

# CLAY TARGET

National Skeet  
High Gun winner  
Alex Smith from  
New Zealand



- ACTA National Skeet Championships
- Gold and Silver for Australia – Penny Smith and Mitch Iles
- VCTA State Compak – Bendigo Ticked all the Boxes
- South West Blue Manna Carnival – Busselton WA
- NSW State Sporting and Sportrap Championships – Singleton
- QLD Northern Zone Sporting Championships
- Annual 2 Day Shoot at Burdekin





# ACTA NATIONAL SKEET CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Whiteman Park, Perth, WA*

*April 2-8, 2025*

The Australian Clay Target Association (ACTA) was thrilled to welcome shooters and their families to the 2025 National Skeet Carnival, held at the prestigious West Australian Gun Club in Perth Western Australia. This year's event was a testament to the hard work and dedication of the entire team at the West Australian Gun Club, who have been tirelessly preparing for months to ensure the carnival's success.

Under the expert leadership of Tournament Director Michael Kruger-Davis and Shoot Marshal Robert Herridge, the carnival showcased exceptional competition and camaraderie. The event brought together a strong field of shooters from across Australia and New Zealand, setting the stage for outstanding shooting performances. The competitive yet supportive atmosphere fostered a vibrant environment where families and friends could come together and enjoy the sport.

Special thanks go to the Western Australian Clay Target Association (WACTA) for their unwavering support, which was instrumental in making this event possible. We also extend our gratitude to Les Kadziela for keeping everything MCMS related on track and up to date. The combined efforts of the dedicated team, including numerous volunteers, created a seamless and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

The ACTA extends its sincere gratitude to all sponsors for their commitment to the sport and our members. Their support makes hosting events like this possible. A special thank you goes out to the competitors for their participation and cooperation. Your continued presence strengthens the event year after year.

We look forward to seeing you all at the next 2026 National Skeet Carnival in Wagga Wagga.





**WEDNESDAY APRIL 2**

**10th National 28 Gauge Skeet Championship  
Sponsored by Best Ballistic Equipment**



*Kevin Jones of Best Ballistic Equipment congratulates 28 gauge Overall David Caputo*

On Day 1 85 shooters competed for the first event of the National Championships, the 10th National Skeet 28 Gauge Championship. There were 19 from NSW, 2 from NT, Queensland 17,

SA 4, Tas 1, Vic 8, WA 29 and 5 International competitors. Making up the sections were 9 women, 10 junior, 16 veteran, 49 open. 28 shooters were AA grade, 30 A grade, 16 B grade and 11 in C grade. This event was sponsored by Best Ballistic Equipment.

Whilst there weren't any possibles, David Caputo from the NSWGC took out Overall, shooting 98/100. David received the Royal Blue National Championship Sash and Silver Australia Badge.

AA grade was won by Andy Peter from NZ, 105/108, Matthew De Paoli (Collie) came 2nd and Dean Baird (Brisbane) placed 3rd. A grade



*AA Grade 28 gauge  
2nd Matthew De Paoli, 1st Andy Peter, 3rd Dean Baird*







*A Grade 28 gauge  
2nd Greg Schweikert, 1st Glenn Walker*



*B Grade 28 gauge  
2nd Rodney Gibbes, 1st Johnny Dichiera, 3rd John Fordyce*



*Women 28 gauge  
1st Sarah Bennett,  
3rd Charlie Ward*

1st was Glenn Walker (Caboolture) 96/100, 2nd Greg Schweikert (WAGC) and 3rd Phil House from Boyup Brook. In B grade Rodney Gibbes

(NSWGC) took the first place on 92/100, with Johnnie Dichiera from WAGC 2nd and John Fordyce (NLMCTC) 3rd. C grade winners were Christopher Giles 82/100 from Beverley 1st, John King (Euroa) 2nd and Luke Staal 3rd (Busselton). The Women's section was won by Sarah Bennett from Cecil Park CTC, shooting 89/100, George Papachristoforos (Metro CTC) won the Juniors 102/108 and John Tonkin 96/100 (NZ) took out the Veterans.



