

Australia Cup 3 at Melbourne Gun Club

Over the weekend July 24-26 the Melbourne Gun Club in Lilydale, Victoria played host to the 3rd leg of Australia Cup Series held for the ISSF disciplines. Entry numbers were at an all time high and some fantastic shooting was the result.

DOUBLE TRAP

Double Trap was held on Friday 24th with 18 entrants nominated. Weather started fine and sunny with not a breath of wind for the first round and Tim Kneale from the Isle of Man took full advantage of this posting a clean 50/50 in his first round and basically said catch me if your good enough from there. His next two rounds of 47 and 44 saw him lead into the final on an excellent score of 141/150.

Next to qualify to Tim was Craig Trembath on 132, Russell Mark 130, Nick Kirley 129, Tom Turner 128, Josh Collard 121.

Final Results for Double Trap

1. Tim Kneale 141 + 46
2. Russell Mark 130 + 45
3. Craig Trembath 132 + 42
4. Nick Kirley 129 + 43
5. Tom Turner 128 + 40
6. Josh Collard 120 + 33



LADIES TRAP

Saturday dawned overcast and breezy, with wind gusts and changing light making conditions tough for the girls competing in the Ladies Trap event. 14 competitors lined up to compete for this event which ended up a very close affair. Tracey Barton who has only just recently taken up ISSF Trap under the watchful eye of new coach Steve Trembath lead into the final on 64/75. Emma Eagles was next to qualify with 61, Michelle Beecham on 60, Stacy Roiall 59, Suzy Balogh 58 & Teegan McCloy 58

Final Results for Ladies Trap

1. Tracey Barton 64 + 17 + 1

2. Michelle Beecham 60 + 21 + 0
3. Emma Eagles 61 + 19
4. Suzy Balogh 58 + 13
5. Stacy Roiall 59 + 12
6. Teegan McCloy 58 + 11



LADIES SKEET

Also shot on Saturday the Ladies Skeet event although only having 3 competitors became a tight tussle right to the end between Laura Coles, Lauryn Mark and Zita Dettori. Only 1 target split the 3 of them going into the final. With Laura Coles shooting a great 23 in the final to win.

1. Laura Coles 64 + 23
2. Lauryn Mark 63 + 21
3. Zita Dettori 64 + 19



MENS TRAP

Due to the large amount of entries and only having 2 layouts to get thru all the shooters only 2 rounds were shot on Day 1 for the Men with the remaining 75 + final being shot on Day 2. Adam Vella made his statement right from the word go shooting the first 50 straight in some pretty tough conditions to give himself a 4

target lead. Sunday the weather was much more favourable to the shooters with good light and just a gentle breeze saw some much higher scores posted. Adam Vella finished on a 122 and a PQS, next to him was Ross Liersch on 116, Myles Brown Cole from New Zealand on 115, Nidal Asmar 114, Josh Spicer 113 and Junior shooter Michael McNabb on 112 rounded off the final

1. Adam Vella 122 + 22
2. Nidal Asmar 114 + 21 + 2
3. Ross Liersch 116 + 19 + 1 + 1
4. Myles Brown Cole 115 + 1 + 0
5. Michael McNabb 112 + 20
6. Josh Spicer 113 + 17
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MENS SKEET

11 Shooters in Mens Skeet competed over the Saturday and Sunday. Scores were generally up and down but George Barton showing consistency recorded 24,24,24 on day 1 to have a 2 target lead. After the 125 Targets it was George leading with 118, Anthony Sottosanti 115, Clive Barton 114, Keith Ferguson 112, James Bolding 112, David Cunningham 111 made up the top 6 for the final

1. George Barton 118 + 24
2. Anthony Sottosanti 115 + 24
3. Clive Barton 114 + 24
4. Keith Ferguson 112 + 23 + 2
5. James Bolding 112 + 23 + 1
6. David Cunningham 111 + 23



So ended a very successful Australia Cup event with despite some tricky conditions saw some great scores shot. Congratulations to all winners and place getters and we hope all visitors enjoyed their time in Melbourne and had safe flights or in some cases long drives home. A big thank you also to the large band of workers who helped make the shoot the success it was.

Craig Henwood.