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THE PENINSULA SHOOTER

— October 2008 —

You see I was actually looking forwards to a break but NOOOOOO - some people wanted the newsletter done. And I wouldn't have minded a month off but NOOOOOO - people insisted that I print the list of shooters succumbing to the talents of Sharon Lennane this month (which incidentally may or may not include the editor of this poorly edited publication). And I even thought, naively so, that I might sneak in a rest before the Victorian trap carnival up at Echuca but NOOOOOO - other proactive club members insisted on sending me photos, scores and the like to promote interest and enthusiasm for the general betterment of shooting on the Peninsula.

The inconsideration of it all. The injustice. The sacrifice. The disempowerment. The loss of individuality. The denial of self determination. The expense to my core person. The emotional cost of it all. I feel sorry for me. I'm scarred. Why me? Why not somebody else? So it's with great heartache, grumbling and repressed enthusiasm that I peel myself off my comfy couch and bring to you the October edition of the Bloody Peninsula Bloody Shooter. Bloody...

IMPORTANT NOTICES

VICTORIAN STATE TRAP CARNIVAL

Ok so it's far too late to pre-nominate for the event, but you can still turn up for three days of mischievous bliss and 250 targets of good pressure shooting. Most of us will be going up on the Thursday sometime so if you need a lift then just ask Lance Cazaly, Chris Carrol or Neil Bakker who's going up - they'll know...

MORNINGTON SHOOT MOVED

Due to the State Trap Carnival the MCTC has moved it's shoot, which normally occurs on the second Saturday of every month, to the fourth Saturday (being the 22nd this time around).

CERBERUS GUN CLUB

Still closed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 7th - 9th **VICTORIAN STATE TRAP CARNIVAL @ Echuca Clay Target Club**
Fri 7th (9am start) - 50 tgt Double Rise ; 50 tgt Handicap
Sat 8th (8:30am start) - 50 tgt Single Barrel ; 50 tgt Double Barrel
Sun 9th (8:30am start) - 50 tgt Points
- Sat 15th Nov **NEPEAN** - 20 tgt D/B ; 20 tgt S/B ; 20 tgt Cont ; 20 tgt B/T ; 10 pr D/R
- Sat 22nd Nov **MORNINGTON** - 10 tgt E/O, 100 tgt D/B
- Tue 25th Nov **MORNINGTON** - Annual General Meeting @ Club, 7pm.
- Sat 29th Nov **MORNINGTON** - 75 tgt Special Sporting Clays (pre nominations only - see flyer)



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GENERAL NEWS



People defeated by Sharon Lennane in October

Shane McGrath
Joel Lennane
Troy Northmore
... in the handicap at Frankston

And not to forget:
Stan, Wayne, Troy, Daniel, Shane, Justin, Joel, Brent and possibly maybe sort-of perhaps um yeah uhhh ... Colin.
We all got done in at least one event at the previous Zone shoot at Melbourne. The only exception to this is Col Harrington who's still learning so it's not really fair to impose on him the weight of expectation by comparing him to our favourite maniacal despot.

(Sharon did provide me with a more aesthetically pleasing photo, but...)

SUCCESS FOR OLIVIA AND DENIS COMMELLI AT THE MACKAY TWO-DAY SHOOT

Denis couldn't contain his elation at Olivia's performance up in Mackay judging by the relentless stream of text messages I received a few weeks ago ... so it's only fair that we put it all in the newsletter. Denis also did quite well for himself and as a result I suspect these two have earned themselves a polite "thanks for coming but don't come back" after the way they cleaned up. Out of 3 x AA-grade shooters, 6 x A-grade shooters, 14 x B-grade shooters and 8 x C-grade shooters, the successes of this father / daughter team were:

- 1st event 30 tgt medly – Olivia 1st place in C-grade with 49/50
- 2nd event 50 tgt double barrel – Olivia 1st place in C-grade with 47/50 and Denis with 2nd in B-grade with 48/50
- 3rd event 25 tgt continental – Denis 1st place in B-grade with 25/25
- 4th event 25 tgt single barrel – Olivia 1st place in C-grade with 24/25
- 5th event 25 tgt points – Olivia 1st place in C-grade with 65/75
- 6th event 30 tgt handicap – no luck for either

Olivia (not surprisingly) took out the high gun for C-grade. Denis commended the Mackay club for providing a good shoot, good prizes and friendly atmosphere, and says they'll be going back up there next year despite the howls of protest from the locals.