*C Grade 28 gauge  
2nd John King, 1st Christopher Giles, 3rd Luke Staal*



*Junior 28 gauge 2nd Austin Gibbes,  
1st George Papachristoforos, 3rd Jack Bateson*



*Veteran 28 gauge  
2nd Michael Millard, 1st John Tonkin, 3rd Andrew Daff*

### **THURSDAY APRIL 3**

### **10th National 410 Bore Skeet Championship Sponsored by the ACTA**

The 410 bore competition got underway on day 2 in excellent conditions. The ACTA sponsored this event.

There were 83 participants with 18 from NSW, 2 from NT, Queensland 18, SA 4, Tas 1,





*Michael Kruger-Davis from the ACTA  
congratulates 410 bore Overall Shane Bennett*

Vic 7, WA 28 and 5 International. Making up the sections were 9 women, junior 11, 17 veteran, 46 open. 27 shooters were AA grade, 30 A grade, 16 B grade and 10 in C grade.

Shane Bennett from Cecil Park CTC won the Overall, shooting 96/100. Shane was presented with the Royal Blue Sash and Silver Australia Badge.

AA 1st was Benn Baker 95/100 (International), 2nd place went to Matthew Da Paoli (Collie) and 3rd to Andy Peter (NZ). In A grade Simon Hewitt on 91/102, from Frankston CTC, took out the win,

with Amanda Brown (Boyup Brook) running 2nd and Luke Given (Caboolture) 3rd. John Fordyce from the NLMCTC won B grade with a score of 82/100, Johnnie Dichiera (WAGC) 2nd and



*A Grade 410 bore  
2nd Amanda Brown, 1st Simon Hewitt, 3rd Luke Given*



*B Grade 410 bore  
2nd Johnnie Dichiera, 1st John Fordyce, 3rd Jason Marsden*



*AA Grade 410 bore  
2nd Matthew De Paoli, 1st Benn Baker, 3rd Andy Peter*



*C Grade 410 bore  
2nd Christopher Neale, 1st Ted Baldwin, 3rd Nathan Iaria*



Jason Marsden (Three Springs) placed 3rd. C grade 1st went to Ted Baldwin 71/100 (Townsville), 2nd to Christopher Neale (WAGC) and 3rd to Nathan Iaria from Geraldton. Amanda Brown

(Boyup Brook) 89/100 won the Women's, George Papachristoforos 89/100 (Metro CTC) won the Junior award and John Tonkin 92/100 from New Zealand took home the Veterans.

#### **FRIDAY APRIL 4**

#### **26th National 20 Gauge Skeet Championship Sponsored by Wagga Catering Service**

106 shooters competed on Day 3, with 29 in AA grade, 37 in A, 24 in B and 16 in C. NSW was represented by 18 shooters, the NT had 2, Qld 18, SA 6, Tas 2, Vic 12, WA 43 and 4 International. Once again there weren't any possibles shot.

The Overall went to Jack Bateson from Bairnsdale 107/109. For his win Jack received the John Withers Memorial Trophy, Silver Australia Badge and Royal Blue Sash. Jack will have his name added to the John Withers Memorial Trophy.

Matthew De Paoli took out AA, shooting 117/121, Jack Stockdale (Korumburra GC) 2nd, David Caputo (NSWGC) 3rd. A grade 1st went to Alex Smith 98/100 from NZ, Tristan Polmear (Eastern Goldfields) came in 2nd and Amanda Brown (Boyup Brook) ran 3rd. In B grade John Fordyce (NLMCTC) 94/100 took out first place, Jy Yarrow (Townsville) came 2nd and Grant Hyder (WAGC) ran 3rd. Christopher Neale won C grade with 87/100, Jack Brady (MCC-ACTA) 2nd and Louise Tingate (Melbourne) 3rd.



*Women 410 bore  
2nd Sarah Bennett, 1st Amanda Brown, 3rd Megan Baldwin*



*Junior 410 bore  
2nd Luke Given, 1st George Papachristoforos, 3rd Alex Smith*



*Veteran 410 bore  
2nd Michael Millard, 1st John Tonkin, 3rd James Wilberforce*



*Les Kadziela from the ACTA and representing Wagga Catering  
congratulates 20 gauge Overall Jack Bateson*











The Women's event went to Amanda Brown, 96/100, from Boyup Brook, Jack Bateson 107/109 from Bairnsdale won the Juniors, George

Papachristoforos from Metro CTC on 95/100 was the Sub-Junior winner and New Zealander, John Tonkin, shooting 95/100 took home the Veterans.



