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From the comfy chair...

May 2010 has come and gone and winter has really set in with a vengeance. Over the past month, we have had fantastic DTL and sporting shoots and the shooter numbers at Friday night practice are picking up again after a bit of a lull in the first three months of the year.

Both the DTL and Sporting practice grounds are being well patronised with many shooters join us to finely hone their skills. At the sporting ground, our regular Friday night target setter, Brock, is starting to throw some great targets and challenging the old shots with commenting on how much fun they are having on their regular Friday shoot with the 'boys'.

On the DTL grounds, we are seeing lots of experienced shots and new shooters enjoying banging off a few rounds and smashing lots of targets. There has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes to upgrade the DTL grounds with new mikes and upgraded traps and support structures. These upgrades are showing benefits in great targets being thrown and high breaks being achieved.

Over the next month, a few major changes will made at the club. The most obvious of these will be the change to White Flier targets on the DTL grounds. White Fliers are the preferred target in the DTL community and shooters love shooting them. So come on down to Morningson and 'smack a stack' of white fliers.

During June, we will hold competitions DTL and Sporting comps. On June 12, we will have a 10 target Point Score Eye opener, followed by the 75 target Jeff Lowndes Perpetual D/B Championship. In the sporting camp we will hold the 75 tgt FITASC sporting clays (anniversary shoot). This is a special shot as it will be our last before a troupe of sporting shooters head off to Italy for the World Championships.

Finally, thanks to all of the shooters who have renewed their club membership. We still have a number of shooters who are non-current, and I am sure those of you who fall into this category know the easiest way to resolve this situation.

Until next month...

Anthony Spence-Fletcher

Morningson Clay Target Club Inc - Secretary & Public Officer

DTL SHOOT REPORT

Saturday 24th April, 2010.

Ok so it was pretty gusty, but that's no excuse for only 24 shooters turning up and taking part in what turned out to be a pleasant and successful day. We even had interlopers like Col & Pam Widdows come all the way from Morwell to grace us with their presence so it's certainly not too far for our own members to travel. Appreciation should also go to the members of other surrounding clubs who swelled the numbers.

The competition of the day was a 75 target medley comprising of 25 single barrel, 25 double barrel and 25 continental targets, which was naturally preceded of course by a manic adjustment to the trajectory of the now-almost-legal targets to compensate for the wind.

After the first round of single barrel not a single shooter held an unblemished card. This is surprising given the talent that was on show, but no so surprising given that the wind was wheezing and puffing as you would expect Margaret Thatcher still might in the throws of passion.

Success was more widespread in the double barrel with three of the competitors getting them all clean. Kudos here goes to John Rowe, Hecta & Lance for their performances. Unfortunately for each of these shooters, consistency did not appear to be a virtue of any of them and as such their possibles didn't help their cause(s).

The continental was amusing in a masochistic way. The left handers tootled away like they had minds of their own, the high ones tried to emulate Edmund Hillary by climbing and climbing and climbing, and the right handers moved with such focussed vigour that you'd think it was Peter Noy racing to get the last doughnut (which he missed out on I must add – it tasted great Pete so thanks for not running). Only two shooters snotted all available targets in the continental being John Rowe and Col Widdows. Coincidentally, these two shooters also won their grades. I see a pattern here...

It is also worthy of note that Tommy Alaimo utterly pummelled brother Manny Alaimo into submission by thirteen, yes THIRTEEN targets. Manny, this will need to be addressed at the next shoot. We should also give credit to young Uriah Maloney for shooting a C-grade score which would have won him B-grade too. Well shot.

It's a pity more shooters didn't partake in this enjoyable and amusing day, but that simply left a few of us with the time to have a practice round afterwards. Yes, Lance won this but we can't let him know that we know.

	AA	A	B	C
1 st	J Rowe 74 / 75	Col Widdows 70 / 75	Bruce Bird 66 / 75	U Maloney 68 / 75
2 nd	P Mills 72 / 75	Lance Cazaly 68 / 75	George Sparey 64 / 75	J Lay 65 / 75
3 rd	T Rowe 71 / 75	Colin Nelson 66 / 75	Sharon Lennane 60 / 75	J Nelson 64 / 75

Colin Nelson.

BRIEF UPDATE: South East Zone Round 2 @ Frankston

We had a fair bit of success at the recent S.E. Zone shoot at Frankston which saw many break badges obtained for Mornington shooters. The most notable of all was Joel Lennane who shot 242 straight but who missed his 243rd target to win A grade outright and take 2nd place overall for the double barrel. To the relief of the rest of us stuck in A-grade, Joel has now been shoved up to AA which is where he belongs and for his efforts he gets his 150 and 200 break badges. Only eight more targets and he would have had his 250 break badge which is a rare one indeed, but hey it'll come.

The Mornington juniors (again) took out best juniors so that credit goes to Joel Lennane and Colin Harrington. We shan't forget Col's efforts who, along with the junior team title, shot well enough to take 2nd place in the C-grade double barrel.

Mornington's team 'A' fell agonisingly short again with a total of 237/250 which succumbed to Morwell's 240/250. That's the second time this year we've lost to that unruly bunch. Grumble grumble. Mornington 'B' followed up with a 227/250.

Also, in the future we **urge** all zone competitors to turn up on time so that we can get the teams together. If you can't arrive on time, please call Lance a day or two before and tell him if you're shooting, otherwise you'll be forgotten. Ta.

