

NSW STATE SKEET CARNIVAL – AUGUST 2013

This year's tournament saw it depart from its traditional grounds at Wagga to be hosted in Sydney by the Cecil Park Clay Target Club at the Sydney International Shooting Complex.

The tournament was honoured by the presence of John Shima from the famed Bender Shima Shooting Clinic who generously provided his time to meet and greet the shooters and provide coaching tips over the 3 days of the tournament. John is a five-time World Champion, and has been teaching and conducting shooting clinics around the world for over 30 years and has been a member of the All American team over 30 times. I hope you all had an opportunity to have a chat with John.

Sydney turned on PERFECT weather for the 3 day tournament, 'lucky' some say as the day before and the day after were some of the worst weather Sydney has seen this winter. With the perfect weather came near perfect targets, which also reflected in the results, of the 80 plus competitors.

Friday saw the start of the small gauge events, Matt Fallon from New Zealand started to stamp his dominance early on in the tournament by taking out the 20 and 28 gauge State Titles. Scott Wright from NSW won the inaugural 410 State Title, which temporarily stemmed the flow of trophies across the Tasman.

Saturday saw Matt re-asserting his dominance yet again by winning the NSW State Doubles Title. He then continued his fine display of shooting finishing third in the Handicap, which was ultimately won by Sam Arcuri from Victoria.

Sunday saw four possibles in the 100 target NSW State Title Championship, Laurie Chelepy, Shane O'Brien, David O'Sullivan and George Petrou. This year's ACTA Hall of fame inductee Laurie Chelepy from QLD emerged as the ultimate winner in this event.

Matt Fallon's early dominance and consistent display of shooting over the tournament saw him emerge with the ultimate prize, the tournament High Gun on a score of 298/300 six targets clear of the next contender congratulation Matt and we hope to see you at our tournament next year.

NSWCTA would like to thank all their sponsors and everyone who assisted at the carnival; this includes our Shoot Marshall Nasseem Malouf, IT Professional Frank Auditore, and Handicapper Alison Harwood. A special thanks to, Vince Gatt President CPCTC, and his team (Tony, Noel, Shelly, Danny and Marie) for their hospitality.

NSW Clay Target Association looks forward to seeing you all next year at the National shooting grounds in Wagga.

Tournament Director
Scott Wright

The following is a breakdown of competitors for the carnival.

91 shooters: 62 – NSW (1 from ACT), 14 – VIC, 11 – QLD, 1 – SA, 2 – WA, 1 – New Zealand, (18 veterans, 7 ladies and 3 juniors)

The following are the results:

Event 1 – NSW 20 Gauge Skeet Championship was shot over 50 targets with sponsorship from Winchester Australia, 2nd in C went to Aislin Jones of Victoria with a score of 42/50, 1st in C went to Sam Arcuri of Victoria with a score of 44/50, 2nd in B went to John Tan of Cecil Park CTC with a score of 51/55, 1st in B went to Garry McDonald of Griffith GC with a score of 47/50, 2nd in A went to John Cassin of Tamworth CTC with a score of 57/58, 1st in A went to Scott Wright of NSW GC with a score of 50/50, 2nd in AA went to Shane O'Brien of The Eastern Goldfields CTC with a score of 62/63, 1st in AA went to Mauro Conti of Cecil Park CTC with a score of 89/90.

Overall went to Matt Fallon of New Zealand with a score of 90/90. Matt was awarded the G Brothers Shield. Veterans went to Laurie Chelepy, Ladies to Lorraine Hughes, Junior to Aislin Jones.

Event 2 – NSW 28 Gauge Skeet Championship was shot over 50 targets.

2nd in C went to Mark Gruzauskas of NLM CTC with a score of 40/50, 1st in C went to Sam Arcuri with a score of 47/50, 2nd in B went to Shaun Atkinson of Cecil park CTC with a score of 47/50, 1st in B went to Steve Marcon of NSW with a score of 48/50, 2nd in A went to Stephen Bell of Cecil Park CTC with a score of 55/56, 1st in A went to Neal Dimmick of Gold Coast CTC with a score of 50/50, 2nd in AA went to Shane Bennett of Dubbo GC with a score of 58/59, 1st in AA went to Malcolm Briggs of Melbourne GC with a score of 65/66.

Overall went to Matt Fallon with a score of 108/108. Matt was awarded the Peter Vella Perpetual Trophy. Veterans went to Neal Dimmick, Ladies Sarah Bennett.

Event 3 – NSW 410 Bore Skeet Championship shot over 50 targets, 2nd in C went to Mark Gruzauskas with a score of 33/50, 1st in C went Sam Arcuri with a score of 38/50, 2nd in B went to John Pethybridge of Canberra International CTC with a score of 46/55, 1st in B went to Shaun Atkinson with a score of 44/50, 2nd in A went to Colin Sim of NSW GC with a score of 45/50, 1st in A went to Neal Dimmick with a score of 46/50, 2nd in AA went to Nigel Hughes of Caboolture CTC with a score of 56/58, 1st in AA went Laurie Sceresini of Toowoomba CTC with a score of 57/58, O/A went to Scott Wright with a score of 50/50. Veterans went to Neal Dimmick, Ladies Lorraine Hughes.