*AA Grade 20 gauge  
2nd Jack Stockdale 1st Matthew De Paoli, 3rd David Caputo*



*A Grade 20 gauge  
2nd Tristan Polmear, 1st Alex Smith, 3rd Amanda Brown*



*B Grade 20 gauge  
2nd Jy Yarrow, 1st John Fordyce, 3rd Grant Hyder*



*C Grade 20 gauge  
2nd Jack Brady, 1st Christopher Neale, 3rd Louise Tingate*



*Veteran 20 gauge  
2nd Michael Millard, 1st John Tonkin, 3rd Grant Hyder*



*Women 20 gauge  
2nd Katie Hoskins, 1st Amanda Brown, 3rd Sarah Bennett*





*Junior 20 gauge  
2nd Alex Smith, 1st Jack Bateson, 3rd Austin Gibbes*



*Sub-Junior 20 gauge  
2nd Jack Brady, 1st George Papachristoforos, 3rd Ayden Nolte*

## **SATURDAY APRIL 5**

### **Open State Teams**

Day 4 began with the shooting of the State Shoulder to Shoulder Team Matches. Conditions were overcast and windy, high 20's and members representing their States had to be at their best.

The winning Open Team was Western Australia, shooting 231/250. Team members were Glenn Davis, Greg Schweikert, Phil House, Mark Evans and Mitchell Bowles. 2nd place went to Queensland 227/250, 3rd Victoria 227/250, 4th South Australia 226/250 and New South Wales 225/250.

Claiming 1st place in the Womens was Queensland, 59/75. Members were Meagan Baldwin, Michelle Russell and Jessica Tate. Western Australia ran



*Winning Junior Team, Queensland  
Max Baldwin, Iy Yarrow, Luke Given*



*Winning Open Team, Western Australia  
Phil House, Glenn Davis, Greg Schweikert, Mark Evans, Mitchell Bowles*





Winning Womens Team, Queensland  
Jessica Tate, Meagan Baldwin, Michelle Russell



Winning Veterans Team, New South Wales  
Geoff Turner, Greg Jones, John Pethybridge

2nd 54/75 and New South Wales 3rd 46/75.

The Veterans team from New South Wales, was successful, shooting a total of 65/75. Members were Geoff Turner, Greg Jones and John Pethybridge. Placing 2nd was Western Australia 60/75, 3rd Queensland 59/75 and 4th Victoria 56/75.

### 25th National Skeet Handicap Sponsored by C.R.Kennedy/Pilla

The generosity of C.R.Kennedy/Pilla in sponsoring this event was greatly appreciated. 133 shooters

competed with 19 possibles being shot with Handicaps added. Matthew Anick, from Newman was successful, taking the Overall title with a score of (A1) 166/166. For his win Matthew received the Colin Burt Memorial Trophy, Silver Australia Badge and Royal Blue Sash. In second place was Tim Fuller (Blackwater) (B3) 165/166, 3rd Leigh Harvey (Northam) (B2) 158/159, 4th Peter Summers (Frankston CTC) (C4) 149/150 and Jack Brady from MCC-ACTA was 5th (C4) 133/134.



CR Kennedy/Pilla's Matt Swanton  
congratulates Handicap winner Matthew Anick



Handicap placegetters,  
2nd Tim Fuller, 3rd Leigh Harvey, 4th Peter Summers, 5th Jack Brady





May 24







## Opening Ceremony

Following the conclusion of competition on Day 4, the Opening Ceremony was held at the West Australian Gun Club, where the State Teams were formally presented. The official party in attendance included ACTA Chairman Malcolm Dyson, ACTA Executive Officer Brett Somerville, WACTA President Julie Santostefano, Tournament Director Michael Kruger-Davis, and Shoot Marshal Rob Herridge.

Chairman Malcolm Dyson extended a warm welcome to the shooters and their families to the

2025 ACTA National Skeet Carnival in Western Australia and at the West Australian Gun Club. On behalf of the ACTA board, he conveyed heartfelt thanks to everyone who played a role in the planning and smooth execution of the 2025 ACTA National Skeet Carnival in Perth.

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of awards to the victorious Shoulder to Shoulder teams, recognising their outstanding achievements.

