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From the comfy chair...

The month of June was a great month at Mornington Clay Target Club. Attendances at both DTL and Sporting shoots are continuing to be very well supported. Friday night practice is attracting a growing number of new shooters as well as our loyal band of seasoned shooters looking to hone their skills at either DTL or Sporting. It is great to see more shooters giving both disciplines a go!

The introduction of White Flier targets during June has certainly been a winner with many commenting on the relative ease of locking on to the target and the fantastic puff of smoke when they pummel the target.

Regarding Sporting Clays, as I am writing this a number of members are on their way to the FITASC World Championships in Latarino, near Aretzzo, Italy. For some, this will be their first overseas event and for others this is another opportunity to show the world the depth of skill and talented shooters we have here in Australia and we wish them all the very best. In particular, the MCTC would like to congratulate our own Alan Backman and Ed Tredwell for securing spots on the Australian team (see article below) and we wish them every success in their events.

On a sad note, the passing of Barry Brookes was a great shock to all. Barry was a keen shooter, a long time club supporter and a valued staff member at Miall's Gun Shop. Barry's knowledge, humour and friendly nature will be surely missed by all those who knew him and the MCTC offer our condolences to Aaron and the Brookes family. Several events have been planned at local in honour of Barry, be sure to look out for these and support them as best you can.

Again in June, we had a number of members renew their 2010 memberships and a couple of new members sign up. If you have not yet renewed for 2010, please drop into the club and speak to Russell.

The Next club meeting will be held on Tuesday July 22 at 7.00pm in the MCTC clubrooms. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in shaping your club for the future of your sport.

Until next month...

Anthony Spence-Fletcher

Mornington Clay Target Club Inc - Secretary & Public Officer



Shooters on target for world titles

Shooting

TWO Mornington Clay Target Club members are about to take a shot at the world titles.

Alan Backman and Ed Treadwell will compete at the FITASC World Championships in Italy from July 15-18.

They will be Mornington VSCA's first-ever representatives at the highest level.

Alan and Ed rounded out their preparations in Mornington's anniversary shoot last Saturday.



Alan Backman, top, and Ed Treadwell, left, are on their way to Italy to represent Australia in clay target shooting.

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DTL SHOOT REPORT
“Jeff Lowndes 75 target D/B Championship”
Saturday 12th June, 2010.

CAPITULATE v. (ca•pit•u•late)

- 1) to surrender unconditionally
- 2) to give up resistance (*Random House dictionary*)
- 3) may imply ... to end all resistance because of loss of hope (*wiktionary*)

Now we wouldn't normally begin an article in a shooters' newsletter with a dictionary definition, however this is exactly what Denis Comelli did at the hands of Dean Clark by dropping his first target in the shoot-off for 2nd place, so it's quite appropriate really. But let's not allow ourselves to be so ~~pleasantly~~ distracted by such ~~humorous~~ ~~uplifting~~ ~~amusing~~ ~~joyous~~ tragic events.

It was a gorgeous day. The sun was *still* shining (well it hasn't exactly gone out as yet – this is expected to remain the status quo for the next few billion years before it enters its Red Giant phase and ultimately turns into a white dwarf; hey – it fills up the page...), the birds were singing (not quite as permanent as the sun) and even the targets were almost legal (reminds me a bit of Brittany Spears when she started out). Oops I've done it again...

The competition of the day started with a 10 target eye opener and was succeeded by our annual 75 target Jeff Lowndes double barrel championship. It's a good shoot this one – and the sashes are pretty.

Successful shooters in the eye opener were few and far between. Only Joel Lennane, Andrew Brady, Shazza and Mr. Ellis shot them clean.

Next followed the 75 targets of double-barrelled bliss and oh what bliss it was. Nobody, and I mean NOBODY, not them clean. The closest anyone got was Chris Carrol and Bill Woodward who both scored a paltry 74/75 apiece. They shot off, and after a brief doubling of the length of the competition, Woody outlasted Chris with a score of 151/152 versus 150/152 to take AA grade and overall.

