

2017 Zeljko Bacani Memorial Sheet Shoot

The fourth annual Zeljko Bacani Memorial Skeet shoot was held on Sunday 9 April, at the Frankston Australian Clay Target Club. Melbourne really turned on the wintery weather presenting the 39 shooters with some very challenging conditions. They saw a completely overcast day with rough winds and rain coupled with a freezing cold temperature! Wet weather gear was a must!

Weather conditions aside, this event made for yet another enjoyable day as not only were shooters competing for their share of \$2000 in cash prize money, but they were also raising money for the Cancer Council of Victoria. \$20 from every Open nomination and \$10 from every Junior nomination was donated to the Charity together with money raised from two raffles, and personal donations. Again this year, generosity was evident and \$1535 was raised, bringing the total now raised over the four years to \$8152.

There was some fantastic shooting and 26 red stars on the scoreboard. C Grader Kerry Anderson had never shot a clean round in competition and was remarkable with two in her second and fourth rounds. Kerry finished on an impressive 90/100 taking out first in C Grade.

This event was the first ACTA competition for Adam Du Rose, who, after his first fifty targets, shot himself straight into A Grade. Adam went on to shoot two clean rounds finishing with 96/100 and winning A Grade. Robert Holloway was not far behind in second place with 94/100.

A bit of friendly father-son competition between Les and Adam Beechey saw Adam beat his dad by 1 target with a 91/100. Adam also took out Juniors. Junior James Sacchetta beat his dad Daniel by 6 targets and finished on 89/100 with a second in C Grade.

Gerry Petruska took out Veterans with a score of 93/100 and 2016 Rio Olympian Aislin Jones took out Ladies with 90/100. B Grade was close with Keith Napier taking the win with 90/100 and Jim Turner 2 targets behind in second place.

Competition at the top was tough! Three perfect rounds saw Barry Moss with an outright Overall win finishing with an awesome score of 99/100. Michael Buttigieg and Adrian Cousens both finished on 98/100 with Michael taking first in AA and Adrian second.

Luigi Scalise was the lucky winner of the Pick the Joker and Max Oakley won the door prize. The Du Rose family won the first prize in the raffle thanks to the kind donation from the MCC Clay Target Club.

These events absorb a lot of time and preparation and without the hard work and dedication of Club Committees and Sponsors, they would not proceed. A special thank you to Spartan Global, Sam Arcuri, Barry Moss (Rochet Kitchens) and Clay and Hunt for being the major sponsors for this event. There was also a team of very generous individuals who contributed to this event in their personal capacities.

The FACTC Committee thanks everyone who took part in this day and we look forward to the return of the event in 2018.