DTL SHOOT REPORT

“PRESIDENT’S HANDICAP”

Saturday 8th May, 2010.

T'was a fine day on the prairie for the Handicap of The President. Thirty-four shooters turned up to contest what is one of the most enjoyable shoot formats of the year. It isn't often we all get to have a level go at each other which the current handicap formula promotes pretty well, so it seems a pity that it's going to be changed (allegedly, according to CTSN, I've heard, perhaps).

Anyhoooo, first competition of the ranks was the 10 tgt points Eye Opener with George Speary, Shazza, Brian Barlow, Dean Clark, Paul Zunica, Hecta & Denis Comelli all shooting the 30/30 clean. Enjoy that \$1.38 you lot and spend it wisely.

Next to go was the 20 targets double-barrel. Clean shooters (score wise, not morally) were Robbie Williams (the only AA to do so), Shane McGrath, Colin Nelson, George Speary, Chris Findlay, Bruce Birdie, Evan Stoddart and Rod Lide. There were four shoot-offs in total - one for each grade. The first saw Rod, Evan, Chris and Bruce drop out in that order giving George the win. The second shoot-off had Shane McGrath prove that it's easier to shoot them when the competition isn't really 'all there', so that only lasted 15 targets. The third had Peter Horne out-last Peter Noy in a battle of the Franks for 1st and 2nd in C-grade. The fourth for second in AA saw Woody have a tiff with Dave Raspin with Woody coming out on top...

On to the handicap and it was good to see a pretty even distribution of good scores across all of the grades. The event also saw Manny out-do Tommy by a whole nine targets to erase the demons of the April shoot.

A staggering effort by C-grader Tristan Horne saw a perfect 50/50 give him the 1st place sash for 2010. That's a remarkable achievement. Second place was Evan with a very close 49/50 who was left cursing the one that got away. Third place was taken out in true tautological (hey spell check says it's a word) fashion by the person awarding the sashes and it was amusing seeing Lance try to shake his own hand. Fourth was George with a 47/50 which was a bit of a disappointment given the way he's been shooting lately. Fifth was settled in a shoot-off between William Woodward Woodwardson and Mr. Lewry with Bill the victor a mere four targets later.

20 targets double-barrel				
	AA	A	B	C
1st	Robbie Williams 20 / 20	Shane McGrath 35 / 35	George Speary 30 / 30	Peter Horne 25 / 26
2nd	Woody 22 / 23	Colin Nelson 34 / 35	Bruce Bird 29 / 30	Peter Noy 24 / 26

50 targets handicap				
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Tristan Horne 50 / 50	Evan Stoddart 49 / 50	Lance Cazaly 48 / 50	George Speary 47 / 50	Woody 52 / 56

 <p>1st the best shot on the day</p>	 <p>2nd Evan</p>	 <p>3rd Herr Chancellor</p>
 <p>4th George</p>	 <p>5th Bill lets one rip</p>	

Col.

--- SPORTING REPORT ---

The Mornington Gamebore Masters.....

A beautiful crisp, autumn day greeted 55 competitors to the inaugural Mornington Gamebore Masters. The Masters event, sponsored in its first year by Intoshooting' will be an event that we hope will make the shooters pencil on their calendar for one to come to in the autumn months!

Martin Steur and his hardy band of volunteers set about creating the year's first 75 target Sporting Clays event. A driven battue off the tower, a down hill rabbit, a clever use of midis both incoming and in a teal version and a last stand dropping chondel made for a very interesting days shooting.

Scores were high but only Robert Hall shot the magic possible during his second dig. Scores of 24 were plentiful it was pleasing to see some of the Mornington faithful get a good score on the board. New shooters from the clubs practice on Friday nights got their first taste of competition and said it wouldn't be there last.

Robert complimented his possible with a fine 45/50 to take out his first Masters. Brendan Gonzales blazed through the field posting a 24/25 to take home first in AA grade. One of Mornington's ground crew Shane Kilkenny posted a 20/25 and set himself a personal best score which secured him second in his grade. Well shot Shane! Fred Botica and Mornington's own Brock Cleaver claimed their first Mornington Masters in the Veterans and Juniors category

Results: 2010 Mornington Gamebore Master Robert Hall 70/75
AA Grade: Brendan Gonzales 69/75 A Grade: Peter Onley 66/75
2nd: Ed Treadwell 67/75 2nd: Mark Wright 65/75
3rd: Shaun Burns 62/75 3rd: Stuart Smith 62/75

B Grade: Ian Waldron 63/75 C Grade Vic Smith 52/75
2nd: Matthew Munroe 60/75 2nd: Shane Kilkenny 51/75
3rd: Darrell Douglas 58/75 3rd: Andrew Blandthorn 51/75

Mornington Gamebore Veteran Master: Fred Botica 68/75
Mornington Gamebore Junior Master: Brock Cleaver 56/75

John Argilla and David Moore from Intoshooting addressed the presentation and stated their support for the Masters in 2011. The prize winners received extra Gamebore Ammunition if they chose to shoot it during the event. Thanks to John and David for their continued support of Mornington VSCA.



My thanks to our continued bunch of dedicated volunteers who make each event a pleasure to be apart of. June will see our second anniversary shoot as part of the Victorian Sporting Clays Association. If you are a Mornington member why not come along and help celebrate our anniversary and see why Mornington is the Gateway to great Sporting Clays!

Matthew 'Bugs' Munroe