Congratulations to you both.



Olivia's High Gun Prize



Olivia with her ill-gotten gains



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MORE GENERAL NEWS

TRAP 1 is almost complete

What a beautiful backdrop for shooting! The hard work and toil has finally paid off as our new Trap 1 is mostly operational (except for the microphones which are on their way). It is by far the most pleasant of all our traps to shoot off so mounds of praise and congratulations to those involved in its construction being (amongst others) Stan Sawyer, Warren Roberts, Jamie Cross & Shane McGrath for doing the earthworks of various types, Dean Clarke & Gary Lay for fitting the hydraulic lift together, Troy Northmore for manufacturing a very impressive hydraulic lift reservoir, Mick Keane for doing the brickwork, and to Stan (again) for doing the concreting.

A lot of time, effort and sacrifice has gone into this trap so please thank these folk when you see them around the club.



The whole layout as it is ...



... and what a stunning view from Lane 3.

Bill Iles coaching day

We were lucky enough to accommodate national coach Bill Iles for a day down at the club to assist us with ironing out the rather significant creases in our shooting performances. Ok, so some of us needed a steam press applied but it was beneficial for all and sundry.

It was an early start (10am) for a shooting day and I think it showed with some of our early performances. Bill showed us how to pattern our guns correctly, recorded us on video and played it back to us – much to the horror of many of us in observing our own shooting styles (and lack thereof), and gave fantastic guidance on what not to do when it comes to successful clay target shooting.

Mark Crevatin (I'm sorry if the spelling is wrong) helped out as well and also provided us with guidance on stock fitting and fixing.

I know many who gained a great deal out of the day (including myself I have to admit – damn I hate admitting I wasn't doing it right, even though the 'languishing in B-grade for 18 months' should have set the alarm bells ringing I suppose) for which we all owe Bill a great deal of thanks for giving up his time to help us with the sport we all love ... to hate.

Much appreciated Bill. Photos overleaf.



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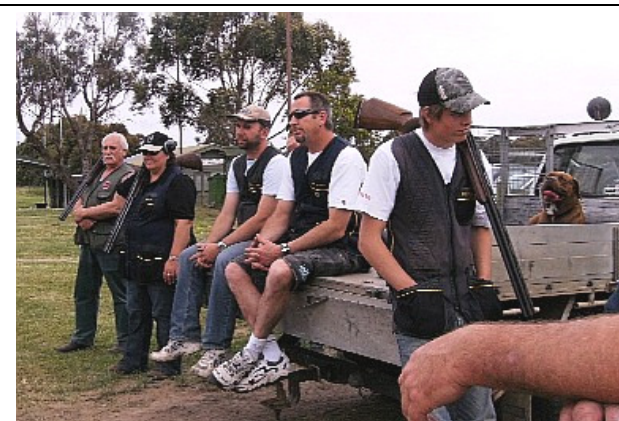
Bill showing he's willing to work with rubbish...



Tony Briggs



Herr President



Right – who's next?



Col doing about the only shooting thing he has a talent for...





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SHOOT REPORT

South East Zone Carnival – October 11th at the Melbourne Gun Club

STOP PRESS – Lance actually won something!!! Yes it was the President this time who managed to hit a last target and conquer the handicap at the final round of the South East Zone team shoots shoot held at the Melbourne Gun Club. In a tense and not-so-short shoot-off with John Mollica from the Melbourne Gun Club, Lance emerged victorious. We'd have a photo of Lance accepting the sash too except that Daniel was in charge of the camera at that point which meant he was still figuring out what the round pushy thing on the top did. "Hey, there's little people stuck inside this here boxy thingy ...". Luckily there are other more talented button pushers at the club so we've got his photo down the bottom of the page.

