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### ***New Shooters Sunday—June***

Even through the colder months the New Shooters Sundays continue to be popular with 13 shooters braving the conditions and having a go. Some good scores were also shot and some new memberships as well. Many thanks to Gary for helping out. Photo from the morning group shown below:



### ***Field & Game—June***

The June F&G shoot fell on the long weekend and as such we were down a squad or so (45 shooters). Our Coordinators had set an exacting but entertaining range, mainly in the pines, which saw the scores down slightly but with most people shooting their grade. For the set up on the Saturday no one from the list turned up but luckily Daren Jones was on hand to help out, otherwise it would have been hard going for the two coordinators. Please check the new Setup List which will be in the next club News Letter. This shoot was the first month of the Winter Series Competition for club members. We take your best two months scores and add your handicap. The winner gets a Winter Series Badge and has their name engraved on the trophy. This trophy was generously donated by Ian Latter and is a carried over from our Monaro F&G days.

Congratulations go to Rodney Kneipp for his HG win with 89/100.

Other winners as follows:

AA	Rob Butterworth	79
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ian Latter	78
A	Kurt Webster	79
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Geoff Taylor	78
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter Barlow	75
B	Alex Kearney	69
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Richard Warner	68
C	Toney Menzies	66
Ladies	Marg Warriner	51

We would like to welcome home from their travels Loraine and Richard Davison and to thank Loraine and Elspeth for staffing the canteen and providing us with delicious food. The hot soup went down particularly well on the Winter day. As usual thanks to all who stopped back and picked up the range.



## Skeet—June

Twelve brave souls shot the June Skeet. Intermittent overcast and blustery cold winds made shooting difficult. Six shot comp and six shot practice in what could only be described as uncomfortable conditions. It was heartening to see a young lady from the New Shooter Sunday program come along and have a go at the discipline also. I hope the harsh conditions don't act as a deterrent.

High Gun went to Dave O'Sullivan with a score of 74/75, and 37/37 for the Handicap. Dave has recently returned from the Skeet Nationals where he also won OA High Gun (our congratulations Dave).

A	Rodney Kneipp	71/75
B	Ian Latter	66/75
C	Garry Betar	66/75
<b>Handicap</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Dave O'Sullivan	37/37
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ian Latter	34/37
<b>High Gun</b>		
Dave O'Sullivan		74/75

In addition to our regular skeet, George Bailey is getting ISSF skeet under way and as of next month it will be a regular feature on the skeet weekend. Six people also shot practice trench (must have been "interesting" in the wind).



## Sporting Clays - June

Twenty shooters attended the Club's June Sporting Clays. Shooting was made difficult and uncomfortable by a biting gusty southerly wind causing quite a variation in the target presentation and tending to lower the scores. This was the first time we used the new radio releases which worked well except for a minor wiring compatibility

problem with one of the traps. This should be fixed by next shoot.

Again good to see five new people trying the discipline and our thanks to members who helped supervise and provide advice. Congratulations go to Adam West who High Gunned with 82/100 (think its his first). Other winners were:

AA/A	Bill Warriner	75
B	Rob Butterworth	69
C	John Taylor	69
Ladies	Marg Warriner	53

Thank you to all who pitched in running the shoot and picking up at the end of the day. Also to Jennifer Betar and Lorraine Davison who staffed the canteen and helped combat the cold with tasty hot food.



### Googong - Fishing

Tim Jones and "JT" tried their hand (or should I say rods) in the middle of July at the Googong impoundment. Unfortunately not a successful re: fish. However the day was pleasant except for the occasional cold breeze. The water is still much discolored with visibility down to four or five inches and the lake had a feeling of barrenness.

We trawled the foreshore and some of the larger bays with lures which had in the past produced

good catches. This time not even a red fin. I would say its going to be a while before the lake settles.



### Field & Game - July

The July FGA shoot had 60 competitors participating in relatively fine shooting conditions. High gun for the day went to Andy Vacarro (88) with the balance of the results as follows-

AA:	Matt Webster	82
	Peter Richards	79
A:	George Bailey	84
	John Sankey	82
	John Norris	80
B:	Geoff Taylor	69
	Mohammed Wazir	66
	Darren Jones	63
C:	Tony Menzies	63
Jnr:	Clayton Holdstock	
Vets:	John Taylor	46
Ladies:	Marg Warriner	

The Field & Game co-ordinators would like to thank our admin & canteen volunteers for giving up their time to allow the event to go off smoothly. Speaking of volunteers, the July set up had quite a number of volunteers turn up and assist which made for a speedy set up This was great to see and hopefully this trend will continue throughout the year. With spring fast approaching, there may be only two or three more opportunities to set the course up in the forest before the bushfire season is declared. Though with the onset of spring/ summer that means that the rice season will soon be on us

so maybe a rice season layout will be on the cards?



