 60/75, ahead of Terry Jackson on 57/75.

Event 4: 25 target Continental
By now, Jason Darlington had made his intentions abundantly clear, taking another Overall win with 24/25. Pat Moloney claimed B Grade with 23/25, followed by Lincoln Driver on 21/25. C Grade saw Cameron Millican and Norm Evans share the honours on 21/25.

Pat Moloney also finished B Grade High Gun with 136/150, while Terry Jackson took C Grade High Gun with 114/150. Juniors went to Layne Millican with 106/150, and Nicole Evans claimed Ladies with 104/150. And, of course, Jason Darlington finished Overall High Gun with 145/150.

OCTOBER 17TH & 18TH

Moonie Clay Target Club
24 nominated competitors, three events, one very busy scoreboard.

Moonie welcomed competitors on Sunday for a program featuring Double Barrel, Points Score and Handicap, giving everyone three opportunities to demonstrate their shooting prowess.

Event 1: 25 target Double Barrel
The opening event delivered a couple of perfect scores in AA Grade, with Matthew Bach and Matthew Millar both finishing on a flawless 25/25. Not a clay escaped. Not a target survived. Andrew Walker took A Grade with 23/25, while Phil Mills claimed B Grade on the same score. Scott Borchardt rounded out the grade winners in C Grade, also with 23/25.

Three grades, three scores of 23/25, and a strong indication that consistency was the order of the day unless you were one of the two Matthews, in which case perfection apparently comes in pairs.

Event 2: 50 target Points Score
If the Double Barrel was about keeping things tidy, Points Score was the opportunity to see who could keep their concentration intact over 50 targets.

Matthew Millar continued his excellent day, taking AA Grade with 145/150. Having already delivered a perfect Double Barrel, Matthew was clearly determined not to let the scoreboard get lonely. Bruce Webster claimed A Grade with 137/150, John McNaulty took B Grade with 128/150 and Connor Hiles secured C Grade with 134/150.

A special mention to Connor, whose 134/150 was enough to top C Grade ahead of the B Grade winner's 128/150. Grade boundaries are a funny thing the clays don't care what letter is printed beside your name, and apparently neither does the scoreboard.

Event 3: 50 target Handicap
The Handicap brought the day's program to a close, and Andrew Walker made sure he wasn't leaving Moonie without a win of his own, taking first place with 48/50 off 19 metres. Ben Maher followed in second with 47/50, also off 19 metres, while Scott Borchardt claimed third with 46/50 off 15 metres.

Andrew's 48/50 was a fine way to finish the day, while Ben was close enough behind to ensure Andrew couldn't get too comfortable with the idea of being the hero of the afternoon. Scott, meanwhile, collected another podium finish after his C Grade Double Barrel win, proving that consistency across the program is a rather handy habit to develop.

High Gun
Overall Matthew Millar 213/225.

After sharing the perfect Double Barrel score and winning AA Grade in Points Score, Matthew topped off his day with the Overall High Gun title. That's a very respectable collection of results, and the sort of performance that makes the drive home feel considerably shorter.

OCTOBER 24TH

Dalby Gun Club monthly competition. With many regulars apparently deciding that nine competitors constituted a perfectly respectable gathering, Dalby held its monthly shoot. A number of Western Zone shooters had instead ventured to Toogoolawah for its Annual, where 47 competitors were prepared to challenge both the targets and the weather. Back at Dalby, the smaller field meant there was less competition for the trophies, although nobody appears to have mistaken that for an invitation to shoot badly.

Event 1: 25 target Double Barrel
Bill Allan opened proceedings with a perfect 25/25 in A Grade, presumably deciding that if he was going to get wet, he might as well make the trip worthwhile. Brad Reimers, Craig Barnes and Celeste Barnes all followed with 24/25, forming a very respectable queue just behind him. Gordon Hiles took B Grade with 22/25 for Moonie, while Matthew Dunford claimed C with 21/25 for Dalby.

Event 2: 25 target Points Score
Craig Barnes took A Grade with 73/75, getting his day properly underway. Brad Reimers followed with 71/75, while Gordon Hiles continued his consistent work to claim B with 70/75. Matthew Dunford once again took C, posting 67/75. Consistency is a wonderful thing, particularly when it keeps putting trophies in the same hands.

Event 3: 50 target Continental
Celeste Barnes decided that 24/25 in the Double Barrel was merely a warm-up, returning to claim A Grade with an excellent 49/50.

Brad Reimers, William Bradfield and Craig Barnes shared the next-best A Grade score with 48/50 apiece. Apparently, if you couldn't beat Celeste, you could at least arrange to be beaten alongside two other people. Gordon Hiles secured B with 43/50, and Matthew Dunford completed his C Grade hat-trick with 40/50.

Event 4: 15 pair Double Rise
And now, for the discipline that reminds everyone that shooting one target at a time is apparently too straightforward.