We had a total of about 125 shooters competing which meant that any win on the day would only come from someone shooting extremely well, and which was well earned. To that end we have to give a big thumbs-up to Sharon Lennane who, after filling out her list of the conquered on page 2, won the double barrel, single barrel and points competitions for C-grade. The only event to elude her for the day was the handicap which was stolen by Lance. Yeah good one Lance. Ruin Sharon's day. Geez...

For a more objective and unbiased write-up I'm sure Chris will supply us with the full results some time soon. But in the meantime it's GO MORNINGTON !!!

Young Colin Harrington also did well for the day by capturing the Junior Front Marker's title for the handicap event.

Daniel Cleary & Brent Young took out the junior's title for the year so well done to them. Joel Lennane, ever thankful that he inherited his mother's shooting talent, won either the single barrel or points event for A-grade after shooting both events dead clean. I'm sorry but I'm unsure which event it was.

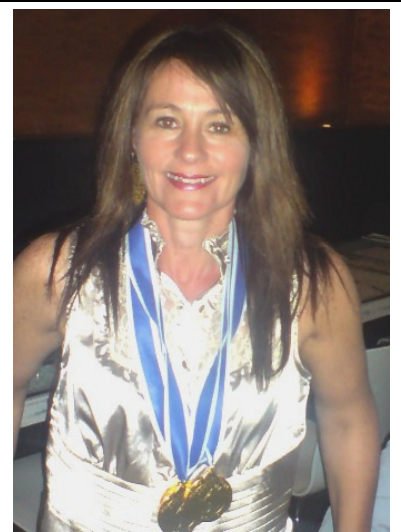
There were probably a lot of other prizes handed out that afternoon, such as Winning Team for the year (it was probably Frankston) and the overall High Gun, but as I don't have those results on hand, just assume that Sharon won those too.

Again it was a well run day, though 100 targets per shooter is a lot to get through

when there's 120-something of you. Venison on the spit again kept the hunger bugs at bay, and the bar opened up after the shooting which helped most of us forget about our lack of both talent and aptitude.

Well that's it for the year. No more zone shoots. No more silly 9am starts, 100km drives etc. But please note the following:

- Membership time is fast approaching too so a form has been included on the 7th page. Please use it. Alternatively, there's one on the website.
- The Morningson shoot for November is on the 22nd which has been moved due to the Vic Championships.
- Our AGM is coming up on Tuesday 25th November. This is the important one for the year so please come along if you're a member. The flyer is on the following page.



Sharon with her medals (note: plural)



Col Harrington with his medal



Lance doing his Stevie Wonder impression ... again. Pity about the voice.



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NOTICE OF

Mornington Clay Target Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 25th November – 7pm
Meeting to be held at the Clubrooms
360 Craigie Rd Mt Martha.

The following positions will be declared vacant on the night
President : Vice President : Secretary : Treasurer
Minimum of four (4) General Committee Members.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE TO BE LODGED WITH THE SECRETARY, P.O.BOX 250,
MORNINGTON 3931 NO LATER THAN 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

MORNINGTON CLAY TARGET CLUB NOMINATION FORM

I hereby nominate:

For the position of:

Nominated by:

Seconded by:

Accepted by

(Signature of nominee)



Mornington Clay Target Club

Post Office Box 250 Mornington Victoria, 3931.
Annual ACTA Registration & Club Membership Form

TO BE HANDED TO THE SECRETARY WITH A CHEQUE OR CASH PAYMENT
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

I wish to apply for Membership of the Mornington Clay Target Club Inc. for 2009 (ending 31st December)

Date of Application:/...../..... Date of Birth:/...../.....