## SUNDAY APRIL 6

### 2025 Commonwealth Skeet Championship

#### Sponsored by Spartan Global

Day 5 and 125 shooters competed in the Commonwealth Skeet Championship. There were 14 Women, 11 Juniors, 4 Sub-Juniors, 27 veterans, with 71 competing in the open section and 5 International. There weren't any possibles shot.

Overall winner was Alex Smith with a score of 99/100. Alex received the Adrian Hayes Memorial Trophy on which his name will be added for 2025, Royal Blue Sash and ACTA Commonwealth Badge.

Shane Bennett from Cecil Park CTC won AA with a score of 144/147. Keeping it in the family, wife Sarah placed 2nd and Damon Michael



ACTA Chairman Malcolm Dyson



ACTA EO Brett Somerville



Opening Ceremony: Tournament Director Michael Kruger-Davis, Shoot Marshal Rob Herridge, WACTA President Julie Santostefano ACTA Chairman Malcolm Dyson





Shane Bennett presents to the Commonwealth Overall Skeet Champion Alex Smith. Spartan Global sponsored this event

(Top End) ran 3rd. In A grade Matthew Anick (Newman) 98/100 won first place, with Robert Wylie (Bathurst) in 2nd and Greg Schweikert



B Grade Commonwealth Skeet  
2nd Rodney Gibbs, 1st Josh Dichiera, 3rd Leigh Harvey



Above: AA Grade Commonwealth Skeet  
2nd Sarah Bennett, 1st Shane Bennett, 3rd Damon Michael

Below: A Grade Commonwealth Skeet  
2nd Robert Wylie, 1st Matthew Anick, 3rd Greg Schweikert



C Grade Commonwealth Skeet  
2nd Peter Summer, 1st Ted Baldwin, 3rd Jack Brady



Women Commonwealth Skeet  
2nd Charlie Ward, 1st Sarah Bennett, 3rd Meagan Baldwin



(WAGC) 3rd. B grade 1st went to Joshua Dichiera (WAGC) 96/100, Rodney Gibbs from NSWGC ran 2nd and Leigh Harvey (Northam) 3rd.



*Veteran Commonwealth Skeet  
2nd Michael Millard, 1st John Tonkin, 3rd James Wilberforce*



*Junior Commonwealth Skeet  
2nd Austin Gibbs, 2nd Alex Smith, 3rd Jack Bateson*



*Sub-Junior Commonwealth Skeet  
2nd Jack Brady, 1st George Papachristoforos, 3rd Ayden Nolte*

Ted Baldwin (Townsville) won C grade with a score of 88/100, Peter Summers of Frankston CTC placed 2nd and Jack Brady from MCC-ACTA finished in 3rd place.

In the sections Sarah Bennett took the Women's 98/100, Alex Smith the Juniors with a score of 99/100 and George Papachristoforos claimed Sub-Juniors 89/100. John Tonkin shooting a score of 97/100 won the Veterans.

### **Australia/New Zealand Postal Challenge**

*Open Team in qualifying order:* Matthew Anick, Sarah Bennett, Shane Bennett, Mark Corbett, Keith Ferguson, Athan Phillis, David Caputo, Jack Stockdale, Wayne Peterson, Paul Saliba, Robert Wylie, Damon Michael. David Caputo was the Open Team High Gun on 58 and received the Tri-Colour Sash. Each team member received a large Mackintosh Team Badge

*Women's Team in qualifying Order:* Katie Hoskins, Meagan Baldwin, Amanda Brown, Jennie White, Louise Tingate, Michelle Russell. Meagan Baldwin on 47 was the Women's Team High Gun winner and received the Gold ACTA Medal. Others received a small Mackintosh Team Badge.



*Veteran Postal Team – Back: Phil Keller, Andrew Duff  
Front: Mark Evans, James Wilberforce High Gun, Max Oakley*





*Open Postal Team*

*Back: Robert Wylie, Paul Saliba, Athan Fillis, Matthew Anick, Shane Bennett, Keith Ferguson, Damon Michael  
Front: Wayne Peterson, David Caputo High Gun, Mark Corbett, Sarah Bennett, Jack Stockdale*

*Junior Team in qualifying order: Austin Gibbs, Charlie Ward, Bryce Rayner, George Papachristoforos, Luke Given and Jack Brady.*

*They each received a small Mackintosh Badge. Jack Brady, 64, was the Junior Team High Gun, taking home the Gold ACTA Medal.*



*Junior Postal Team – Back: Luke Given, Charlie Ward, Austin Gibbs  
Front: Jack Brady High Gun, George Papachristoforos*



*Women's Postal Team – Back: Amanda Brown , Katie Hoskins, Meagan Baldwin  
Front: Michelle Russell, Louise Tingate, Jennie White*



*Veteran's Team in qualifying order:* James Wilberforce, Greg Jones, Mark Evans, Max Oakley, Andrew Duff, Phil Keller. James Wilberforce was the Veteran Team High Gun on 86 and received the Gold ACTA Medal. Team members received a small Mackintosh Team Badge.

