

CLAY TARGET

Jack Stockdale
Victorian State Skeet
Overall High Gun

Victorian State Skeet Championships
OVERALL HIGH GUN
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2026 Victorian State Skeet Carnival

The 2026 Victorian State Skeet Carnival was hosted by the Frankston Australian Clay Target Club (FACTC) between 22 and 25 January, 2026. In some fine, still and warm conditions 90 competitors took to the immaculately presented skeet layouts in a fine display of camaraderie, and an overarching desire to win one of 7 State title red sashes on offer.

Competitors represented most states and territories from across Australia, with some travelling as far as Townsville, Perth and Darwin. Thank you to those of you who travelled to this year's State Carnival and significantly contributed to the amazing vibe across the four days of competition, also demonstrating spectacular sportsmanship during shoot-offs and with a full clubroom each evening for presentations.

Over \$7,500 was paid out in prize money, with the addition of over \$3000 in prizes thanks to the generous sponsorship received from Spartan Global (100 target 12 gauge championship) and Bronze Wing Australia (High Guns), plus sashes and medals.

On Friday evening all competitors and their families were invited to a complimentary bbq dinner alongside presentations. This was also a very special evening for Korumburra Gun Club member Jack Stockdale who was this year's inductee into the VCTA Skeet Hall of Fame. Jack was supported by his fiancé Aislin, parents Judy and Tim. Previous Vic State Hall of Fame inductee Glenn Clarke presented Jack with the Victorian



Glenn Clarke presenting VCTA Hall of Fame Inductee, Jack Stockdale, with the Certificate of Induction



Jack's fiancé Aislin, Jack & parents Tim & Judy

State Hall of Fame blue jacket, while VCTA Vice President Zak Biggen presented the induction certificate. Congratulations Jack on your induction!

Event 1 – 50 Target Victorian State Skeet 28g Championship

The opening event of the 2026 Victorian State Skeet Carnival set the tone with strong scoring across all grades. Ryan Miller (Frankston CTC) claimed the Open title after breaking 59/60,



28g Open Champion Ryan Miller

including 49/50 off the gun, before finishing cleanly in the shoot-off with 10/10. In AA Grade, Ray Mahony (Gold Coast) took the win on 52/54, edging Matthew De Paoli (Collie) who finished close behind on 51/54, both shooters posting 49/50 off the gun and separated only by shoot-off scores.

A Grade honours went to Max Oakley (Wonthaggi) with 57/59, shooting 49/50 before breaking 8/9 in the shoot-off. Charlie Ward (Guyra) followed



28g Veteran Max Oakley, Ladies Charlie Ward, Junior William Miller

on 54/58, adding 7/8 in the shoot-off. In B Grade, Deb McPherson (Lake Albert) secured first place outright with 42/50, ahead of Mark George (Frankston CTC)



28g C Grade 2nd Isaac Robinson, 1st Leonie Johnston



28g AA Grade 2nd Matthew De Paoli, 1st Ray Mahony



28g A Grade 2nd Charlie Ward, 1st Max Oakley



28g B Grade 2nd Mark George, 1st Deb McPherson



.410 Open Champion Matthew De Paoli

on 41/50. C Grade was led by Leonie Johnston (Melbourne) with 38/50, while Isaac Robinson (Melbourne) placed second on 34/50.

Junior honours went to William Miller (Frankston CTC) with 48/50, while the Ladies title was claimed by Charlie Ward, also on 47/50. Oakley rounded out a strong opening performance by adding the Veteran title.

Event 2 – 50 Target Victorian State Skeet .410 Bore Championship

The .410 Bore Championship produced some of the tightest competition of the carnival, with shoot-offs required across several grades. Matthew De Paoli (Collie) claimed the Open title, finishing on 54/58 after breaking 48/50 off the gun and adding 6/8 in the shoot-off to secure the win.

In AA Grade, Laurie Durham (Mansfield) topped the field with 52/55, shooting 48/50 before sealing victory with 4/5 in the shoot-off. Jason Corbett (Bairnsdale) finished close behind on 52/56, having broken 47/50 and adding 5/6 in the shoot-off.