Surname: Given Names:

Address:

..... Post Code:

Email:

B/H: A/H: Mob:

ACTA registration number: Shooters Licence Number:

(please tick only ONE of the following boxes)

New Adult MCTC Member Includes ACTA registration + ACTA insurance + ACTA magazine	\$ 145	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Adult MCTC Member (registering after July 1st) Includes ACTA registration + ACTA insurance + ACTA magazine	\$ 72.50	<input type="checkbox"/>
Existing Adult M.C.T.C. Member with existing ACTA Registration Full renewal	\$ 140	<input type="checkbox"/>
New / Existing Junior Member Includes ACTA registration + ACTA insurance	\$ 30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Concession Member Includes ACTA registration + ACTA insurance + ACTA magazine Please indicate (Partner of a full member) (Age 65+) (30 years ACTA) (Age 18-21)	\$ 100	<input type="checkbox"/>
Club Only Member (Option 1) Includes ACTA insurance + ACTA magazine	\$ 100	<input type="checkbox"/>
Club Only Member (Option 2) Must be an fully registered ACTA shooter with another club, <u>OR</u> Must have current S.S.A.A. or F.G.A. insurance – Member No:	\$ 40	<input type="checkbox"/>

I undertake to abide by the rules and by-laws of the club, my state association and The Australian Clay Target Association, confirm that I conform to my state of residence's Firearms Regulations and shall notify my club immediately upon non renewal, cancellation or suspension of my Shooters License.

Signature:

Please make cheques payable to **Mornington Clay Target Club, Inc.**
Please note that ALL memberships are subject to committee approval.
Email addresses will only be used for club announcements and for distribution of our club newsletter



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Mornington at its first Sporting Clay Nationals!

For the first time in the club's short history, four Mornington members flew the club flag proudly at the 2008 Field and Game Federation Sporting Clay Nationals, conducted at Little River on the 25 and 26th of October.

Mornington club members Andrew Fiek, Martin Steur, Neil Peart and yours truly tackled the Beretta, Corsivia and Winchester layouts with each having its own degree of difficulty. The high cliffs of the You Yangs provided some spectacular backdrops to some target presentations on offer.

Shooters converged from around Australia with a new Nationals record set by the overall winner Damien Birgan from Queensland with a mighty 140/150. Regular Mornington visitors Socrates Pilipasidis and John Younger finished second and third respectively, and another Mornington visitor Anthony Panetta scorched into fourth place with brilliant 50 straight on the Sunday morning. Brenton Irons finished in fifth place.

Jarryd Passarin finished third in the juniors while Renae Birgan set a Nationals record by winning her fifth straight National Ladies title. Ken Triffit from Tasmania set the early pace on Saturday with two possibles and scorched the field to win the Veterans class.

In all some 300 plus competitors went home with a happy view from the Nationals and next year will see them held in Victoria again at the Geelong Sporting Clay Ground. It's sure to be a fine warm up for the World Sporting Clay Championships to be held in Warrnambool a few weeks later.

Mornington VSCA's next shoot will be an Old Style FITASC event on the 29th of November sponsored by Energy Power Systems Australia. At the time of printing the shoot is nearly full so be quick to get in. Also don't forget the combined Christmas shoot on December 13th with our Down the Line brethren. Always a great event

So if you haven't paid us a visit recently why not come see why Mornington is the Gateway to Great Sporting Clays!

Matthew 'Bugs' Munroe

EDITOR'S NOTE

As the sporting clays people each renew their memberships at different times, and also because they do not require ACTA memberships, the membership form on the previous page is of no concern to them. Only the down-the-line folk need to submit their memberships BEFORE the end of the year.

Sporting Clays members still need to turn up to the AGM as well.



OLD STYLE FITASC SPORTING CLAYS EVENT.

75 TGTS.

OVER 3 LAYOUTS
ON SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2008

STARTS 10.00AM SHARP

NOMINATIONS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 48 SHOOTERS.

NOMINATION FEES:

Open \$45.00

Juniors: \$15.00

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

1. All competitors require a line in the correct position on their shooting apparel to indicate the Ready position as per rule 1.06.
2. Shooters will be drawn at random for squad allocation. Fathers wishing to shoot with sub juniors to notify on nomination form.
3. VSCA grades or the highest Sporting Clay grade will be taken for this event.

FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE TELEPHONE:

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