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From the comfy chair...

April has been an interesting month at Morrington Clay Target club. Thanks to the dedication of many members, many outstanding jobs are being completed, the grounds are looking fantastic and we are attracting excellent crowds to both competition days and practice shoots.

The committee is hard at work on strategies and activities that will make the club even greater as we move toward the second half of 2010. We have a lot of great plans to further develop the club for the benefit of all shooters and this largely requires two inputs - time and funding. Time, we have plenty of and there are a number of highly active members who continue to give tirelessly of their time and we say a great thank you to all of them (we can always do with extra hands on shoot days and working bees!). Funding however is the other input that is a never ending challenge.

At the MCTC, we gather funding through a number of mechanisms including sponsorship, donations, and of course club fees. Recently a mail out of all non-current members was undertaken and many of the respondents have made current their memberships, but there are still many who are yet to pay their fees for 2010.

Current memberships were due on January 1, 2010 and shooters who continue to utilise the club facilities do so without the protection of insurance or coverage under the ACTA umbrella. Any shooter who does not have current membership is ineligible to compete in ACTA events or claim any winnings they may otherwise have won. The simple way to rectify this, and avoid any embarrassment is to make sure your fees are paid on the due date. If you have lost your membership form, or the dog ate it or you were visited by aliens who took the form back to their ship for further analysis, see Russell at the club house and he will help you to complete the form and receipt your fees.

While I am on the club and funding, I would also like to thank all of our sponsors. We have a lot of dedicated sponsors who generously sponsor the club year after year. Many of these sponsors offer products and services that we all use in our everyday lives and we should all patronise them as much as possible. Check out the website for the latest sponsors

If you are not doing anything at 7.00pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month, we hold our monthly committee meeting at the club house and all club members are welcome. If you have any ideas or concerns, this is the best (and official) forum to raise your comments. The meetings

generally run for between 60 and 90 minutes and have been known to be (at times) even entertaining!!

Being the progressive club it is, MCTC has a lot of shooters who are achieving great success within their disciplines. In the DTL discipline, junior shooters Joel Lennane and Colin Harrington have shot straight to bring home a string of overall wins over the past few months. In the Sporting discipline, Alan Backman and club sponsor Craig Smith have both achieved terrific wins at Renmark and Daylesford and our very own 'Chancellor of the Exchequer' Mark Wright (aka Lord Remington, the earl of Somers) took out the high gun at Frankston's recent sporting comp.

Read on for reports from both disciplines...

Until next month...

Anthony Spence-Fletcher

Mornington Clay Target Club Inc - Secretary & Public Officer

SHOOT REPORTS

--- DTL REPORT ---

The Junior Vic State team won at the Nationals with a score of 74/75, other members were Geoff Aston, & Nathan Harris.



Joel won A grade today at the Zone shoot and was put into AA after a shoot off for overall in the double barrel, he shot 242 straight, but was beat by Bernie Stokes from Morwell who took out the Overall for the DB event.



Thanks...

Sharon

--- SPORTING REPORT ---

The Oceania warm up.....

A small but enthusiastic band of hardy Sporting Clay shooters set about warming up for the upcoming Championships of Oceania being held at Renmark over the Anzac long weekend.

Due to a clash of dates, many of our regular shooters attended the Daylesford VSCA selection shoot but those that didn't were treated to carefully set and very tricky 75 target event. A very quick midi off stand two and an incomer off the same stand had many people scratching their head at what should have been killed but soon became pickups!

Daryl Snowdon came close to the magic 25 but fell one agonising clay short but still posted a great score for the day. His score of 65/75 saw him draw level with four others on the equal High Gun score of the April event. A shoot off over 12 clays was needed and it saw Peter Onley take the event off outright. Good scores from some new and regular Mornington VSCA members were also recorded.

Results: High Gun Champion: Peter Onley 65/75

AA Grade: Daryl Snowdon 65/75

2nd: Ed Treadwell 65/75

3rd: Martin Steur 63/75

A Grade: George Brown

2nd: Phil Evans: 64/75

3rd: Rod McIlroy 60/75

B Grade: Matthew Munroe 60/75
49/75

2nd: Steve Paglia 60/75

3rd: Darrell Douglas 58/75

C Grade: Shane Walsh

2nd: Paul Zunica 42/75

3rd: Charlie Pattulo 32/75

Vaughan Ruddick took out the Veterans while young Jeremy Paglia posted a very smooth 61/75 to become the Junior Champion of our April 2010 event.

Thanks to all volunteers for their continued help. Next months event will be Inaugural Mornington Game Bore Masters, which is sponsored by Intoshooting. A shoot flyer will be out shortly. Please support the event and come and see why Mornington VSCA is the gateway to great sporting Clays!.

The clubs next event will be a 75 target Old Style FITASC on March 27 and it is filling fast. Numbers are limited so book now and come see why Mornington VSCA is the Gateway to great Sporting Clays!

Mornington VSCA at the International level.....

The month of April has seen two International events held on our door step, and Mornington members were there to share the chocolates and spoils of International competition!

Early April saw the FITASC Grand Prix conducted at Geelong with some 128 competitors. The event also encompassed the National team selection for the World Championships being held in Italy in July.

Targets were of the same quality of World Championships at Laang held in Australia the previous November, and it showed as Damian Birgan showed his World Championship form once again to take out the event with a score of 188/200. This was two targets better than John Younger who set the place alight on the Saturday with a blistering 97/100. Third was Chris Brown with 185/200. Along with 2009 National Championship winner Blake Nankervis these four men will make up the Open team for Italy in July.

Mornington VSCA for the first time in its short history has representation at the highest level. Alan Backman will for the first time wear the green and gold colors and he made his mark with a fantastic score of 170/200. He will join regular Mornington shooters Ed Treadwell, and Colin Macpherson as they make up a very strong Veterans team headed for the World Championships. Congratulations Alan!



Alan Backman

Quite a number of Mornington regulars attended and it was very pleasing to see the scores shot at the event. Well done to everyone. The Anzac weekend saw Renmark host the Oceania Championships and again several Mornington members made the trek across the border to contest the three day event. 180 shooters across the three Oceania nations, Australia, New Zealand and New Caledonia took part.

Conditions were varied throughout the Championships which saw Socrates Philipasidis crowned High Gun Champion with a score of 184/200, one ahead of the current World Champion Damian Birgan. Third was Chris Brown with 177/200

Mornington continued to be represented on the dais as Craig Smith took home the Oceania B grade chocolates over two very determined Kiwi Veterans in Graham Brown and Gordon Mcphee. Well shot Craig!



Very pleasing to see was the scores of Bill Fraser who in only his second FITASC Championship shot a very competitive 161/200 which was pleasing to see. Keep up the good form for Italy!

Congratulations to all the Mornington members who represented the club at these two Championships. A number of club members are headed to Italy in July so may your good form continue leading into the Worlds in July 2010!

Matthew 'Bugs' Munroe

*P.S. Don't forget to check out the website for all sporting shoots for 2010
www.morningtonclaytarget.com*