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THE PENINSULA SHOOTER

– February 2009 –

Well it's been a pretty busy February. We've had our first S.E. Zone shoot for the year in which none of us locals (Cerberus, Mornington or Nepean) did any well in at all. Cerberus is still closed, Mornington started its two-shoots-per-month routine again with a very successful

100 target FITASC sporting clays foray which coincided with the more dignified down-the-line zone shoot, and apparently there was a shoot at Nepean in February although this, along with the existence of their club, is still only a rumour.

Mornington VSCA thanks Mialls Gun Shop and Briley Blaser for their support of our sporting clays shoot.



IMPORTANT NOTICES

CLUB-IN-THE-MIDDLE-OF-NOWHERE (WOODS POINT)

Our trip away is still on despite the fires. We've decided to camp it this time so bring your tents / swags. If you don't let us know in good time you're coming you'll get a polite "that's nice but you're not welcome" as we have to let the Pres of the WPGC know well in advance how many people we're taking up for the purpose of adequate catering. The flyer is (again) included in this newsletter.

JOEL LENNANE FUNDRAISER

Don't forget to give Lance a call and book your seat at our sit-down roast dinner on the 14th March so that we can help Joel represent us in Roma as a part of the Victorian Junior State Team.

ANZAC DAY SHOOT FOR CERBERUS (AT WONTHAGGI GUN CLUB)

The Korumburra Gun Club has offered its grounds to the Cerberus Gun Club so that the traditional ANZAC day shoot may still go ahead. Don't forge to chalk in Saturday 25th APRIL for this event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sat 7th Mar **CERBERUS** – nothing as its still closed.
- Sat 14th Mar **MORNINGTON** – 70 tgt medley (20 pair D/R ; 30 tgt P/S) PLUS Joel Lennane fundraiser
- Sat 21st Mar **NEPEAN** – 75 tgt medley (25 tgt D/B ; 25 tgt Cont ; 25 tgt B/T)
- Sat 21st Mar **MORNINGTON** – Club-In-The-Middle-Of-Nowhere trip to Woods Point
- Sat 28th Mar **MORNINGTON** – 75 targets FITASC sporting clays (11am sharp)



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GENERAL NEWS



People defeated by Sharon Lennane in February

Can't really put much down here this month, though admittedly this is probably more due to a lack of data than victims.

With certainty I can report that Dash and Lance were defeated by Shazza at the Foster Zone Shoot. But that's about all.

C'mon Stan – where's your form?

South East Zone (Round 1) at Foster Gun Club

Ok, so we went there with high expectations and delivered very little; exceptionally little if I'm to be exact. Our mediocrity was matched only by our ineptitude as only one person out of our whole club managed to achieve anything resembling success.



An entire squad of Morningson shooters, with Wilson's Prom burning in the background.

We fielded 2.8 teams this time which was obviously 0.2 of a team short so we hijacked John Wood from the Wood's Point Gun Club to fill our vacancy. Thanks must go to John for allowing us to selflessly volunteer him to shoot for us. This is also displays the enthusiasm with which we approach the zone shoots – again we were the most represented club. So come on new-and-experienced-but-shy shooters. Get your backsides into gear and come along to the next zone shoot. No-one is going to berate you for not doing well. The important thing is that we participate as a club.

The wind was blowing an asthmatic and inconsistent gale which made the targets hop and skip all over the place. Whilst it'd be nice to have a moan about how hard they were to shoot, it was a quite sobering watching Wilson's Prom burn in the background. After contemplating the trouble it (the wind) must have been causing the poor CFA folk, whinging all of a sudden felt a bit shallow.

We really should have had an overall victor in the handicap with Troy Northmore however he was so busy shouldering his gun correctly on this last bird that he forgot to shoot the bloody thing. So after proceeding to the shoot-off for first place as not a single shooter had achieved the 25/25 due to the rubbish conditions, he swiftly adopted the now mandatory Morningson shoot-off strategy by "DOING A STAN" and dropping his first target.