## MONDAY APRIL 7

### 55th National Skeet Championship

#### Sponsored by Winchester

Total competitors for this event numbered 126 and was sponsored by Winchester Australia. There were 21 shooters from NSW, Northern Territory 2, Queensland 19, SA 6, Tasmania 2, Victoria 15, WA 56 and 5 International.

Overall winner was Matthew De Paoli with a score of 114/114. Matthew received recognition on the A & E Pederson Perpetual Trophy and was presented with the Silver Australia Badge and Royal Blue Sash.

Jack Stockdale finished first in AA 113/114, 2nd went to Benn Baker (International) and Athan Phillis (Townsville) ran 3rd. In A grade Alex Smith (NZ) shot 100/101 to place 1st, Greg Schweikert (WAGC) ran into second place and Mark Evans (Collie) took 3rd. B grade saw Bryce Rayner 98/100 take 1st, Tim Fuller (Blackwater) came in 2nd and Rodney Gibbes (NSWGC) took 3rd place.



ACTA Board member Les Kadziela  
congratulates National Skeet winner Matthew De Paoli

Christopher Giles (Beverley) on 95/100 won C grade with Peter Summers (Frankston CTC) 2nd and Jack Brady ran 3rd.

Sarah Bennett was successful in the Women's with



AA Grade National Skeet  
2nd Benn Baker, 1st Jack Stockdale, 3rd Athan Phillis



A Grade National Skeet  
2nd Greg Schweikert, 1st Alex Smith, 3rd Mark Evans



B Grade National Skeet  
2nd Tim Fuller, 1st Bryce Rayner, 3rd Rodney Gibbes





*C Grade National Skeet  
2nd Peter Summers, 1st Christopher Giles, 3rd Jack Brady*



*Junior National Skeet  
2nd Bryce Rayner, 1st Alex Smith*



*Veteran National Skeet  
2nd Michael Millard, 1st Geoffrey Turner, 3rd John Tonkin*



*Sub-Junior National Skeet  
2nd Jack Brady, 1st George Papachristoforos, 3rd Ayden Nolte*



*Womens National Skeet  
2nd Aislin Jones, 1st Sarah Bennett, 3rd Amanda Brown*

a score of 99/100, the Juniors went to Alex Smith 99/100, once again Sub-Juniors went to George Papachristoforos 95/100 and Veterans to Geoffrey Turner (Wagga) 97/100.

### **ACTA/ASSA Initiative Award**

The ACTA and ASSA sponsored a generous Junior Initiative Award, which carried a first place prize of \$1000.00 and \$500.00 for second. The shooter to receive \$1000 was Austin Gibbes, 431/450 and \$500 went to George Papachristoforos, 425/450.

*Below: Wayne Peterson, ASSA President, with winner of the ACTA/ASSA Junior Initiative award, Austin Gibbs and runner-up George Papachristoforos*













## Glenn Trophy Team Selection

The Glenn Trophy Team to represent Australia at the 2026 Australian Skeet Nationals was selected over the National Handicap and the Commonwealth and National Titles. Team members in qualifying order were: Sarah Bennett, Shane Bennett, Athan Phillis, Jack Stockdale, Matthew Anick. Emergencies: Mark Corbett, Keith Ferguson, Wayne Peterson, Matthew De Paoli and Greg Schweikert.

## TUESDAY APRIL 8

### 18th National Skeet Champion of Champions Sponsored by C.R.Kennedy/Gun Bar

This event, sponsored by C.R.Kennedy/Gun Bar, is a combination of the total of the last 25 targets shot in the 28 gauge, 410 bore, 20 gauge and the National Skeet events. With 84 shooters competing it was Matthew De Paoli who led the way with a score of 99/100. Matthew received the perpetual trophy from Casella Wines, Silver Australia Badge and Royal Blue Sash.

