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SHOOTING SUCCESS STORIES...

Mark Wright our esteemed treasurer (*whom to quote his messagebank "is fishing, shooting or generally pleasing himself"*) has come into some form of late. On Sunday March 7, Mark fought off a huge field of contenders to win the 2010 Remington Grand Prix Shoot at Melbourne Gun Club - Lilydale. Mark puts his stellar performance down to countless hours of practice, an innate desire to succeed, a finely honed skill set and the sheer luck that several shooters were on their way to the first round of the Oceania in New Zealand.

Not one to bask in the limelight, Mark is currently writing his memoirs, which will surely include a chapters on the inner psyche of the top flight shooter, 'ballistics - bend it like Beckham' and the finer points of etiquette in sporting clays. Look out for this DIY shooters bible on the shelves of your local book store – The genre has not yet been confirmed, but it will soon be on the best sellers list, along side other evocative works by Tolken, Flemming, Picoulett and Larsen.

But seriously, this is a fantastic result from a dedicated shooter who has invested much blood sweat and tears into making our sport the great one it is today. From all of us at MCTC, congratulations on the win and best of luck with your future conquests.

- [Ed: Dear Mark, The MCTC would be happy to hold a book launch and signing for you when the manifesto is complete.](#)



Mr Wright calls yet another clay to its date with destiny

EDITORS WELCOME

Well firstly thanks to Colin for providing the ongoing updates to the web page and the narrative of the goings on around the MCTC.

Since the AGM last November, the web page has been in a state of flux with plenty of contributors, but no one to pull it all together into a (semi) logical format, so Colin can load it on to the website, so at the last meeting, I put my hand up and this is the result...

I have been an avid reader of the web site and newsletter over the past couple of years and recognise its importance as a tool to which communicates important details to the membership and informs us all of important dates and notices and because many of us access the webpage in this manner, the information contained on the website must be kept current.

Each month, the DTL and Sporting disciplines will provide a newsletter (complete with photos) and I will highlight a club member who has performed well over the month, so hopefully we will all get to know a little more about some diverse members of the club.

If anyone has any information they would like to share or you have an idea to improve the content on the web page, please give me a call or drop me a line. I am more than happy to have a look at any suggestion.

So it is with much trepidation that I bring you the first of my monthly "web-rants"...

Regards,

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To bring all of those who are interested up to speed with recent developments, following is a précis of the highlights of the last couple of months...

- MCTC AGM held - November 24
- New executive and committee elected - Congratulations to all those returning and new. Please refer to the website for contact details for the new committee members and say g'day to them when you are at the club (they are actually quite normal).
- Christmas shoots for both DTL and Sporting went off without a hitch. Both were well

attended and greatly enjoyed by all. Thanks to all the sponsors, helpers and competitors.

- Recent DTL shoots – Reports are in the Shoot Newsletter, but here is a summary...
- 13 Feb - SE Zone Shoot Round 1. Fantastic weather and over 120 shooters. Everyone had a great time and congratulations to all the winners.
- 06 Feb - Len Haywood Perpetual Trophy – Ball Trap. Sponsored CCI Sue Haywood & Len Haywood were on hand to present trophy
- 12 Mar – Report following in the body of the news letter
- Working bee held on Feb 20. Many thanks to all those who assisted. The club is looking terrific.
- Shane, Lance, Dean have put in a lot of hours during January to get the DTL layouts fully functional again. They have renewed microphones, replaced stands, fixed the hydraulic lifts and rewired several trap houses. We now have three out of four DTL grounds operational and look forward to hold big events when we can fill all grounds at once.
- Not to be left behind, the sporting guys got highly excited over the installation of the 'new and improved' tower. Almost on a par with a F1 car, the lift time on the tower from bottom to top is 40 seconds. Stage 1 is one trap on the tower and stage 2, watch this space... Special thanks to Warren and John for their engineering prowess!!

Other developments in the sporting troupe...

- Underground wiring from the 5 stand to the trap houses complete
- Two trap new sheds have been installed and a third is underway
- Purchased several new sets of remote to go wireless at the sporting shoots

IMPORTANT M.C.T.C. NOTICES

MCTC COMMITTEE MEETING

Next MCTC Committee Meeting is to be held on **Tuesday April 27th at 7.00pm at the club house**. All current members of the MCTC are welcome to attend and offer their suggestions on how we can make Mornington Clay Target Club the best club on the Peninsula. Come along and experience the fun of a committee meeting; who knows you might enjoy it.

D.T.L. and MCTC MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2010 DUE

DO THIS NOW!! Given that your insurance is tied to your membership, unpaid members are uninsured. That means we're going to start turning people away from our shoots who haven't paid up. Find the form on the website, then bring it to the club with a cheque or cash, or post the form and a cheque to the club at our P.O. Box (see the blue 'Contact Us' link at the top of the page). Please note the new fees for 2010.

Other Important Dates for your Shooting Diary

KORUMBURRA IS ALIVE

For those of you who enjoy shooting at Korumburra then we've good news for you as they're back in business.

