



SACTA Around the Traps Jan-March 2024

SACTA has a new President, elected at our AGM in February of this year. We would like you to share with us in welcoming Len DeCandia into this position with Andrew Hoare taking up Vice President for 2024. We wish them both every success moving forward.

With only 3 months of 2024 been and almost gone, we feel we have a lot to brag about 'Around the Traps' so far. SACTA are super proud of all our State Teams and travelling members to the National Championships this year, in ISSF, Skeet & DTL, with great successes across the board and abroad.

Kicking off with the ISSF Nationals in January, SACTA presented a 3 man team in the Trap this year, a 3 man Skeet Team and a Ladies Skeet team and this is a first in many years for us, to have an almost full contingent of teams.

Ash Hawker, Jamie Dunn & Darren Beyer shot the scores to secure the **win for the Mens Trap title for 2024**

Medals were also secured by Doyle Yoannidis, Hannah Munro, Nick Dimasi and Deb McPherson during qualification rounds in the ISSF Skeet in what can only be considered, some rather extreme conditions !!



Mens Trap
Jamie Dunn, Ash Hawker, Darren Beyer



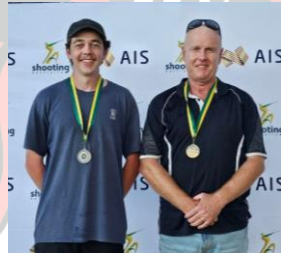
Mens Skeet
Doyle Yoannidis, Nick Dimasi, Damien Yon



Ladies Skeet
Hannah Munro, Deb McPherson



Hannah Munro



Doyle Yoannidis



Hannah and Nick Dimasi



At the NZ ISSF Nationals in February, Molly Bretag attended the New Zealand North Island Championships with the Australian Junior team. Molly then proceeded to shoot the scores to secure her position in the finals match. Holding her nerve and composure, she proceeded to secure the win and the honour of the 2024 New Zealand ISSF National title. A truly remarkable outcome for her.



Jamie Dunn then showed us he holds multidisciplinary skills, heading over to Melbourne for the domestic Olympic event and having success taking a silver medal in the Mens ISSF.





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March saw the **Skeet Nationals** events begin in Wagga and there were most certainly some personal bests achieved at a National Level by numerous members this year, with a few achieving pinnacle status on this National level.

Benn Baker secured 5th position in the Skeet World USA Team and 5th position in the Skeet Glenn Trophy team, while along side Michael Raper, they both secured positions in the Open Postal Teams. Kat Kevin Mules made the Veterans postal team and Liz Rymill the Ladies.



Benn Baker & Michael Raper Open All Australia Postal
Kat Mules Veteran All Aust Postal

SACTA presented an Open and Veterans State teams this year and we saw a small group of 9 SA shooters travelling to Wagga for this years Nationals. With such a small contingent of travelling members, the rewards were substantial and worthy of bragging about.



Len DeCandia President, Benn Baker, Tore Pipicella, Michael Raper, Liz Rymill, Paul Pianezolla, Kat Mules, Bruce Baker, Ross Walsh State Open Skeet Team positioned 4th and our Veterans Team 2nd in their Teams events.

5 shooters from SA made the Skeet Handicap shoot off with Kat Mules taking 5th place. Benn Baker & Deb McPherson taking podium status in the 28gauge events with A grade 1st and Overall Ladies respectively. This lead into the Ch/Chs with a further win for Deb in the Ladies category.



Kat Mules 5th
Skeet Handicap



Deb McPherson OA
Ladies 28 Gauge



Benn Baker A 1st
28 Gauge



Deb 3rd Ladies
Champion of Champions



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Benn keeping form day 2 with A grade 1st in the 410 event and again 1st in A for the 100t National event. Kat with a 2nd in the Veterans for the 100t National event.

Michael Raper 1st OA in the 100t Commonwealth, Benn 2nd A grade and Liz Overall Ladies in that event.



Benn Baker
1st A - 410



Kat Mules 2nd Vets
100T Commonwealth



Michael Raper 1st
Benn Baker 2nd
100T Commonwealth



Liz Ladies OA
100T Commonwealth

Benn didn't stop there this year taking out a 3rd in AA in Skeet doubles along with A Grade High Gun

What a year he has had, we are all super proud of the commitment and superb standard he set this year.



DTL Nationals followed on from this with the PB's and accolades continuing.
State teams results – Open 3rd, Ladies 3rd, Veterans 3rd and our Juniors 5th



Back row:- Jarred Nicholls, Aaron Zupanic, Gavin Height, Hayden Phillips, Darryn Nicholls, Richard Warden, Luke Batten
Front row:- Lachy Holtham, Nicolla Dunn, Cody Gallagher, Gary Coppola, Vicki Batten, Max Medhurst, Tania Evans



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Darryn and Jarred Nicholls secured positions in the DTL Open Mackintosh Team while a 1st time National attendance from Hayden Phillips saw him shoot his way into 5th position in the Junior DTL Mackintosh team.



We had a contingency of 12 in the Double barrel shoot-off on day 1 with the stayers, Aaron Zupanic and Luke Batten only out at 299 targets and 276 respectively.

Lachy Holtham and Cojack Gallagher both secured positions in their grades in the Double Barrel event. Steve Chambers won 3rd in grade in the National Single barrel, while Darryn Nicholls placed in the Veterans for the Point Score and Don Pratt a 1st for the Super Vets in the same event.

Darryn Nicholls once again in the Double rise with a place in Veterans, in both grade and Veterans for the Champion of Champions while Nicola Dunn placed in the Ladies for that same event.

Darryn and Jamie Dunn placed 2nd and 5th in the DTL All Australian Team and Darryn went on to take out the AA grade High Gun and Veterans HG.

With another 9 months of 2024 to go, I would be not exaggerating to say 'Bring it on' lets see what else our SACTA members can achieve for the remainder of the year.

A huge Congratulations to all those that have achieved accolades or PB's along the way and a super well done to everyone else, for being there, supporting your team and State members and hitting the layouts to write a little history for your shooting journeys.

On all accounts, talk around the traps are positive in regard to the promoting of the National Championships this year, and many thanks go to the ACTA for their proactive and responsive approach of their updates and live streaming of the Presentations this year at the Skeet and DTL Nationals. This has enabled those shooters not able to make it to the Wagga Nationals grounds, to be informed, updated on their fellow shooters achievements.

Good shooting to you all and a final extended Congratulations to all other winners at the ACTA National Championships in all disciplines.

Deb McPherson

SACTA State Secretary