The rest of the scores for the day don't really matter as we left before shooting had finished, by which time (which was quite late in the day) only four people had registered 25/25s for the D/B which is a pretty good indication of the difficult conditions.

Much appreciation must go to Geoff from the Foster Gun Club for offering us his shed for the night in which we cooked up a wonderful feast compliments of Des Harrington and pitched our incorrectly audited swags. On unrelated matters, Colin Nelson is offering free lessons to anyone from the club who wishes to master decimal numbering system with a view to actually being able to count.



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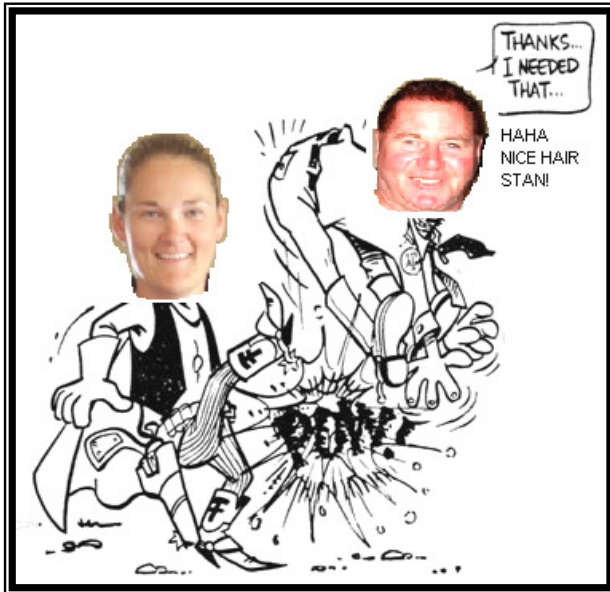
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GENERAL NEWS (cont...)

Denis Comelli cleans up at Frankston

Whilst B-graders aren't meant to score 100/100 to win the high-gun in double-barrel events, nobody thought to mention this to Denis who left a lot of us in awe by getting his perfect score in conditions which were less than ideal. He got himself a nice blue OVERALL sash for his efforts as well as a promotion up to A-grade. Still, it's still consolation to a lot of us to know that the only reason he was victorious was that his daughter Olivia wasn't there to beat him this time.



HERE'S A LESSON IN DIPLOMACY FOR EVERYONE (COMPLIMENTS OF *THAT* CARTON LADY) ...

BREAKING NEWS!

OR SHOULD THAT BE LACK OF BREAKING ... STAN?

STAN SAWARSE GETS HIS ARSE KICKED BY MICHELLE CARTON IN HER 1st B-GRADE COMP **MUAHAHAHA!!!!!!**

The mind games didn't work too well for you Stan...

TUNE IN NEXT MONTH FOR:

CARTON v NORTHMORE
A SHOOT OFF WOULD BE GOOD ☺

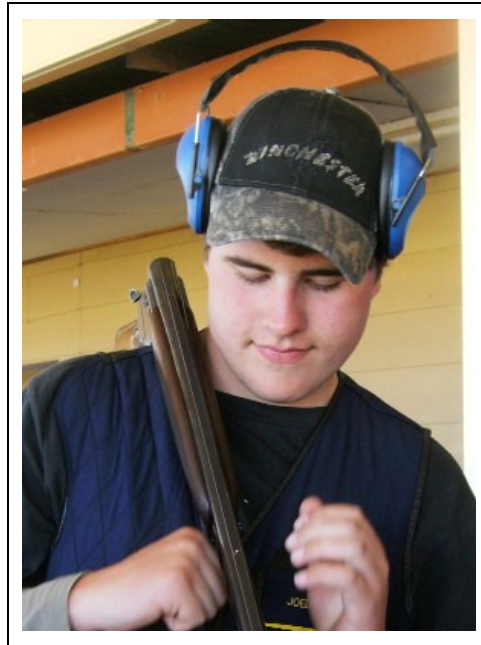


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FUNDRAISER for JOEL LENNANE



Joel Lennane, one of the Mornington Clay Target Club's outstanding juniors, will be shooting in the Victorian Junior State Team at the Nationals in Roma on the 30th March.

