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# THE PENINSULA SHOOTER

— January 2009 —

First things first: a happy new year to all. I hope that the festive season treated you all well. In actual fact I suspect the festive season did treat many of you all quite going by the size of the breasts being displayed at Mornington's January shoot. And that was only on the blokes...

With a little extra padding and weight we should all find it a bit easier to shoot now - that and the sugar high which we're all probably still experiencing should make a nice difference. Expect scores to plummet in February when the come-down from the Yuletide gluttony kicks in.

Unfortunately for Nepean Gun Club there wasn't much joy as the recent VCAT ruling has gone against them and the other clubs which have shared the Long Point Reserve for, oh, only 20 plus years. I'm told by a little birdie that, according to VCAT, just because you've been there for 20 plus years doesn't actually mean you've been there for 20 plus years. And to think we pay tax to run that farce! So there's your vote at the next state election worked out for you; give your support to whichever political party is willing to abolish that xxxxxxxxxxxx xxxx of a tribunal.

If you haven't got your membership forms in by now – bad luck!!! The form for Mornington is on the website, but I've no idea what the other clubs are doing as they never feed me any info.

Please also note that the Mornington shoot has been moved from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> in order to make way for the South East Zone teams shoot (Foster Gun Club, 10am).

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

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

Right we're off to Woods Point on the 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March given that the SE zone doesn't stuff all of us around this year by changing the shoot dates again. It looks like we're camping so if you're coming bring a tent and some sleeping gear. If you want booked accommodation – let Colin Nelson know. We leave from the club early on the Saturday morning to go up via Jamieson and visit the brewery before making our way to Woods Point. The shoot on the Sunday at 11am. Most of us will head back on the Sunday night and will get home at around 10pm or a little later. For more info see the flyer later in the newsletter.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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|--------------------------|---|
| Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | <b>CERBERUS</b> – nothing as its still closed.  |
| Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb | <b>SOUTH EAST ZONE</b> – 25 tgt D/B & 25 tgt H/CAP (Foster Gun Club, 10am)              |
| Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb | <b>MORNINGTON</b> – 100 tgt FITASC sporting clays                                       |
| Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb | <b>NEPEAN (UNCONFIRMED)</b> – 10 tgt E/O, 40 tgt Norm Quick Perpetual H'cap, 40 tgt D/B |
| Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb | <b>MORNINGTON</b> – 10 tgt E/O, 60 tgt medley (20 D/B, 20 P/S, 20 B/T)                  |



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# GENERAL NEWS



### People defeated by Sharon Lennane in January

Pretty much nobody this month actually.

And that's what you get for stuffing around with your gun !!!

(not that I can talk – I went through the same thing a few weeks ago)

### PROBLEMS WITH ALLOWING WOMEN TO SHOOT (PART #1):

Posing on the traps...

(thanks to Kim Lide for the photo)



### PICTURE OF THE MONTH

Again Kim's been playing with her camera with fascinating results.

Take a careful look at the photo at left and you'll see two distinct dark blurs leaving Michelle Carton's gun. Now you might think, as I did, that this was just mere smoke or an illusion. However if you consider the speed at which modern cameras can operate, ie. the shutter speed can be less than 1/2000<sup>th</sup> of a second, then after a quick calculation I've worked out that the lead shot will have only travelled approximately 6 inches (150mm) in that time. So the blurs you're looking at are very likely to be the shot and was leaving the firearm.

Quite interesting really.



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# GENERAL NEWS (cont)



### UPDATE FROM THE TASWEGIAN STATE TRAP CARNIVAL

That Carton lady (colloquially known as Michelle) fired me an email the other day with news from the Tasmanian State Trap Carnival. It's good to see our shooters representing Mornington with such esteem on the international stage. Michelle's observations were as follows:

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Pre State Carnival 50 Target Points I won C Grade with 141/150 dropped second last target and had 6 seconds. So double barrel score of 49/50 woohoo

#### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

25 Pair Double Rise 39/50 no luck in C Grade, I think 42/50 won it State Handicap Event 46/50 no luck with that!

#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

50 Target Single Barrel 42/50 no luck with that, I think Brooke came 2<sup>nd</sup> in C with 46/50?

50 Target Double Barrel I shot 50/50 and won C grade, got my 50 break badge YAY!! I think Brooke came 2<sup>nd</sup> with 49/50 winning a shoot off with 4 others. Brent also shot 50/50 in B grade and was in the overall shoot off and lasted 15 or so targets but unfortunately no luck in B Grade.

#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

50 Target Points 148/50 two second but another 50 straight woohoo again. I won C grade. Pity I had to shoot off after the double barrel for overall (I lasted 5 targets haha - otherwise I would have got my 100 break too!!)

"So ended up with 325/350 overall and I am over the MOON, I don't think ill be in C Grade for much longer".

(ed) Tis another sad, sad day for us B-graders...



### TOWER HAS BEEN REPAIRED

I'm not sure who did it but the trap up on the tower has been pulled down, things have been fixed and the tower reinstated to its rightful place. So the next time you're down the club, express your appreciation to ... someone.



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## SHOOT REPORT Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2009.

