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AGM NOTICE

The CICTC AGM will be held following the Simulated Field Shoot on the 12th May.

Please try and attend so that we have a quorum and can proceed.

We have pre-nominations for most positions but if there is anybody out there who wants to take on a role on the committee it would be much appreciated.

This club depends on its membership in order to be able to run and we always welcome new faces stepping up to assist with the running of the club

Field & Game—February

Clear conditions greeted the 37 competitors on the Sunday for the Feb sim field shoot. The course looked as if we would get multiple 25 for the day but it was not to be. High gun for the day went to Darren Coleman with 90, with the balance of the results as follows:

AA:	Russell Stephenson	89
A:	Geoff Bullock	88
	Mark Raabe	82
	Daryl Parry	82
B:	Christopher Raabe	83
	Darren Jones	77
Vets:	Col O'Brian	63
Subguage:	Peter Barlow	91
	Norm Simms	90
	Barry Dunn	86
	Tony Ouidi	61
	Elsbeth Dunn	61

Our thanks again to our ever present volunteers in the office and canteen to keep the show well run and well fed. We look forward to seeing all competitors next month when JT sets up his famous (or infamous depending on your view) pre duck season range, should a interesting round. And congratulations to a certain senior member of the club for making AA grade. No names but we're expecting a high gun score shortly from you!



Skeet—February

A mild sunny day at Canberra International for the running of the Molonglo 100 Target Skeet Championship. Winners and Grinners as follows:

- 1st & O/L AA: D O'Sullivan 99/100
- 1st A: R Kneipp 96/100
- 1st B: I Latter 93/100
- 1st C: J Pethybridge 86/100



Sporting Clays—February

February Sporting Clays was rather a wet event. The morning saw intermittent showers but as the day wore on the heavy showers became more frequent and we were lucky to get the 100 target event in. The range was set to a medium course but shooting was made difficult with varying North East winds. Undeterred, thirteen shooters attended but only three shot comp. (Got the feeling many were practising for the up coming Duck Season). Scores were ;

- H/G Norm Simms 80/100,
- B Grade Darren Coleman 69/100,
- C Grade Greg Fuller 55/100.

Our thanks go to the "Wednesday setter uppers" and those who braved the rain to help pack up at the end of the day.



DTL—February

50 TGT SB/ C/D E/O

- AA Grade** - Daniel Power 48/50
- A Grade** - Brett Coutts 45/50
- B Grade** - Tanya Skinner 36/50

100 TGT PS Championship

- AA &O/A** - Daniel Power 294/300
- A Grade** - Trevor Coutts 281/300
- B Grade** - Ben Campbell 281/300

HIGH GUN

DANIEL POWER 342/350



Skeet—March

A mild sunny day with a little wind .

KOWEN 50TGT AMERICAN SKEET HANDICAP

1st N Jones 56/64

2nd D O'Sullivan 63/64

25 PAIR SKEET DOUBLES

1st AA: D O'Sullivan 48/50

2nd B: S Balogh 40/50

Field & Game—March

Eight squads attended the Safari Firearms 100 Target Handicaps April shoot which was shot in relatively calm but muggy weather with intermittent overcast. With the Victorian Duck Hunting Season opening the following Saturday this event has been traditionally biased towards targets that, where possible, mimic flying ducks. This resulted in nine stations with plenty of sim pairs and some challenging targets.

High Gun went to Simon Weeding with an 83/100 (off the gun.).

Handicap winners were :

A	Wayne Collins	83
2 nd	Adam Hardy	85
3 rd	John Sankey	82
A	Gary Georgiou	83 (Safari Firearms)
2 nd	Daren Jones	80
3 rd	Darryl Parry	80
B	Graham Rouse	97
2 nd	Darrell Lovekin	88
3 rd	Dylan Lovekin	84
C	Andrew Del Boccid	77
Vets	Stephen Newcombe	66/75

Our thanks go to Lorraine Davison and Jennifer Betar who kept us going with a delicious food throughout the day and John Kearns who ran the Noms office and score boards etc.

This month we were a little short on the ground for the rostered Saturday “setter uppers”. Thank you to Rob Butterworth for coming along and helping out.

Finally, a special thanks to SAFARI FIREARMS who sponsored the shoot and to Gary Georgiou who travelled up from Sydney to shoot with us for the day.