To help Joel get to Roma the club will be holding some fundraising events during the day and night of the next down-the-line event on the **14th of March**.

Mialls Gun Shop and Nepean CTC have been major contributors for Joel to date.

Raffles drawn on the day will go towards the cost of his venture north.

Bring plenty of loose change!

A Roast Dinner has also been organized at the end of the shoot if anyone would like to stay. The cost will be \$20.00, but phone bookings are essential as places are filling fast!

Call Lance on 0417 587 726 to book.

COMPULSORY DOWNGRADING ABOLISHED

RULE CHANGE

During the past two years downgrading has been compulsory for those shooters who have shot three brackets of 200 targets at a lower grade percentage. During this time the Rules Committee received many requests from individuals, State Associations and Rules Supervisors that we revert to the previous rule. All States and their Rules Supervisors were then asked to vote on this request. The result of this vote was to return to the previous rule. This in turn was put to the ACTA Executive Committee who endorsed this vote.

The new rule 2.01 (m) will now read:

“A shooter must not shoot in a grade higher than his best performance. Once having attained a grade he may elect to remain in that higher grade when due for regrading. If he so elects he must remain in that grade for the next three groups of 200 targets. If the shooter so elects his card must be marked to indicate such. Eg: Prefer A grade.”

This rule takes effect as from November 10th 2008.

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RULE CLARIFICATION(S)

Due to some of the rubbish conditions we've had to shoot in recently, there has been a bit of uncertainty recently regarding the striking of poor scores from shooters books. A major point missed by many shooters is that scores not indicative of the shooter's ability may be struck from the shooter's book by AN OFFICIAL (ie. the club handicapper, secretary, president, etc). Now as many of us maintain our own books for reasons of practicality, the shooter should undertake the scrubbing of scores at his/her own risk. Obviously, you can't go and scrub an unusually good score from your book with a view to keeping your grade down as you obviously had the ability to shoot that score in the first place.

A clarification regarding the rules for downgrading of handicaps is also included. Contrary to common belief, your handicap can be reduced if you've shot poorly for a long enough period.

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YOUR RULES ATTENTION CLUB SECRETARIES AND HANDICAPPERS

CLARIFICATION OF RULE 2.04(h) and RULE 2.01(h) 2008 Rule Book

Just to clarify Rule 2.04(h), "... an official may disregard ANY score **OBVIOUSLY NOT** indicative of the shooter's ability". This may indeed include more than one score, and the key words in applying this rule are "**OBVIOUSLY NOT**".

There also seems to be some confusion with the 200 targets rule-off and the substitution of bad double barrel scores. For the information of our members, Rule 2.01(h) states "After 200 targets regrade the shooter if necessary. **ANY BAD** scores entered on the DB column will be wiped off & transposed for any **GOOD** scores from the other events column (of equal target amounts **IF POSSIBLE**) i.e., Continental & single barrel".

To explain the application of this rule, after 200 DB targets has been ruled off by the shoot secretary or handicapper, he/she will then check for **BAD** DB scores (which can be multiple) that can be substituted for **GOOD** scores from the Cont/SB column. Also, per Rule 2.04(h), disregard any score obviously not indicative of the shooter's ability. Wherever possible, substitute **BAD FOR GOOD** scores of equal amounts "**IF POSSIBLE**", but e.g., a bad 25 target DB score can be substituted for a good 50 target score, or conversely, a bad 50 target DB score can be transposed for a good 25 target score from the other events column.

Now having carried out the substitutions and/or deletions, there

may indeed be a different total from the original 200, e.g. 170/175, e.g. 219/250. The percentage is then calculated at this point and not before, to obtain the "200 target percentage" for the purpose of calculating the ongoing rolling percentage and subsequent grading. I hope this will help our members with any problems they have had in the past with these two rules. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any other issues or clarifications you are concerned with so that I can address them with you personally or through this medium.