Gavin Boyd won A-grade outright with Dean Clark following closely behind for 2nd. Chris Findlay, in another strong showing, shot his 71/75 and was closely followed by the seldom-present-these-days Olivia Comelli with 68/75. C-grade was successfully conquered by John Nelson with a 69/75 which promptly bumped him into B-grade, and was strongly supported by our Mr. Ellis (Roy is the name) with a 68.

	AA	A	B	C
1 st	Bill Woodward 151/152	Gavin Boyd 72/75	Chris Findlay 71/75	John Nelson 69/75
2 nd	Chirrs Carrol 150/152	Dean Clark 72/76	Olivia Comelli 68/75	Roy Ellis 68/75

We didn't end up holding a novelty event after the main shooting was finished ... mostly because Bill & Chris took so bloody long to figure out who was the worse shot. Hmpf.



That's all folks,
 Colin Nelson.

--- SPORTING REPORT ---

Mornington VSCA Anniversary shoot 2010

Mornington celebrated its second year in the Victorian Sporting Clays Association in fine style, but tinged with some sadness as well.

News of the passing of Barry Brookes over the Queens Birthday long weekend had many people still in a little state of shock. Barry was not only a valued member of the Mornington Club but a true icon to the shotgun sports. A minutes silence was held during the day and many people who received prizes paid homage to Barry's memory. Rob Douse from Mialls Gun shop, who sponsored the event, spoke highly of Barry and the legacy he had. He will be sadly missed by all those that knew him. Mornington VSCA is in the infant stages of celebrating Barry's memory so stay tuned!

62 hardy Sporting Clay competitors braved a true winters day. Sloppy under foot and complete with some showers through the day made it a test for those competing. Never mind the target presentations!

The event was also the final hit out for some of our Australian Team members as well. Alan Backman, Ed Treadwell and Natasha Lonsdale fine tuned their game before heading off to Italy for the World FITASC Championships in July. The local paper was also on hand doing a small piece on there trip abroad. Mornington will be represented by six members, including Alan and Ed for the first time at a World Championship held abroad.



Targets were once again the brainchild of Martin Steur and had a good mix including a battue/normal simultaneous pair of the tower and a nice long rabbit on pad 5 which had the masses guessing. Scores were on average very good and the subtle changes made by Martin and the ground team had everyone enjoying themselves.

Days end would see a shoot off between Ross Clancy and Brendan Gonzales, who shot a fantastic pair of 24's during the event, to help decide the 2010 Anniversary High Gun. Ross prevailed in the shoot off. Top Veteran and Junior were Ed Treadwell and Brock Cleaver respectively.

Very pleasing to see in his very short Sporting Clay career was Ashley Backman and Chris Street placing in their grade. As they say guys, practice makes perfect! Congratulations!

(results overleaf)

Results - 2010 Anniversary



High Gun: Ross Clancy 67/75

AA Grade; Brendan Gonzales 67/75
2nd: Shaun Burns 66/75
3rd Alan White 64/75

A Grade: Ves Dubocanin 66/75
2nd: Stuart Smith; 63/75
3rd: Vince Panetta 60/75

B Grade Russell Mattson 55/75
2nd: Rod Lide: 54/75
3rd: Darrell Douglas 54/75

C Grade Bryn Foletta 50/75
2nd: Ashley Backman 47/75
3rd; Chris Street 45/75



Veterans: Ed Treadwell 67/75



Juniors: Brock Cleaver: 53/75

Big thanks again to our hard working ground and office crew who make the smooth running of Mornington VSCA's events such a pleasure to be part of.

The next event will be the **100 Target Super Sporting Doubles** shoot to be conducted on July 24th 2010. This event will be shot as a doubles format with 5 stands laid out. Each stand will have 3 traps to it

Places will be limited to 60. Shooting will commence at 10.30am sharp.

Hope to see you at the Gate way to Great Sporting Clays!

Matthew 'Bugs' Munroe