In AA grade 1st was Shane Bennett 97/100, Benn Baker 2nd and Paul Saliba 3rd. A grade went to Alex Smith (NZ) 98/102, Greg Schweikert ran 2nd and Amanda Brown was 3rd. Rodney Gibbs (NSWGC) won B grade with 90/100, John Dichiera came 2nd with Tim Fuller (Blackwater) taking 3rd. The C grade title went to Christopher Neale (WAGC) shooting 82/100, Nathan Iaria took 2nd place and 3rd was Ted Baldwin.

In the Sections Sarah Bennett continuing with her red hot form shooting 93/100 won the Women's division, Alex Smith 98/102 the Juniors and Michael Millard 96/102 the Veterans.



National Skeet Champion of Champions Overall Matthew De Paoli with Matt Swanton from C.R.Kennedy/Gun Bar



A Grade Skeet Champion of Champions  
2nd Greg Schweikert, 1st Alex Smith, 3rd Amanda Brown



AA Grade Skeet Champion of Champions  
2nd Benn Baker, 1st Shane Bennett, 3rd Paul Saliba



B Grade Skeet Champion of Champions  
2nd Johnnie Dichiera, 1st Rodney Gibbs, 3rd Tim Fuller





*C Grade Skeet Champion of Champions  
1st Christopher Neale, 3rd Ted Baldwin*



*Veteran Skeet Champion of Champions  
2nd John Bennett, 1st Michael Millard, 3rd Andrew Daff*



*Women's Skeet Champion of Champions  
2nd Amanda Brown, 1st Sarah Bennett, 3rd Meagan Baldwin*



*Junior Skeet Champion of Champions  
2nd Jack Bateson, 1st Alex Smith, 3rd George Papachristoforos*

### **38th National Skeet Doubles Championship Sponsored by C.R.Kennedy/Fabarm**

Day 7, the final day of competition, saw the 38th National Skeet Doubles Championship shot with 106 competitors. 21 shooters competed in AA grade, 21 in A, 30 in B and 34 in C. For this event 12 women competed, there were 10 juniors, 4 sub-juniors, 19 veterans, 62 open and 5 International. This event was proudly sponsored by C.R.Kennedy/Fabarm, represented by Matt Swanton.

Top End Gun Club member, Damon Michael won the Overall with the only possible for this event, 100/100. Damon received the P Johnston Perpetual Trophy, Silver Australia Badge and Royal Blue Sash. Shooting 99/100 and winning AA was Keith Ferguson (Frankston). Second place in AA went to Matthew De Paoli and New Zealand's Andy Peter placed 3rd. In A grade Richard Westlake on

*Below: C.R.Kennedy and Fabarm rep Matt Kennedy congratulates  
Overall Skeet Skeet Doubles Champion Damon Michael*







AA Grade Skeet Doubles  
2nd Matthew De Paoli, 1st Keith Ferguson, 3rd Andy Peter



B Grade Skeet Doubles  
2nd Rob Hunter, 1st Stix Davis, 3rd Michael Kruger-Davis



A Grade Skeet Doubles  
2nd Dean Baird, 1st Richard Westlake, 3rd Alex Smith



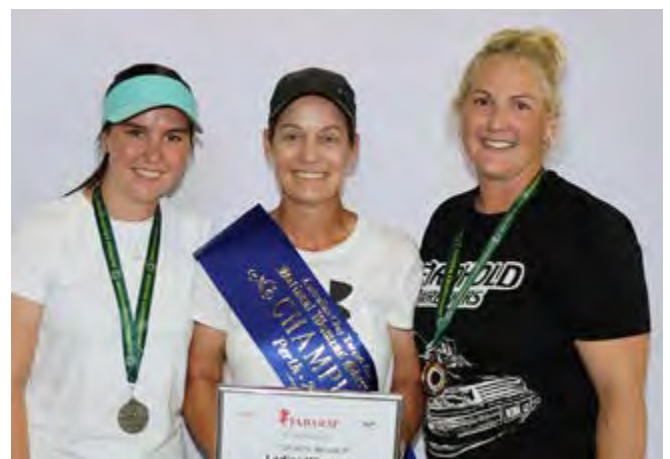
C Grade Skeet Doubles  
2nd Bryce Rayner, 1st Charlie Ward, 3rd Jy Yarrow



