



Majura Park Gun Club 2010 NSWCTA Southern Zone Shoot

On the first weekend of May shooters travelled to the Majura Park Gun Club (MPGC) to compete in the 2 day New South Wales Clay Target Association Southern Zone Carnival. Members at Majura Park had been busy in the months leading up to the event building a new amenities block and a fourth trap layout. We didn't quite get all the finishing touches on the amenities block but it was working and all agreed it was a huge improvement on the old 'outhouse' we used to use.

Numbers were good with 15 squads on the Saturday and 16 on the Sunday. Shooters were blessed with almost perfect weather conditions for the 2 days with light cloud and very little wind.

Saturday morning saw shooters compete in the 50 target single barrel championship. Surprisingly no shooter was able to shoot a possible although a number managed 49. A stroke of bad luck saw Ray Kennersen drop his last target and Barry Skinner had a gun malfunction and failed to draw it to the referee's attention. It was not long until Barry Skinner and Arty Del-Ben were the only fellows staying around. After 35 targets in the shoot off Barry Skinner emerged as the Southern Zone Single Barrel Champion for 2010.

The second event was the 50 target double barrel. 18 shooters managed to shoot a possible so 3 squads went out to the traps again. It was decided that shooters would shoot 20 targets over each layout and then an assessment would be made to decide where to complete the event; subject to how many shooters were left. Well perhaps the shooters were tired by now, as only 2 shooters were still alive after 80 targets, Theo Lionatas and Willo Cameron. After 108 extra targets Willo Cameron emerged as the Southern Zone Double Barrel Champion for 2010.

A lovely Canberra Sunday morning saw the commencement of the 50 target pointscore. It was also pleasing to see a few extra shooters from Sydney arrive to increase the field of competition. When the scores were added up Arty Del-Ben and Ray Kearns managed to shoot the possible. On the 6th target in the shoot off, Arty pulled a second to see Ray emerge as the new Southern Zone Pointscore champion for 2010. Considering Ray is a B grade shooter this is certainly an achievement to be proud of.

The last event was the 50 target handicap. 5 possibles went back to the traps for one last visit to sort out 1st to 5th place. Matt Patmore was the first to depart the lanes,

followed by Dale Chin. At this stage of the shoot off a lot of the spectators were cheering for one of the MPGC's newest competition shooters, Paul Jenkins. This is Paul's first year of shooting competition and to make his first 50 break to get to the shoot off is to be congratulated. Unfortunately, Paul was the next to go and take 3rd place – an excellent show for a new shooter, well done Paul. It was then down to Kurt Doerner and Kevin Hurt to fight for the sash. After 26 targets Kevin emerged as the new Southern Zone Handicap champion.

Office staff then turned their attention to tally the total scores to work out High Gun winners. Arty Del-Ben shot superbly over the weekend, to make identifying the overall winner relatively simple. Arty made light work for the scorer with just 1 point down.



Fred Rapley congratulates Arty Del-Ben on winning overall High Gun.

A huge thank you to Fred Rapley for his assistance with the shoot, Paul Walker for all the refereeing, scoring and filling traps over the weekend, Rachael McKenzie for her efforts in the office, Cara and Melissa in the canteen, and all the MPGC members who assisted with scoring, the filling the traps, and setting up the facilities.

Congratulations to the Southern Zone Grade and Championship winners. All the best of luck goes to the new Southern Zone Shoulder to Shoulder team members for the State shoot later in the year.

The MPGC committee looks forward to seeing all competitors and spectators return for future events.



The 2010 NSWCTA Southern Zone sash winners

2010 Southern Zone Shoulder to Shoulder team members



Open

Arty Del-Ben 298/300
 Nick Xenos 296/300
 Matt Patmore 294/300
 Sam Peck 293/300
 Gary Kennerson 291/300

Ladies

Trina Watchorn 280/300
 Rachel McKenzie 279/300
 Christine Nyveld 274/300

Vets

Ray Kearns 287/300
 Louis Knowles 284/300
 Kevin Busanko 283/300

Juniors

Zack Gerstenberg 289/300
 James Ewart 285/300
 Leo Mortys 285/300



2010 Southern Zone Championship Results

Event 1: 50 target SB

- OA – Barry Skinner 84/85**
AA 1st – Arty Del-Ben 83/85
2nd – Michael Bryan 56/58
A 1st – Kim Cox 54/ 56
2nd – Sam Peck 48/50
B 1st – Zack Gerstenberg 49/52
2nd – Matt Webster 48/52
C 1st – Rachel McKenzie 48/50
2nd – Paul Jenkins 41/50

Event 2: 50 target DB

- OA – Willo Cameron 158/158**
AA 1st – Theo Lionatas 157/158
2nd – Matt Patmore 116/117
A 1st – Sam Peck 110/111
2nd – Dino Marzotto 89/90
B 1st – Don Johnston 69/70
2nd – Trevor Coutts 53/54
C 1st – Paul Jenkins 47/50
2nd – Leslie Burchell 46/50

Event 3: 50 target PS

- OA - Ray Kearns 168/168**
AA 1st – Arty Del-Ben 167/168
2nd – Nick Xenos 153/153
A 1st – Paul Farrugia 149/150
2nd – Matt Harris 148/150
B 1st – Zack Gerstenberg 188/192
2nd – Frank Laccarda 185/192
C 1st – Paul Jenkins 135/150
2nd – Andrew Gallina 101/150

Event 4: 50 target HCP

- 1st – **Kevin Hurt 78/78**
2nd – Kurt Doerner 77/78
3rd – Paul Jenkins 58/59
4th – Dale Chin 57/58
5th – Matt Patmore 50/51

High Gun

- OA – Arty Del-Ben 249/250**
AA – Nick Xenos 247/250
A – Sam Peck 245/250
B – Zack Gerstenberg 240/250
C – Rachael McKenzie 236/250
Ladies – Trina Watchorn 234/250
Vets – Ray Kearns 242/250
Jnr 16 to 17 – James Ewart 238/250
Jnr 14 to 15 – Leo Mortys 237/250