Event 4 – NSW Skeet Doubles Championship shot over 25 pairs, 2nd in C went to Dino Dedic of Cecil park CTC with a score of 40/50, 1st in C went Sam Arcuri with a score of 42/50, 2nd in B went to Steve Marcon with a score of 53/58, 1st in B went to Don Power of Wagga GC with a score of 47/50, 2nd in A went to Scott Wright with a score of 47/50, 1st in A went to Frank Cooper of CCTC QLD with a score of 48/50, 2nd in AA went to Michael Buttigieg of Frankston GC with a score of 52/54, 1st in AA went Ben Carraway of Melbourne GC with a score of 50/52, O/A went to Matt Fallon with a score of 51/52. Matt was awarded the Rooke Family Perpetual Trophy. Veterans went to John Guberina, Ladies Sarah Bennett, Junior Logan Wemyss.

Event 5 – NSW Skeet Handicap was shot over 50 targets with sponsorship from Glenn Walker of Bang On Target Shooting Supplies, 5th Overall went to Alison Harwood of Benalla GC with a score of 59/63, 4th Overall went to David O'Sullivan of Bairnsdale CTC with a score of 69/70, 3rd Overall went to Matt Fallon with a score of

114/115, 2nd Overall went to Adam Buhagiar of Cecil Park CTC with a score of 131/142, and 1st Overall went to Sam Arcuri with a score of 132/142. Sam was awarded the Coleman/Aberley Shield.

Event 6 – NSW Skeet Championship was shot over 100 targets sponsorship from Max Kavanagh House Relocators, 2nd in C went to Sam Arcuri with a score of 93/105, 1st in C went to Dino Dedic with a score of 94/105, 2nd in B went to Jess Sheather of Cecil Park CTC with a score of 114/118, 1st in B went to Michael Maloney of Cecil Park CTC with a score of 98/100, 2nd in A went to Stephen Bell with a score of 99/100, 1st in A went to George Petrou with a score of 100/100, 2nd in AA went to David O’Sullivan with a score of 113/114, 1st in AA went to Shane O’Brien with a score of 130/131.

Overall went to Laurie Chelepy with a score of 131/131. Laurie was awarded the Skeet Champion Perpetual Trophy and the James Norman Miatt Memorial Shield. Veterans went to Laurie Chelepy, Ladies Lorraine Hughes, Junior Logan Wemyss.

High Guns

Overall Junior High Gun went to Logan Wemyss with 184/300. Logan was awarded the NSW State Skeet Championship Junior High Gun Shield.

Overall Ladies High Gun went to Lorraine Hughes with 307/308.

Overall Veteran High Gun went to Laurie Chelepy with 304/304.

Overall C Grade High Gun went to Sam Arcuri with 267/300.

Overall B Grade High Gun went to Steve Marcon with 280/300.

Overall A Grade High Gun went to Scott Wright with 291/300.

Overall AA Grade High Gun went to Adrian Cousens with 306/314.

Overall Carnival High Gun went to Matt Fallon with 298/300. Matt was awarded the Clarke Naudin Wright Perpetual Skeet High Gun Trophy.

Interstate Teams Skeet Match (in qualifying order 1st to last etc)

Open Team – Stephen Bell, Nasseem Malouf, Adrian Lucchitti, Scott Wright, John Guberina, Mark Corbett, Alberto Muoio, Paul Kouroupis, John Cassin, Jess Sheather, Adam Buhagiar, Jullian Lucchitti, Wayne Peterson, Dwayne Taylor.

Veterans Team – John Guberina, Paul Kouroupis, Jess Sheather, Frank Marcellino, Doug Watchorn, Ben Buhagiar Annechini, Hugh Fairfield-Smith and Bernie Evans

NSW State Skeet Teams (In qualifying order 1st to last etc)

Open – Nasseem Malouf, Adrian Lucchitti, Stephen Bell, John Guberina, Alberto Muoio

Veterans – John Guberina, Paul Kouroupis, Jess Sheather

NSWCTA Zone Teams Match

Being awarded the Hawkeye Shield was Southern Zone with 144/150. They were Mark Corbett, Alberto Muoio, John Guberina.

NSWCTA Skeet Three Member Club Team

Being awarded the Wakehurst Clay Target Club Perpetual trophy was Lorraine Hughes, Nigel Hughes & Craig O’Neill with a score of 444/450.

NSW Skeet Two Person Team

Being awarded the NSW Skeet Carnival Perpetual Trophy 2 Man Team was David O’Sullivan & Adrian Cousens with a score of 388/400.

A special thank you for our sponsors, without the annual support from these businesses, we would struggle to offer a rewarding carnival.

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