CLARIFICATION RULE 2.03

It has become apparent, given the significant number of enquiries I have received, that applying the rules for inward movement relating to handicap marks, in some cases, is not being applied correctly.

For your information,

Rule 2.03 **INWARD MOVEMENT**, states;

- (a) *A one (1) metre inward movement may apply if a shooter's recorded percentage is less than 87% for 5 consecutive groups of 100 targets.*
- (b) *When downgrading occurs (e.g. A to B) a shooter's handicap will return to the minimum meterage for that grade providing no earned meterage above the minimum has applied under the handicapping formula.*
- (c) *A competitor may apply through the State Handicapper for Inward movement due to proven physical disability.*

Rule 2.03 (b) is causing the most confusion. Therefore to assist, I have prepared 3 examples of how it is to be interpreted.

EXAMPLE 1: a AA 21 metre shooter, **NOT** having earned meterage whilst on this mark, is downgraded to A grade, will return to A19 metres, provided the shooter had not earned meterage when on 19 metres previously. This principle applies to an A 19 shooter returning to B 17, or a B17 shooter returning to C15.

EXAMPLE 2: a AA 23 metre shooter downgraded to A grade, will remain A 23 metres, due to having earned meterage beyond the 21 metre mark. An inward 1 metre movement would only apply pursuant to Rule 2.03 (a), (c) where applicable

EXAMPLE 3: a A19 metre shooter is downgraded to B grade. However, this shooter had earned meterage previously as a B Grader to 18 1/2 metres. This shooter would be downgraded B 18 1/2 metres.

It should also be noted, a shooter earns meterage not withstanding a Handicap win did not apply, through Rules 2.02 (c), (d) & (e).

I trust this information may clarify and be of assistance to those unsure of the rule application activity.

I invite you to contact me or your Zone Handicapper if you are seeking further assistance with this or any of our Rules.

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SHOOT REPORT

Saturday 28th February, 2009.

Not our normal shoot weekend this one being the 4th weekend and all - due to the clash with the zone shoot at Foster. None the less 18 Mornington die-hards and 2 ring-ins turned up for 10tgt E/O, 20 D/B, 20 B/T & 20 pts medley.

First up the E/O and nobody shot it clean though OOOH AAAH McGRATH came in with a handy 29/30 to take the money. First round of the of the main event 20 D/B only 4 shot it clean being OOOH AAAH McGRATH, LAURIE MIRRABELLA, TROY SOUTHLESS and the gran poo bah LANCE CAZALY.

Next was the ball trap which I must mention was shot on our new trap 1. This is a excellent raised layout with true ball trap angles amounting to 45deg left-and-right birds screaming out of the trap.

A-grader Daniel Cleary got 18/20 and C-grader (!!!) M De La Haye 18/20. As for the rest of us, well we can't believe how poorly we shot!!! 20pts was an average affair with Dan the best again with 57/60. I must mention after only 4 months of shooting Michelle Carton is now in "B" grade. So for 1st b grade shoot the mind games started with Stan leading the way, all to no avail however with Michelle Placing 3rd which was a full "3 clear" of Stan. Note to Stan: there was no way it was Michelle who slipped your safety on!

	A	B	C	D
1 st	D. Cleary 93 / 100	T. Southless 89 / 100	J. Luis 84 / 100	K. de la Haye 48 / 100 (S/B)
2 nd	L. Mirabella 89 / 100	L. Cazaly 88 / 100	S. Lennane 78 / 100	
3 rd	B. Bird 88 / 100	M. Carton 87 / 100	M. Alaimo 77 / 100	

With Kyle winning "d" grade he is now the 6th shooter to step up to C grade.

D grade is shot single barrel for bird's only cost, so is a great starting platform, please encourage your friends to come and have a go so we can get more people into the sport.

We finished early so had a step back from 11 metres, last man standing was ... you guessed it: Oooh Aaah McGrath.