A Grade honours went to Simon Hewitt

(Frankston CTC), who posted a clean 45/50 to take the win outright, ahead of Barry Moss, also of Frankston CTC, who finished second on 44/50. In B Grade, Deb McPherson (Lake



.410 C Grade 1st John King, 2nd Isaac Robinson



.410 AA Grade 1st Laurie Durham, 2nd Jason Corbett



.410 A Grade 2nd Barry Moss, 1st Simon Hewitt



.410 B Grade 2nd Mark George, 1st Deb McPherson



410 Veteran Laurie Durham, Ladies Charlie Ward, Junior Austin Gibbes

shoot-off. Ladies honours went to Charlie Ward (Guyra), who finished on 46/54 after shooting 42/50 and adding 4/4 in the shoot-off. Durham rounded out a strong event by also securing the Veteran title, again finishing on 52/55 with 48/50 off the gun and 4/5 in the shoot-off.

Event 3 – 50 Target Victorian State Skeet 20g Championship

Event 3 delivered some high scores, highlighted by a flawless performance from Jack Bateson (Bairnsdale), who won the Open title with a perfect 64/64, including 50/50 off the gun

Albert) claimed first place with 35/50, while Mark George (Frankston CTC) finished second on 38/55, shooting 34/50 and adding 4/5 in the shoot-off. C Grade was decided by the narrowest of margins, with John King (Euroa) taking the win on 30/51 after breaking 29/50 and adding 1/1 in the shoot-off. Isaac Robinson (Junior, Melbourne) finished second on 29/51, also breaking 29/50, but missing in the shoot-off.

The Junior title was claimed by Austin Gibbes (NSWGC) with an impressive 57/60, shooting 47/50 before breaking a perfect 10/10 in the



20g Ladies Lorraine Hughes, Junior & Open Jack Bateson, Veteran Bill Bird



20g A Grade 2nd Gil Farish, 1st Danny Sajn



20g B Grade 1st Cooper White, 1st Douglas Harvey



20g C Grade 2nd John King, 1st David Joyce



Handicap: Shane Bennett, John King, winner Mark Corbett, Debbie McPherson, Barry Moss

and 14/14 in the shoot-off. AA Grade saw Glenn Walker (Caboolture) prevail on 53/54, narrowly ahead of Shane Bennett (Cecil Park CTC) on 52/54, both breaking 49/50 before being separated in the shoot-off.

In A Grade, Danny Sajj (Frankston CTC) produced another near-perfect round, finishing on 63/64 with 50/50 off the gun and 13/14 in the shoot-off. Gil Farish (Wangaratta) placed second with 52/54. B Grade honours went to Cooper White (Bairnsdale) on 48/54, edging clubmate Douglas Harvey on 47/54. C Grade was claimed by David Joyce (Korumburra GC) with 47/50, ahead of John King (Euroa) on 45/50.

Bateson doubled up by securing the Junior title, while Lorraine Hughes (Caboolture) topped the Ladies section with 46/50. Veteran honours went to Bill Bird (Bairnsdale) on 50/52.

Event 4 – 50 Target Victorian State Skeet Handicap Championship

The Handicap event was keenly contested, with Mark Corbett (Cooma) delivering a standout performance to claim the Open title with a perfect 79/79, including 50/50 off the gun and a flawless 29/29 in the shoot-off. John King with a handicap of 4 finished second on 76/77, while Deb McPherson, who's handicap is 2 took third with 73/74, both shooters producing strong handicap shoot-off scores. Barry Moss (Frankston CTC) and Shane Bennett rounded out the Open placings.

The Junior section was won by Hunter Crane (Bairnsdale) with 60/60, while McPherson added

the Ladies title. King completed a strong event by also taking the Veteran section.

