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THE PENINSULA SHOOTER

– September 2008 –

Not a lot to report on this month actually.

The HMAS Cerberus Gun Club has been closed until further notice, and I've no idea what's happening down at the Nepean Clay Target Club.

There is some good news about though. Young Joel Lennane managed to make it up to AA grade which should make a few of us feel pretty inept as he's only been shooting for nine months or so. Well done Joel, but just keep in mind that YOUR MUM STILL BEAT YOU back in July.

On other matters, the Griffith shoot was a resounding success with approximately 350-ish shooters participating. It was a wonderful trip and I recommend it to everybody. Good food, good wine and good times were had by all. Little wonder I missed my first target on the Sunday morning come to think of it.

And speaking of fantastic trips, we must thank the Tambo Valley Gun Club for accommodating us and putting on an enjoyable shoot. The offer has been made that we head up to their gun club this time next year and actually spend the night there which we'll probably take them up on.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

CERBERUS GUN CLUB

By order of base command, the HMAS Cerberus Gun Club is closed until further notice. As such, there will be no shoot in October.

WORKING BEE

We need to get our grounds in order so there's another working bee coming up at the Mornington Clay Target Club on Sunday the 19th October. Starts at 9am(ish) and should finish by lunch. BBQ provided.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sat 11 th Oct | S.E. Zone Carnival – to be held at Melbourne Gun Club @ 10am SHARP |
| Sat 11 th Oct | MORNINGTON – For those not going to the Zone: 10 tgt E/O, 40 tgt D/B, 40 tgt 5-Stand |
| Sun 12 th Oct | BATHURST – 1000km of driving joy. GO FORD!!! |
| Sat 18 th Oct | NEPEAN – 10 tgt E/O, 25 tgt P/S, 10 tgt D/B |
| Sun 19 th Oct | Members' working bee at the Mornington Clay Target Club @ 9am. Lunch provided. |



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GENERAL NEWS

TRIP UP TO TIMBARRA & TAMBO VALLEY

About ten of us or so made our way up to the President's property in Timbarra (near Buchan about 1 hour north of Bairnsdale) late last week for a boys-only weekend of shooting and relaxation. The weather was brilliant, the company equally so, and getting back to it and not showering for four days was impressively liberating to say the least. It must be said however that some of the smell being liberated by the campers was equally as impressive.

Graham was good enough to lend us an old White Flyer thrower which was put to good use with a 50 target competition held on the Saturday (25 tgt double barrel & 25 tgt points). Gee it was a ripper of a thrower with targets rifling out with miraculous speed. Dean took out A-grade and overall with a score of 96/100 and was closely followed by Lance himself with a 95/100. Lance also robbed Colin of the B-grade sash by a point ... not ... bitter ... at ... all. C-grade was conquered by young Justin Lay but I've no idea of what score he got.

But most importantly we must mention Ian Young who received the "Encouragement and Ladies Achievement" sash with a score well into the double-figures. Well done Ian – you're a good chick.

Sunday saw us jump into the whale-depleting dolphin-killing puppy-kicking ozone-chewing 4WDs and make our way over to the Tambo Valley Gun Club which was about a 2 hour drive through the sticks. The ride there was fantastic as I, like a few on the trip, had never 4WD'd before.

The Tambo Valley Gun Club is a tiny little club nestled in the town of Swift Creek in the Tambo Valley – the valley itself is monstrously large but sparsely populated. I think the two-and-a-bit squads we took to their shoot doubled the size of the field. In fact our numbers were so expanding that they decided to put up a high gun prize for the first time in a long time. The events were 15 target D/B eye opener, 40 target Tom McLarty Memorial Double Barrel championship, and a 20 target points competition. I don't think we need to go through the eye opener results except to say that Brent Young shot the possible and collected a few dollars for his efforts.

In the double barrel the Tambo President Tom won the overall sash after beating both Troy Northmore and Colin Nelson in the shoot-off. Colin took the B-grade sash and Justin Lay won the C-grade sash outright. I think Tony Briggs got 2nd place in C-grade too but my information may be a little sketchy.