S.E. ZONE TEAMS SHOOT ROUND 2 @ FRANKSTON

The date for Round 2 of the South-East Zone teams' shoot has been changed to Sunday the 2nd of May. Get there for a 10am start.

SPORTING OCEANANS AND NATIONALS

Nominations are currently open, but they are closing soon. Please see the VSCA website for further details <http://www.sportingclays.org.au/>

DTL TRAP GRADING CALCULATOR

We all know why this is here. Just jump onto the website and download this new version of the calculator (as at January 2010) which has an improved calculation procedure.

BERETTA AUSTRALIA "ONCE OFF" CLEARANCE SALE

We all know the brand and the tireless support Greg Chan and the team at Beretta Australia have given to Australian Shooting sports over the years. Now it is your turn to grab a bargain at Beretta's relocation sale of all obsolete and discontinued stock (excluding firearms)

This sale is to take place at Beretta Australia's old warehouse, 15-17 Pelson Court, Dandenong South, Vic on Friday 26th, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th March, 2010.

This is a never to be repeated sale and hope that you and many of your fellow shooters take advantage of this opportunity. Contact Beretta Australia for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

Sat 3rd/Sun 4th GEELONG VSCA - FITASC Australian Grand Prix- Oceania Cup

Sat 10th **MORNINGTON** – Sponsored by Body Electrics - 75 tgt FITASC sporting clays

Sat 24th **MORNINGTON** – 10 tgt E/O , 75 tgt medley (25 S/B ; 25 D/B ; 25 Cont)

MAY

Sun 2nd FRANKSTON – Round 2 S.E. Zone (25 tgt H/cap , 25 tgt D/B)

Sat 8th **MORNINGTON** – 50 tgt President's Handicap (sash event) + 20 tgt D/B

Sat 22nd **MORNINGTON** – Gamebore Masters - 75 tgt FITASC sporting clays

Sat/Sun/Mon 24/25/26 RENMARK VSCA - FITASC Championship of Oceania, Cup Final - 200 targets

SHOOT REPORTS

--- DTL REPORT ---

ZONE DOUBLE RISE HELD AT MORNINGTON 13TH MARCH

It was a poor turnout with shooters only making up 4 squads.

The day brought us great weather with a cloudless sky and very little wind, making any lost targets put down to human error.

The first event was a 10 pair double rise eye opener with the only possible being shot by Joel Lennane, and he got the complete pot o cash.

The second and main event being the ZONE 30 PAIR DOUBLE RISE was shot over 2 grounds and some pretty good shooting to be seen.

Overall and AA was taken out by Tony Rowe with an impressive 55/60 with Peter Mills and Chris Carrol to follow in that grade.

A grade went to Shane McGrath with a 54/60 followed up in that grade by Joel Lennane and Mick McKernan.

B grade saw Evan Stoddart (Oscar) from Bairnesdale, take out the top spot in that grade with 49/60, having Jim Vale from Mildura and Sharon Lennane follow him up. Mark Delahaye top scored in C grade with 43/60, Brad Mills and Manni Alaimo to follow him up.

	AA	A	B	C
1st	Tony Rowe 55/60	Shane McGrath 54/60	Evan Stoddart 49/60	Mark Delahaye 43/60
2nd	Peter Mills 54/60	Joel Lennane 51/60	Jim Vale 47/60	Brad Mills 37/60
3rd	Chris Carrol 52/60	Mick McKernan 50/60	Sharon Lennane 44/60	Emanuele Alaimo 36/60





EXTRA EVENT - CONTINENTAL

Because of an early finish, an extra event was put on consisting of a 30 target continental shot over 2 grounds.

This event was shot very well by some shooters such as Simon Howd, Chris Carrol and Robbie Williams, all from AA grade and all shooting them clean.

After an impressive shoot of which brought them back to 24 meters in a step back fashion, Simon was the first to drop out with Chris being victorious with 71/71 and Robbie having to settle for second place.

A grade saw Lance, Joel and Shane, shoot of with al being on 29/30 Lance coming out on top with 34/35 and Joel second.

B grade had Jim Vale and Arthur Bird split the cash, both with 29/30

C grade had Brad Mills shooting very well with 26/30 over Mark Delahaye in second with 25/31 he obtained in a 1 target shoot of with Manni.

Thank you to all committee and members that worked to make it a great day. Only wish that more shooters could have attended to enjoy it. Scores are as follows.

	AA	A	B	C
1st	Chris Carrol 71/71	Lance Cazaly 34/35	Jim Vale 29/30	Brad Mills 26/30
2nd	Robbie Williams 70/71	Joel Lennane 33/35	Arthur Bird 29/30	Mark Delahaye 25/30



Life Members Emanuele and Tommy Alaimo performing at their peak

--- SPORTING REPORT ---

Blaser Blaster 2010 - An absolute beauty!!

The Mornington VSCA Sporting Clay 2010 program kicked off 2010 with its biggest event of the calendar year, the Blaser Blaster shoot.