Event 5 – 100 Target Victorian State Skeet 12g Championship

The 12g Championship produced exceptional shooting, led by Mal Briggs (Brisbane) who claimed the Open and Veteran titles with a flawless



12g Open Champion Mal Briggs



*12g AA Grade 2nd Jack Stockdale,
1st Ray Mahony*



*12g A Grade 2nd Sarah Caldwell,
1st Charlie Ward*



*12g B Grade
1st Cooper White*



*12g AA Grade 2nd Trevor Henshaw,
1st Daniel Fritsch*



12g Junior Austin Gibbes, Ladies Lorraine Hughes, Veteran Mal Briggs

101/101, breaking 100/100 off the gun and sealing victory with 1/1 in the shoot-off. AA Grade was taken by Ray Mahony on 100/101, with Jack Stockdale (Korumburra GC) finishing second on 105/106 after posting 99/100 off the gun.

In A Grade, Charlie Ward secured the win with 98/100, while Sarah Caldwell (Melbourne) followed on 107/110, separated by shoot-off scores. B Grade went to Cooper White with 95/100, ahead of Nick Aird (Brisbane) on 92/100. Daniel Fritsch (MCC-ACTA) topped C Grade with 89/100, followed by Trevor Henshaw (Cooma) on 87/100.

Junior honours were claimed by Austin Gibbes (NSWGC) with 99/100, while Lorraine Hughes added the Ladies title.

Event 6 – 50 Target Victorian State Champion of Champions

The Champion of Champions event again belonged to Jack Bateson, who produced another perfect score of 56/56 to take the Open title. AA Grade was won by Sarah Bennett (Cecil Park CTC) on 62/64, edging Jack Stockdale on shoot-off scores. Barry Moss led A Grade with 53/56, just ahead of Danny Sajn.

B Grade honours went to Mark George with 51/54,



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*Champion of Champions Open
Jack Bateson*

while Trevor Henshaw topped C Grade on 44/50. Bateson again secured the Junior title, Bennett doubled up in the Ladies section, and Adrian Cousens (Bairnsdale) claimed the Veteran award with 49/50.

Event 7 – 50 Target Victorian State Skeet Doubles Championship

The Doubles Championship saw Wayne Petersen (NSWGC) take the Open title on 52/54, followed by Mal Briggs who added another podium finish with 51/54 to secure the AA Grade win. Steven Makris (Townsville) placed second in AA on 48/52.

In A Grade, Ryan Miller returned to the top step with 51/54, while Harry Bader (NSWGC) finished second on 61/66 after a demanding shoot-off. Johnnie Dichiera (WAGC) led



*Champion of Champions AA Grade
2nd Jack Stockdale, 1st Sarah Bennett*



*Champion of Champions A Grade
1st Barry Moss,
2nd Danny Sajj*



*Champion of Champions B Grade
2nd Cooper White, 1st Mark George*



*Champion of Champions
C Grade 2nd John King*

*Champion of Champions Junior Jack Bateson, Ladies Sarah Bennett,
Veteran Adrian Cousens*





Doubles Champion Wayne Petersen

B Grade with 50/56, ahead of Paul Johnston (Melbourne). C Grade honours went to John Mannu (Frankston CTC) with 46/50, followed by Joel Bassett on 45/50.

Junior honours were claimed by William Miller, while Lorraine Hughes again topped the Ladies section. Briggs completed another strong performance by adding the Veteran title.

2026 Victorian State Skeet High Guns

Across the full carnival, Jack Stockdale secured the Open High Gun title with 291/300. Jack Bateson dominated the graded and sectional awards, taking AA Grade High Gun with 317/328, as well as Junior High Gun with 290/300. Danny Sajn



Doubles Junior William Miller, Veteran Mal Briggs



Doubles C Grade 2nd Joel Bassett, 1st John Mannu



Doubles AA Grade 2nd Steve Makris, 1st Mal Briggs



Doubles A Grade 2nd Harry Bader, 1st Ryan Miller



Doubles B Grade 2nd Paul Johnstone, 1st Johnnie Dichiera



High Guns: Veteran Mal Briggs, Ladies Sarah Bennett, Junior Jack Bateson

High Guns, L-R: AA Grade High Gun Jack Bateson, A Grade High Gun Danny Sajn, B Grade High Gun Cooper White, C Grade High Gun John King





Open Postal Team



Above: Danial Sacchetta,
Postal Team High Gun



Ladies Postal Team



Below: Veterans Postal Team



Paul Johnstone,
Veteran Postal Team High Gun



Jacqui Durham
Ladies Postal Team High Gun



Hunter Crane
Junior Postal Team High Gun

Colin Finn 142/150;
Sarah Caldwell 141/150;
Jim Kalaboukas 140/150;
Richard Sammon 140/150.