In the points it was Brent Young who got A-grade as well as the day's High Gun. Lance got the B-grade prize with Justin again pipping Tony for C-grade.

A bloody fantastic weekend was had by all. Mountains of appreciation must go to Lance for allowing us access to his property and all of the organisation he's gone to in getting everything done, ie. clay thrower, purchasing of targets, etc.

Can't wait until next year.



WORKING BEE

If you've got the morning free please head down to the club at 9am-ish Sunday morning (I don't think they'll be militant about the whole 9am thing though) being the 19th of October. As usual, we'll provide lunch.



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SHOOT REPORT

September 13th

Bloody deauville stupids. Give a lone shooter double rise and they'd probably hit 15 out of 20 pair single handed. Give a team of shooters deauville doubles and they'd be luck to hit that ... between them. I suspect it works on contra-synergy, as in the team is more incapable than the subtraction of its parts. It's also possible that we just suck !!!

The turn out was a bit disappointing with only 15 teams in it (being 30 shooters) but that simply gave us a bit more time for some silly frivolity at the end of the day, but unfortunately no time for tautologies.

We had a good start to the day with double rise and – hmmm – actually, that's never a good way to start a day. After 10 pair across two grounds, Stan claimed the lead with a 25 out of 20 until we told him it doesn't work like that. Matthews, McGrath, Drennan, Sawyer and Mills all got 15 or higher which is not bad considering the targets were plummeting almost as fast as the current Qantas fleet. However I think the best person in the eye opener was Bill Woodward who managed to get 18/20. Not bad Bill.

The Deauville Doubles (20 pair) came about with very few of the teams doing any good at all. With a point only given when both targets were broken, a lot of teams scored less than an expected 15 pair. Notable exceptions to this trend were Frank Ibbot & Laurie Mirabella with 19/20, Peter Mills & Bill Woodward also with 19/20, and of course Stan Sawyer & Paul Drennan who were the only team to get the full 20/20.

We followed the Deauville Doubles up with the Deauville Triples in order to really sort out the talented from the mediocre. Whilst the incomer decided that taking random paths through the air seemed to be the appropriate thing to do during the competition, it was Rob Gale who carried his team mate to the only possible of 30/30 targets. Well done Rob. Other close-enough-but-not-good-enoughs were achieved by Hecta Crawford & Rob Williams with a 29/30, and Shane McGrath & David Lauritzen with 28/30.



At least the dog stuck around for a photo

With plenty of time and money to waste, a few shooters decided that a novelty Deauville Doubles walk-back from 15 to 25 metres was the appropriate thing to do. Whilst *some of us* found it hard enough off 15m, three teams scored the possible 11 out of 11 pairs being Paul & Justin, Graham & Shane and Troy & Dave.

As I was getting sick of having my beer interrupted, was sick of umpiring and didn't think anybody had a hope of consistently shooting Deauville Stupids of 25m, the committee (being me) decided that 5 more pair from 25m would settle things. Thankfully Graham & Shane lived up to expectations and dropped out, but Paul & Justin and Troy & Dave just wouldn't let me go and sit down. However as Paul & Justin dropped their fifth pair in the sudden death stage the congratulations went to Troy & Dave with a total of 9/11 pairs off 25 metres. That's impressive shooting to say the least, but most importantly of all I finally got to drink my beer.

Cash prizes were given to the best overall teams across both the first round of DD & DT's, but poor Rob Gale was stoged by his lacklustre partner in the Doubles round and got nothing at all. Yeah, sorry about that Rob...

Deauville Doubles / Deauville Triples Overall Winning Teams (combined scores out of 50)				
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Drennan & Sawyer 47 / 50	Ibbott & Mirabella 69 / 74	Mills & Woodward 68 / 74	Crawford & Williams 67 / 74	McGrath & Lauritzen 45 / 50

No photos for any of the winners this time as none of you bothered to allow me to take them.

Colin Nelson.

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