Twilight Skeet Report

The Twilight Skeet series was run again on Wednesday afternoons over January and February 2013 at CICTC to take advantage of daylight savings. The format selected for this year was ISSF Skeet and on average one squad of shooters turned up regularly to take on this exciting challenge. ISSF Skeet is shot with a low gun mount and up to a 3 second delay after calling for the target. New changes to ISSF Skeet also mean the targets are now a couple of yards quicker and average about 104-106 kph. Pairs are also shot at all stations except 8. ISSF Skeet is like Formula 1 of the clay target shooting disciplines!

This did not deter our brave band of twilight shooters though, and as an introduction to this tough discipline shooters could decide if they felt more comfortable shooting gun up or gun down, or if they wanted all targets as singles rather than pairs. Happily, by the end of the series our regular band had got more comfortable with the speed and were hitting most of the targets as singles from the gun up or sporting position. Ian and Josh even remarked that after two months of ISSF skeet targets they were now smoking the targets thrown from their portable one at home with ease...

ISSF Skeet is an excellent way to expose any flaws in your technique and sharpen your gun mount, there is simply no time to compensate, and I think all participants left with a much better understanding of how they could improve aspects of their clay target shooting.

We look forward to running the twilight series again next year, and maybe we'll do a hybrid American skeet format with a 3 second delay or more doubles added to mix it up a bit!

George Bailey
ISSF Skeet Coordinator

Insight and Vacations Flight Centre Corp Day

On Tuesday 5th February the Club welcomed 20 people from Insight Vacations & Flight Centre for a Corporate Shoot. Some of the participants drove down from Sydney for the day and although it was a large number the day went very well.



In the end Steve shot a fine 11/13 with a great double to finish and Eddy (Edwina) 10/13. Warm but fine weather added to the day with all saying that they "had a great time".

New Shooters Sunday—March

NSS was conducted in heavy overcast conditions ; fortunately the rain stayed north of the border for the day. Both morning and afternoon sessions went well but we were down on numbers with some people transferring to May because of other commitments.

The mini Comp for the morning was won by Maxwell with 11/13 after a shoot off.

The winner of the afternoon session was Deborah with 10/13.

Once again our thanks go to the Instructors who give up there free time for the Club.



Duck Opening 2013

Four Club members travelled to Marlo for Duck Opening 0710 Saturday 16th March. The weather forecast was for dry calm conditions but

deteriorating for the Sunday morning. (they were certainly right - rain and strong winds). Not as many hunters were present this year and there did not seem to be as many ducks in the area as previous years, additionally, a lot of the surrounding dams and shallows were dry. Opening was good and everybody got a feed but the quantity of ducks this year very much depended on whether you were lucky to be on a flight line. A few of our members were lucky and did well. As usual the food and service at the Marlo Hotel was first class and the locals were friendly and helpful. Marlo is a small coastal town and at the Snowy River outlet. It is a pretty spot with good fishing and becoming increasingly popular as a family holiday destination.



Goulburn Field & Game Australia

Goulburn Field and Game (which is associated with the Goulburn Workers Club) this year will have been in operation for twenty years. The Club is located about 20 minutes out of town to the North West on Middle Arm Road. Goulburn F&G is friendly country club and its members provided considerable assistance to Canberra when our club re-started F&G type shooting in the nineties. Goulburn, like Canberra, in the early days was a Field and Game Federation Club, however, both clubs, at about the same time, decided to affiliate with F&G Aust.

The Club Shoots on the first Sunday of the month starting at 0930. Goulburn is fortunate in that its shooting area covers a fairly wide range of open and wooded undulating country, which allows them to set varied and interesting (and sometimes

testing) ranges. Three or four Canberra Members regularly attend their monthly shoots and anybody who would like to visit there is usually a spare seat available. (Contact JT).



New Shooters Sunday—April

On Sunday 7 April ten aspiring clay target shooters participated in the Club's New Shooter programme. Everyone enjoyed the experience in conditions ideal for clay shooting.

The results of our mini-comp showed that Jason & Lory had tied, both shooting 11/13.

We conducted a shoot-off to separate them with Jason being the eventual winner.



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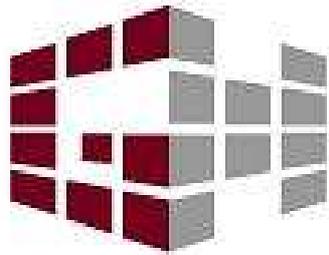
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