Junior Skeet Doubles  
2nd Charlie Ward, 1st Alex Smith, 3rd Luke Given  
Below: Veteran Skeet Doubles  
2nd Greg Jones, 1st John Tonkin, 3rd Michael Kruger-Davis



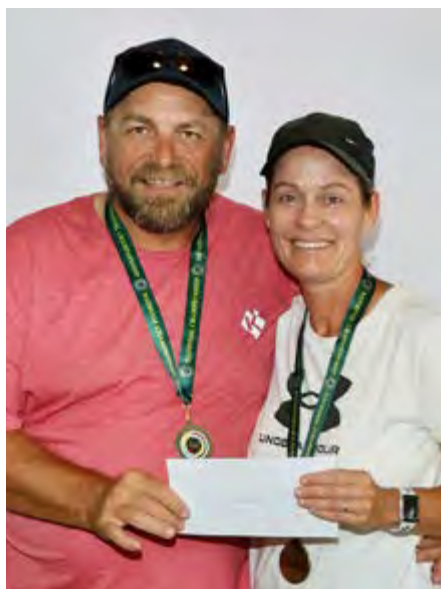
Sub-Junior Skeet Doubles  
2nd Jack Brady, 1st George Papachristophoros, 3rd Ayden Nolte  
Below: Women's Skeet Doubles  
2nd Charlie Ward, 1st Sarah Bennett, 3rd Amanda Brown





98/100 and also from New Zealand took 1st place, Dean Baird (Brisbane) came in 2nd and Alex Smith 3rd. Stix Davis (Collie) 93/100 won B grade with Rob Hunter (Townsville) taking 2nd and Michael Kruger-Davis (NLMCTC) 3rd. Charlie Ward from Guyra won 1st place in C grade shooting 91/100, Bryce Rayner (Top End) was 2nd and Jy Yarrow from Townsville ran third.

In the sections Sarah Bennett on 92/100 won the Women's, Alex Smith 96/100 the Junior, Sub-Junior to George Papachristoforos 91/100 and John Tonkin the Veterans on 95/100.



*Mixed Pairs Team  
Shane & Sarah Bennett*

### TEAMS EVENTS Mixed Pairs

Following on from their wins in 2023 and 2024, Shane and Sarah Bennett once again were dominant in winning the Mixed Pairs event with a score of 864/900. They were

presented with the C & J Burt Mixed Pairs Perpetual Trophy and each with a Gold ACTA Medal.

### Two Person Open Team Event

Teams competed for the Adrian Cousens Perpetual Trophy and ACTA Gold Medals. Jack Stockdale and Mark Corbett were the victors, shooting a combined score of 872/900.



*2 Person Team  
Mark Corbett & Jack Stockdale*

**Two Women Team Event** – The award for this event is the NSWCTA Perpetual Trophy and also carries with it an ACTA Gold Medal for each winner. Sarah Bennett and Amanda Brown were successful, shooting 843/900.

**Five Person Club Team** – The 2025 winning team was NSWGC. Team members were Paul Saliba 422, Wayne Peterson 424, David Caputo 425, David Muir 414, Austin Gibbs 422, shooting



*All Australian Team: Back: Dean Baird, Matthew De Paoli, Mark Corbett, Jack Stockdale, Keith Ferguson, Shane Bennett  
Front: Athan Phillis, Damon Michael, Sarah Bennett, David Caputto*





*5 Person Club Team  
Back: Paul Saliba, David Caputo, Wayne Peterson.  
Front: Austin Gibbs, David Muir*



*2 Women Team  
Sarah Bennett & Amanda Brown*

a combined total score of 2107/2250. As the winning team they received the FITASC Perpetual Trophy and each team member received an ACTA Gold Medal.

**All Australian Team** – Team members

in qualification order were Jack Stockdale 439, Matthew De Paoli 438, Keith Ferguson 437, Shane Bennett 429, Mark Corbett 433, Damon Michael 429, Sarah Bennett 429, Athan Phillis 427, Dean Baird 425, David Caputo 425. Each team member received an ACTA Gold Medal.