William Bradfield took A with 21/30, while Celeste Barnes claimed B with a cracking 26/30. Ben Maher, Bill Allan and Ashley Williams shared second place in B on 24/30. Gordon Hiles also finished on 24/30 to take C, with Matthew Dunford following on 16/30. By this point, some competitors had clearly decided that the targets had enjoyed enough attention for one day.

Overall: Craig Barnes finished on 145/150, taking the Dalby Monthly honours and proving that a small field is no excuse for a quiet afternoon.

SHOOT CALENDAR

2027

January 26	Australia Day Shoot	Bendigo CTC
February 12–14	Warrnambool Seaside Carnival	Warrnambool CTC
March 7–13	ACTA National Skeet Championships	ACTA National Ground, Wagga Wagga, NSW
March 15–21	ACTA National Trap Championships	ACTA National Ground, Wagga Wagga, NSW
April 1–4	Grand Prix & Beretta Cup	ACTA National Ground, Wagga Wagga, NSW

Break Badges

NAME	*HOME CLUB*	*ACHIEVED AT*	*BREAK*
Aquilina,P	Werribee	Melbourne	DTL 50T @ 25m 50
Beagley,J	Bendigo	Bendigo	Compak 25
Blazley,S	Mersey	Tasmanian	SKT 75
Breeden,S	Wood Points	Bordertown	DTL 50
Burton,B	Wagga	Tumut	Cont 50
Dalese,R	International	SACTA Skeet Carnival	SKT Dbls 50
Edge,D	Deniliquin	Wagga National Ground	Compak 25
Edge,W	Deniliquin	Wagga National Ground	Compak 25
Edmonds,D	Guyra	Guyra	DTL 50T @ 25m 50
Evans,K	Castlemaine	Castlemaine	DTL 150, 200,250,300
Fallon,J	Tumut	Wangaratta	DTL 50
Farr,A	Narrabri	NSW State Carnival	DTL 200, 250
Funcke,A	Warnambool	Beaufort	DTL 50
Gillespie,G	Wonthaggi	Castlemaine	DTL 200
Gunn,A	Goondiwindi	Guyra	DTL 250
Herridge,R	West Australian	Albany	DTL 150
Jarvis,A	Majura Park	Majura Park	DTL 100
Jones,S	Mackay Sarina	Mackay Sarina	DTL 50
Kanellos,J	Maryborough Vic	Wagga National Ground	Compak 50
Kanellos,J	Maryborough Vic	Wagga National Ground	Compak 75
Keirl,M	Bendigo	Wagga National Ground	Compak 25
Keirl,M	Bendigo	Wagga National Ground	Compak 25, 50
Keirl,R	Bendigo	Bendigo	Compak 25
Keirl,R	Bendigo	Wagga National Ground	Compak 25
McLaren,J	Burnie	Tasmanian	SKT 50
McNeil,L	Melbourne Cricket	Wagga National Ground	Sporting 25
McNeil,L	Melbourne Cricket	Wagga National Ground	Compak 25
Monument,J	Callawadda/Stawell	Wagga National Ground	Compak 25
Morris,B	Werribee	Castlemaine	DTL 50
Page,A	Hobart	Hobart	DTL 50
Pitts,C	Frankston	Morwell	DTL 50
Purvis,P	Mendooran	Wagga National Ground	Compak 25
Raleigh,D	Taree Wingham	Guyra	DTL 50
Ringin,S	Beaufort	Castlemaine	DTL 150, 200,250
Robinson,S	Werribee	Geelong	DTL 50
Rogers,G	Toowoomba	Wagga National Ground	Compak 50
Sasse,D	Majura Park	Wagga National Ground	Compak 25
Short,D	Narromine	Narromine	DTL 50
Warnock,R	Wangaratta	Wagga National Ground	Compak 25
Warnock,R	Wangaratta	Wagga National Ground	Sporting 25
Wilson,J	Spring Bay	Tasmanian	SKT 50

Australian Clay Target Association Inc.

2027 ANNUAL REGISTRATION & CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Number (compulsory)			Shooters Licence Number	
Surname (compulsory)	-Title-		Given Name (compulsory)	
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Mobile Ph Number (compulsory)			Date of Birth (compulsory)	-- /-- /

I hereby apply for membership of the _____ Club

Please tick one: As a ◯ continuing, or ◯ new member, together with my application for A.C.T.A. registration for the year ending 31st December 2027. ☐ I have previously been a registered member with the A.C.T.A.

Type of Membership: (Membership includes Insurance)

☐	Club Membership		$
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☐	A.C.T.A. Full Membership	$143.00	$
☐	Partner (spouse) of a Full Member of common address	$100.00	$
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I undertake to abide by the Rules and By-laws of the above-mentioned Club, my State Association and the Australian Clay Target Association and I advise that I conform with my State of residence Firearm Regulations and shall notify my Club immediately upon non-renewal, cancellation or suspension of my shooter's licence.

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