### *Fathers and Sons Shoot—July*

Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning the Club held a father and sons shoot – father and three sons on each occasion. The afternoon group shot a 50 target comp (which included some skeet targets) with one of the sons, Harry, winning in fine style with a 37/50.

The morning group stuck with the NSS format and this time Dad won with a 9/12.

This was good shooting by the beginners considering the cold blustery conditions.

### *New Shooters Sunday – July*

July NSS saw a full house – six in the morning and six in the afternoon. Cold breezy conditions made shooting a bit uncomfortable at times - just your normal Canberra weather for this time of the year. Some good scores were achieved with Mat in the morning shooting 14/15 and Richard (with family) shooting 14/15 in the afternoon session.

Our thanks go to Neal Goodwin who assisted throughout the day and made it easier on the rostered members.



### *Skeet—July*

Seven shooters attended the July skeet which was shot in Cold blustery conditions.

Results were

OA	Rodney Kneipp	50/50
AA	Dave O'Sullivan	48/50
B	John Pethybridge	38/50.

Congratulations also go to Rodney Kneipp was also presented with Skeet High Gun for the year which

starts in May and concludes in April at the Southern Cross Carnival.

### Sporting Clays - July

July Sporting day was overcast with a biting cold wind. Sixteen shooters attended – three of which were new shooters having a go. The variable winds made the targets “interesting” and results were as follows:

HG	Rodney Kneipp	89/100
A	Geoff Taylor	77/100
B	Daren Jones	58/100

This shoot gave us a chance to really try the new radio release system which worked faultlessly (no worries about shot release cords) plus makes it a little easier on the setup/takedown. Our thanks go to all who pitching in button pushing and refereeing.

Particularly our thanks go to Tim Jones who ran the office/book.

### Shotgun Gauges

Shotgun gauges have an interesting history; the term gauge is derived from the size of a solid spherical lead ball filling the bore of the gun. In the case of a one bore or one gauge the diameter of the bore was determined by the size of a spherical ball made from a pound of pure lead, similarly the bore size of a 2 gauge was determined from the size of a spherical ball of half a pound of lead.

The same principal applies to modern shotgun gauges, with a 12 gauge, the diameter of the bore being determined by the size of a 1/12 pound spherical ball of lead and so on down to 28 gauge.

The 410 shotgun is the exception with size of the bore being 0.410 inches in diameter. This is in fact the calibre of the shotgun. If the gauge system was applied then the 410 would be 67 gauge

The diameters of the bores are shown below in inches:

10 Gauge	.775"
12 Gauge	.729"
16 Gauge	.662"
20 Gauge	.615"
28 Gauge	.550"
410 Calibre	.410"

### DTL - July

#### Memorial Shoot

25 Tgt Double Barrel Championship		
O/A	PAUL WATCHORN	32/32
AA	DAVE TURNER	29/30
A	PETER EWART	31/32
B	WAYNE SMITH	
C	GARRY BETAR	
25 Tgt Single Barrel Championship		
O/A	PAUL WATCHORN	28/28
AA	DAVE TURNER	27/28
A	GEOFF MILLS	31/32
B	WAYNE SMITH	
C	GARRY BETAR	
25 Tgt Point Score Championship		
O/A	GEOFF MILLS	71/75
AA	PAUL WATCHORN	69/75
A	PETER EWART	68/75
B	BOB CHURCHILL	65/75
C	GARRY BETAR	
20 Pair Deauville Doubles Championship 20m		
1st	WATCHORN TEAM	19/20
2nd	MILLS & EWART TEAM	18/20
Overall High Gun		
PAUL WATCHORN		144/150



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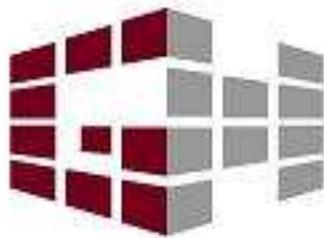
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