Well we had a pretty good turnout this shoot with 49 shooters putting up their hands for the annual Sonny Cross Memorial 100 target double-barrel championship. This is always a good shoot and again we weren't disappointed. The weather was nice and the glow of Christmas drinks was yet to properly leave the faces of our competitors.

A couple of new faces showed up this time and again the two most populous grades were B & C. This is becoming quite a trend down this way which is working out fantastically well for those beginning to shoot and those languishing stuck stubbornly entrenched in these lower grades. As a result the competition is always fierce in B & C and often results in scores which would defeat those in the grades above.



Hmmm. This has "Michael Jackson" written all over it ...

Speaking of D-grade which yielded three competitors (all their names can be found in the table below), young Elli Kitowski (pictured at left) managed to take away the chick-on-a-stick for January with an admirable 28/50 single barrel. This is a particularly notable achievement because, on a percentage basis, one of two C-graders would have succumbed to this score as well.

Whilst most failed to conquer the eye-opener with anything resembling vigour (only 4 shooters got it: Mills, Barlow, McGrath and Whitehead), a total of 24 possibles (ie. 25/25) were shot which is exceptional.

At the more regimented end of the spectrum, Hecta Crawford managed to get three-out-of-four possibles which, excusing one lot of 25 which he went to pieces in, would have given him the win. As such, the happy dance was undertaken by the always effervescent Peter Mills with 98/100 targets. Peter gets his name of the Sonny Cross trophy as well as his sash so a 'congratulations' are in order. On that issue – the sashes are being produced and will be with each of the grade winners soon.

We had a few shoot-offs, the most notable of which involved Peter Fraser 'doing a Stan' and dropping his first shoot-off target to hand Joel Lennane second place in A-grade. We also shan't forget to mention the battle for second and third in C-grade which saw Andy Spalding account for Michelle Carton after a grand total of two targets. In the effeminate vernacular of Michelle, her effort was (and I quote) "... as weak as piss !!!".

	AA	A	B	C	D
1 <sup>st</sup>	P. Mills (98/100)	D. Cleary (95/100)	C. Nelson (96/100)	R. Lide (87/100)	E. Kitowski (28/50)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	A. Crawford (97/100)	J. Lennane (95/101)	T. Northmore (95/100)	A. Spalding (80/102)	K. de la Haye (21/50)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	W. Woodward (96/100)	P. Frazer (94/101)	S. Sawyer (94/100)	M. Carton (79/102)	Jack Lennane (17/50)

A hand of appreciation must also go to Mark de la Haye who volunteered to referee the same squad for the entire day, alleviating a lot of the stress on our poor shoot marshal. I think I'll have to buy Mark a beer next time I see him down at the club. We also changed the prizes this for this shoot to shells – if you're fond of this change then please let Lance know as a lot of debate and expense has gone into making this change.



AA – Peter Mills



A – Daniel Cleary



B – Colin Nelson & The Defeated



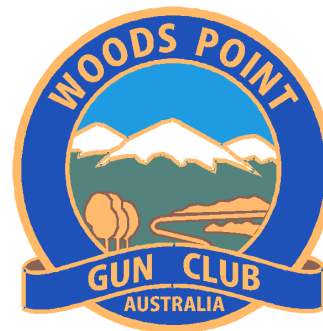
C – Rod Lide

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



# WOODS POINT

(March 21<sup>st</sup> – March 22<sup>nd</sup>)



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.

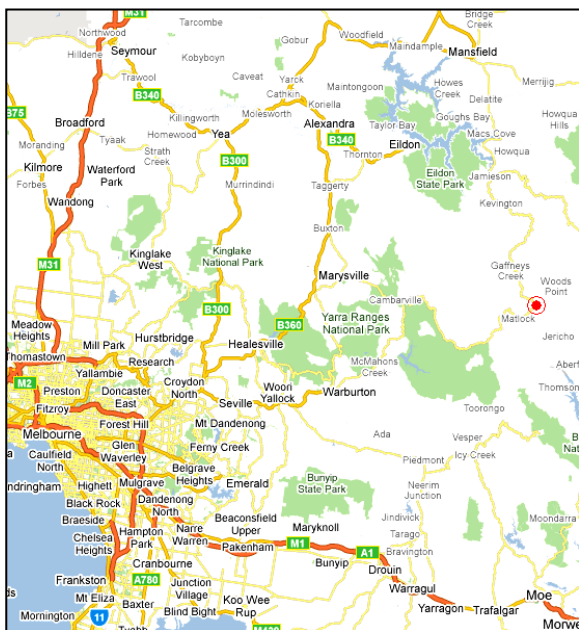
There are two ways of getting to Woods Point – go directly via Warburton, or alternatively take the long road via the Black Spur and up through both Eildon and Jamieson. There's a lovely little brewery in Jamieson so that might be worth the while for the trip up so that we can stop for lunch and stock 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](mailto:aussie_mcduck@hotmail.com)) or Lance Cazaly (0417 587 726 *or* [lance.melissa@bigpond.com](mailto: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 Jan 30<sup>th</sup>. Some of us might stay up there on Sunday night as well, returning on the Monday, so be warned.



**Dates:** Sat March 21<sup>st</sup> – Sun March 22<sup>nd</sup>

**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  
(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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