Please note after our shoot on the 14th March we are having a fundraiser for Joel Lennane. Last year Joel made the zone junior team and then the state junior team. So now Joel is representing your club and the great state of Vic at Roma in Qld for the nationals. This is not a local shoot and is costing quite a bit of money, so we are having a sit down roast dinner to help raise some money. Cost \$20.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child. There will be a couple of huge raffles of power tools, Bbq, 12 volt car fridge and a cookset for the wife. Lots of fun and games and laughs. All the proceeds will go to help Joel travel to the Nationals and also to Wagga for the National Development Camp. Bring plenty of gold coins and have a great night.

Lance Cazaly

(ed: apparently our self-anointed grand poo bah; let's remind him of this)



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2009 Opening shoot.....A Blaser Blaster!! February 14th, 2009.

The Mornington VSCA Sporting Clay's program opened the 2009 as it closed the 2008 program, with a first class FITASC Sporting event!

Virgin territory was broken for the first time on Valentine's Day as the program conducted its first 100 target event over 2 grounds. 24 traps were used along with two mobile cranes and from the shooters' feedback the 100 target will become the premier event on our Sporting Clay Calendar for years to come. Some of the competitors came as far away as Sale and Geelong.

The club's Shoot Marshall, Anthony Spence Fletcher, had the event underway bang on time at 10.00am. The two grounds, named Blaser and Mialls, had a good mixture of targets with Anthony Panetta shooting a possible on the Mialls layout on his first visit to it. Scores were slightly down with the variety of targets but all the shooters enjoyed it nevertheless.

Mialls Gun Shop and Blaser sponsored the day's event and Peter Hall was crowned our first Blaser Champion with a score of 86/100. Anthony Panetta's possible just failed to get him over the line falling one target short. Ves Dubocanin in A grade shot a very stylish 84/ 100 to take his grade 7 targets clear while two of the clubs ground crew, Cheryl McGaffin and Darrell Douglas took home the chocolates in B grade. Barry Brookes from Mialls Gun Shop was on hand to present the trophies for the day.

	AA	A	B	C
1 st	Anthony Panetta 85/100	Ves Dubocanin 84/100	Cheryl McGaffin 72/100	Theo Argyrakakis 64/100
2 nd	Matt Libbis 80/100	Alan Backman 77/100	Colin Barker 71/100	Rod Lide 62/100
3 rd	Brett Coates 80/100	Brendan Gonzales 75/100	Darrell Douglas 65/100	Simon Gunther 62/100
High Gun	Peter Hall 86/100			

The Gunther family had a great day with Simon's wife Michelle winning the raffle. Thanks to Chris Owsianka who sold the raffle tickets throughout the shoot.

An event of this scale could not be conducted without some help from the outside. Traps were sourced from the Melbourne Gun Club and John Argilla from Bowman Traps arrived from Shepparton on Friday with equipment on board. Thanks should also go to Paterson Crane Hire and Coates Hire who allowed their mobile cranes to be used for the event. My thanks to you all and I hope the shooters support those that assist Mornington VSCA.

A huge thanks also to the following people who all put in there little bit over two days. To Shane Kilkenny, Andrew Fiek, Rod Lide, Martin Steur, Anthony Spence Fletcher, Cheryl McGaffin, Darrell Douglas and Chris Owsianka: your contributions are greatly appreciated.

The next shoot will be a 75 target FITASC event on March 28th. Hope to see you at Mornington VSCA, the Gateway to Great Sporting Clays!



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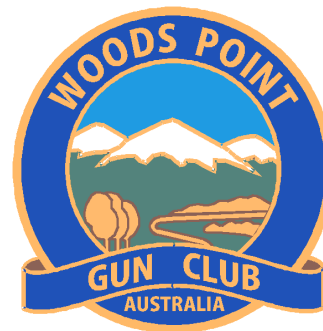
Matthew 'Bugs' Munroe

CLUB-IN-THE-MIDDLE-OF-NOWHERE PROGRAMME (2009):



WOODS POINT

(March 21st – March 22nd)



Well it's that time of year again so this time we're off to a tiny little place up in the middle of the Great Dividing Range called Woods Point. It's a quaint little town of about 38 residents nestled up in the hills of the gold-rush country in the Shire of Mansfield (midpoint between Walhalla & Jamieson). The gun club itself is a single trap affair, but ... it throws torturously fast targets.