Surpassing last years attendance of just over sixty, seventy two shooters began the season in earnest. Two layouts, Blaser and Mialls were constructed each with its own signature target. A midi on Mialls at a new postcode distance and a Chandelle on Blaser had many people chatting around the clubroom! But in all the comments were positive with speed and angles used on both grounds to great success. Min Macdonald, once again did a fantastic job in the canteen.

The day was sponsored by Mialls Gun Shop who are the agents for Blaser shotguns and the grounds looked spectacular with Blaser flags being placed all around the grounds. Also on loan was equipment from Paterson Crane Hire, Bowman traps and Melbourne Gun Club.



Toby catches up on some Zeds, while Rick Bowmer dispatches the sim pair

Good scores were posted with new shooter to Mornington, Jeff Zammit and James Clancy posting the magic possible and scores throughout the grades on a par with what the ground setters had set the score to be.

A Blaser shotgun user, Bill Fraser, shot a very stylish 90/100 to post a win in his grade and secure equal third place overall. Mornington's financial caretaker Mark Wright survived a nervous count back to claim A grade honours while Russell 'Bluey' Mattson took home the C grade honours. Anthony Panetta, posted an excellent 48/50 in the second half of the day, and took the title of being crowned Blaser Blaster High Gun Champion for 2010.



The Trophy Table



The boys from Mialls and Blaser

Results:

High Gun Champion: Anthony Panetta 93/100



AA Grade: Peter Hall 92/100
2nd: Shaun Burns 91/100
3rd: Jeff Zammit 90/100



A Grade: Mark Wright 86/100
2nd: Neil Peart 86/100
3rd: Rod McIlroy 86/100



B Grade: Bill Fraser 90/100
2nd: Phil Evans 81/100
3rd: Len Box 79/100



C Grade: Russell Mattson 81/100
2nd: Terry Preston 75/100
3rd: Bryn Folletta



Rob Douse of Mialls Gun shop was on hand to present the glassware and vouchers to all the winners and receive thanks from the club for the shops continued support of the program. They will be back in June to sponsor the Anniversary shoot

John Argilla, agent of Bowman traps, had his new product on hand for sale, Gamebore cartridges, of which he was kind enough to donate to the raffle for the day. Thanks to John, Melbourne Gun Club and Patterson Crane Hire for the use of their equipment which made a huge difference to the success of the day.

My thanks to our ever hard working ground crew, Mark Wright, Cheryl McGaffin, Shane Kilkenny, Anthony Spence Fletcher, Andrew Fiek, Rod Lide, Alan Brown and Sharron Lennane for taking the photos. Your input and hard work makes our program what it is. FANTASTIC!

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!

Matthew 'Bugs' Munroe

Old style FITASC....and completely wireless! March 23, 2010

Mornington VSCA moved into a new age at its recent Old Style FITASC event. Thanks to the generous donation of some of its members the club has been able to put in place a complete set of release remotes, which has made setting up much easier for our ever hard working ground crew. 5 sets of Kivtronics units have been purchased and they were put very good use in the booked out March event.

54 eager FITASC purists set out to shoot 75 targets over 3 layouts, appropriately named Rio, GB and Corsivia after the days sponsor Rio Oceania. Each layout had its own signature target and all targets were presented in an enjoyably challenging format. A driven battue off the recently improved tower and a tricky rabbit had many people bemused. A fine 25/25 by Colin Macpherson on the GB layout proved that the layouts could be tamed if the shooters wanted.



Bill Fraser lines up for the pair on Stand 4 at GB.

Many used the event as warm up to the Fitasc Grand Prix being held at Geelong over the Easter break. By days end however, Shaun Burns achieved is first Mornington High Gun hold off he countries elite Sporting Clay shooters in Brenton Irons, Socs Philipasis and John Younger.

Alan Backman, who started with a blistering 24/25 took out the Veterans category and Marisa Hall got in the mix with a win in the ladies.

Results: High Gun Champion: Shaun Burns 65/75

AA Grade: Brenton Irons 65/75

2nd: Socs Philipasidis 65/75

3rd: John Younger 63/75

A Grade: Frank 64/75

2nd: Stuart Smith 62/75

3rd: Bill Stewart 60/75

B Grade: Marton Holmes 60/75

2nd: Russell Mattson 58/75

3rd: Mark Waldron 56/75

C Grade: Danny Genovese 51/75

2nd: Shane Walsh 41/75

3rd: Vic Smith 39/75



Colin Macpherson (left) was on hand to present Shaun Burns (centre) his High Gun prize and say a few words on behalf of Rio Oceania. Many thanks to his company for their continued support of the sporting clays program at Mornington.

My thanks also go to our continued hard working team of volunteers. Mark Wright, Cheryl McGaffin, Shane Kilkeny, Anthony Spence-Fletcher, the Office girls Poppy & Lotti, Rod Lide and Shane Walsh... a big thank you to you all. These people make it a pleasure each month to present these great events.

Our next event is on April 10, commencing at 10:00am, so venture down to the club and see why Mornington VSCA really is the Gateway to Great Sporting Clays!

Matthew 'Bugs' Munroe

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

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