### BRONZE WING HIGH GUNS

Anna Shedrina from Bronze Wing presented the prestigious Overall National High Gun to Alex Smith of New Zealand, shooting a total of 440/450. Alex will have his name inscribed on the Cec Herbert Perpetual Trophy. He also received the



*Bronze Wing's Anna Shedrina with Carnival High Gun Alex Smith*

Gold Australia Badge and Royal Blue Sash.

AA grade High Gun went to Jack Stockdale 439/450, A grade to Matthew Anick on 447/474, B grade to Bryce Rayner 417/450 and C grade to Jack Brady 397/450. Each of these winners received an ACTA Gold Medal and Royal Blue Sash.

The Women's High Gun went to Sarah Bennett 429/450 who was rewarded with the Nunawading/



*AA High Gun Jack Stockdale and A Grade High Gun Matthew Anick*





Sub-Junior High Gun George Papachristoforos, Anna Shedrina,  
Junior High Gun Alex Smith



Women's High Gun Sarah Bennett, Anna Shedrina,  
Veteran High Gun John Tonkin



C Grade High Gun Jack Brady and B Grade High Gun Bryce Rayner

Ringwood Regent Perpetual Trophy and Royal Blue Sash.

The Junior High Gun award was won by Alex Smith, 440/450. Alex will have his name placed on the W Attwood Perpetual Trophy and received a Royal Blue Sash.

George Papachristoforos was the Sub-Junior High Gun shooting 418/450.

New Zealand's John Tonkin took out the Veteran's High Gun on 430/450. John will be recognised by having his name added as the 2025 winner on the Ray Melville Perpetual Trophy and he also received a Royal Blue Sash.

### Acknowledgements

As we conclude the 2025 Carnival at the West Australian Gun Club, the Australian Clay Target

Association (ACTA) extends its deepest gratitude to everyone who participated. What a fantastic week of shooting together. We hope you enjoyed the camaraderie, friendly competition, and the thrill of hitting those targets.

Our appreciation goes out to our sponsors. Your generous contributions and support have been instrumental in making the 2025 Carnival at the West Australian Gun Club a resounding success. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to the sport and your dedication to fostering a vibrant and competitive environment for all participants. Without your invaluable support, this event would not have been possible

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Special thanks to the West Australian Gun Club and all the staff and volunteers and supporters who have been working hard for months to make this carnival the success it was. Your dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed.



We would like to acknowledge the leadership of Tournament Director Michael Kruger-Davis and Shoot Marshal Robert Herridge. Their guidance and expertise were instrumental in ensuring the smooth running of the event.

A heartfelt thank you to the Western Australian Clay Target Association (WACTA) for their unwavering support. We also extend our gratitude to Helen Dyson, Malcolm Dyson, Les Kadziela, Jim Shepherd for their tireless efforts in the competition office. Your contributions were invaluable.

Thank you to Mark Zielezna for once again providing images and live footage of events to share across the membership. Your work helps us capture and share the excitement of the carnival.

We also want to recognise Judy Ferry and Jenny Robinson from the ACTA Office for all their effort and preparation in getting the carnival to run smoothly. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

A special mention goes to Kathleen Dawe from the NSW Clay Target Association (NSWCTA) for her efforts in providing the national permit service to all those wishing to attend from outside Western Australia. The level of service that Kathleen provided to the members was exceptional.

Finally, thank you to all our competitors and guests who travelled from all corners of Australia and New Zealand. Without your commitment and participation, there would be no National Championships. We look forward to seeing you all in Wagga Wagga in March 2026.

*Another successful carnival comes to a close.  
Thank you Western Australia*



*And the roos are happy to enjoy their dinner in peace*





# 2025 STATE TEAMS



## WESTERN AUSTRALIA



*Western Australia Combined Team*



*Western Australia Open Team*



*Western Australia Veteran Team*



*Western Australia Women's Team*



# 2025 STATE TEAMS



## NEW SOUTH WALES



*New South Wales Combined Team*



*New South Wales Open Team*



*New South Wales Women's Team*



*New South Wales Veteran Team*



# 2025 STATE TEAMS



## QUEENSLAND



*Queensland Combined Team*



*Queensland Open Team*



*Queensland Veteran Team*



*Queensland Women's Team*



*Queensland Junior Team*



# 2025 STATE TEAMS



## VICTORIA



*Victorian Combined Team*



*Victorian Open Team*



*Victorian Veteran Team*



*Victorian Junior Team*



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