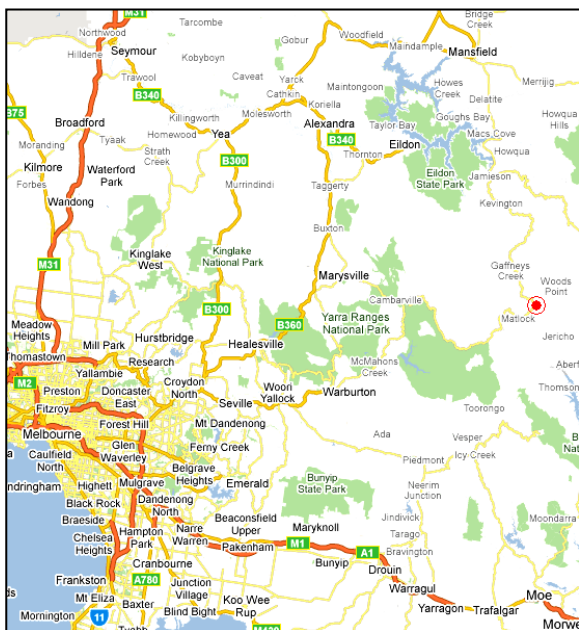
There are two ways of getting to Woods Point – go directly via Warburton, or alternatively take the long road via the Black Spur and up through both Eildon and Jamieson. There's a lovely little brewery in Jamieson so that might be worth the while for the trip up so that we can stop for lunch and stock up on 'necessities'. I'd say you budget 6 hours in the car on the way up via Jamieson, and 4 hours for the return trip through Warburton.

Accommodation (if numbers are not too large) can be at the Woods Point Gun Club itself (President John Wood kindly offers mattresses on the floor of the club house for \$5 per night which is where he and a few others stay themselves). Alternatively, the pub has accommodation and there are also the Richmond Retreat cabins just up the road past White City – both for about \$40 per night.

Volunteers with big ozone-depleting climate-changing dolphin-killing 4WDs please put your hands up as small cars and sedans just aren't suitable. That also means everyone can throw in for fuel because it'll be much more than one tank for the trip. Colin can organise car-pooling if needed.

Bring WARM clothing, a sleeping bag, lilo, pillow, stuff for a shower and a change of clothes. Don't bring a tent unless you're brave – you're likely to die of hypothermia before the dawn if you do. And even if you forget to pack your gun, don't worry – you probably won't hit any of the targets anyway.

Please confirm with either Colin Nelson (0402 081 144 *or* aussie_mcduck@hotmail.com) or Lance Cazaly (0417 587 726 *or* lance.melissa@bigpond.com) if you are likely to come along. Remember spots will be limited depending on both (a) transport and (b) accommodation so you'll need to let us know well before the shoot. Some of us might stay up there on Sunday night as well, returning on the Monday, so be warned.



Dates: Sat March 21st – Sun March 22nd

Shoot: 10 tgt E/O ; 20 tgt D/B cont ; 75 tgt D/B

Accom: Colin will organise this; depends on numbers.
(1) at the gun club itself if possible (\$5 / night)
(2) Richmond Retreat about \$40 per night
(3) Woods Point Pub about \$40 per night

Saturday: - 9am leave
- 1pm lunch at Jamieson pub & brewery
- 4pm get to Woods Point
- 7pm dinner at Woods Point Pub

Sunday: - 10:30am shoot
- 6pm leave for home (for some people)

Bring sufficient cash as there most certainly aren't any ATMs out there, and lots of shells because of all the second barrels you'll be using.

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