Junior: Cooper White
138/150; Hunter Crane
134/150; Yanni Kalaboukas
131/150; Isaac Robinson
103/150; Tait Bassett
99/150.

Ladies: Jacqueline Durham
138/150; Chelsea Beechey
127/150; Louise Tingate
127/150; Leonie Johnston
110/150; Katie McPherson
101/150; Kira Martin
87/100.

topped A Grade on 283/300, while Cooper White led B Grade with 275/300. John King claimed C Grade High Gun on 252/300.

The Ladies High Gun was won by Sarah Bennett with 283/300, while Mal Briggs rounded out the carnival with the Veteran High Gun title on 288/300.

Postal Team

Open: Laurie Durham 148/150; Hayden Mountjoy 147/150; Andrew Watson 146/150; Jack Stockdale 146/150; Ryan Miller 145/150; Jack Bateson 145/150; Danny Sajn 145/150; Barry Moss 144/150; Daniel Sacchetta 144/150; William Miller 143/150; Jason Corbett 143/150;

Veteran: John Mannu 142/150; Paul Johnston 140/150; Gil Farish 139/150; Peter Finn 136/150; Mark George 136/150; Max Oakley 135/150.

Shoulder to Shoulder Team

Open: Laurie Durham 196/200; Jack Stockdale 196/200; Hayden Mountjoy 195/200; Andrew Watson 195/200; Danny Sajn 195/200; Daniel Sacchetta 196/202 (194/200 +2); Jack Bateson 195/202 (194/200 +1).

Junior: Jack Bateson 195/202 (194/200 +1); William Miller 193/200; Cooper White 161/175; Hunter Crane 157/175; Yanni Kalaboukas 151/175.



Open Shoulder to Shoulder Team
Andrew Watson, Jack Stockdale, Laurie Durham, Hayden Mountjoy, Danny Sajn



Junior Shoulder to Shoulder Team with Reserve William Miller, Cooper White, Jake Bateson, Hunter Crane

Ladies: Sarah Caldwell 188/200; Jacqueline Durham 161/175; Chelsea Beechey 150/175; Louise Tingate 145/175; Leonie Johnston 129/175.

Veteran: John Mannu 167/175; Paul Johnston 165/175; Gil Farish 163/175; Peter Finn 160/175; Max Oakley 158/175.

These carnivals take months of preparation, and this year would not have been possible without the significant



Veterans Shoulder to Shoulder Team Paul Johnson, Gil Farish, John Mannu

contribution of FACTC Committee Members Charlie Galea, Barrie Webley and Paul Calvi. All three are extremely proud of their Club and spent countless hours ensuring the grounds and equipment were in tip top shape. Thank you! Thank you also to this years Tournament Director and Shoot Marshal Richard Sammon who ran a tight ship and ensured the competition ran smoothly and fairly. Of course, a special mention to scoreboard extraordinaire Adrian Cousens who not only kept an immaculate scoreboard but also provided great

support to Richard. Thank you to Saxon in the kitchen who kept everyone fed and watered. Lastly, thank you to everyone who contributed in other ways including behind the bar, trapping, cooking the BBQ and of course refereeing and scoring both during competition and shoot offs.

Thank you again for your support and looking forward to seeing you back at FACTC for the 2028 Carnival. In the meantime, keep supporting those who support your sport!



Ladies Shoulder to Shoulder Team Chelsea Beechey, Sarah Caldwell, Jacqui Durham

Jane Vella

*FACTC Committee &
2026 Vic State Skeet Carnival Administrator*