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AUSSIE SKEET TEAM RETAINS THE GLENN TROPHY

The Glenn Trophy skeet teams match between Australia and New Zealand carries with it a significant amount of prestige and healthy rivalry between the two countries.

In 2017 the teams match was held at the Canterbury Gun Club in Christchurch New Zealand.

The Australian Team selection occurred at this year's Skeet Nationals at Wagga in May and was selected over 250 targets. There were very strong scores shot by the skeet shooters and of note the last place in the team was shot for on 248/250.

The travelling Australian Team was Michael Buttigieg, David O'Sullivan, Mal Briggs, Nathan Campbell and Max Oakley.

The NZ team members were Shane Quinn, Steve Cooper, John Tonkin, Ray Everett and Mike Sime.

The match was held on the Thursday afternoon of the NZ Skeet Nationals after the doubles event and both teams from Australia and New Zealand lined up for team photographs before the shooting started and looked very professional in the Team attire from both Nations. The NZ and Australia team started shooting on separate fields next to each other and a great crowd of onlookers and spectators enjoyed the shooting. The weather conditions were tricky with winds gusting and light changes due to the fast moving weather patterns, the targets were tricky and posed some challenges for the shooters.

After 25 targets were shot the teams transferred onto the alternate ground to ensure parity and at that stage there was no clear winner with both teams down several targets.

Midway through the second box and it was still neck and neck between the two teams and it was exciting to watch the great shooters from both countries giving it all in the match.

After the last target was shot the Australian team were victorious on 242/250 and the NZ team 1 target behind on 241/250.

Both teams should be commended on the professionalism and sportsmanship displayed both on the shooting field and the awards ceremony where gifts from both countries were exchanged.

The Australian team were victorious and we are looking forward to the next rematch of this prestigious event.