



2023 State Skeet Carnival

Blackwater Clay Target Club

31st August - 3rd September 2023

Qld State Skeet Carnival 2023

State Multigauge Events

Event 1: **50T – State 28 Gauge Championship**

2022 Overall Winner – Glenn Walker 49/50

44 Shooters

Overall		Antony Ballarino	67/68
//AA Grade	1 st	Mark Corbett	66/68
	2 nd	Dean Baird	53/55
A Grade	1 st	James Wilberforce	62/64
	2 nd	Nigel Hughes	57/59
B Grade	1 st	Matt Rhue	48/54
	2 nd	Tracey Ashton	47/54
C Grade	1 st	Vic Marshall	44/50
	2 nd	Suellen Heyman	43/50
1st Ladies	1 st	Lorraine Hughes	46/50
1st Junior		Bodhi Bignell	42/50
1st Veteran		James Wilberforce	62/64

Event 2: **50T – State 410 Championship**

2022 Overall Winner – John Rodden 48/50

44 Shooters

Overall		Steven Makris	50/54
AA Grade	1 st	Matthew De Paoli	50/55
	2 nd	John Rodden	53/59
A Grade	1 st	Nigel Hughes	48/54
	2 nd	Laurie Sceresini	45/50
B Grade	1 st	Ashley Mason	50/56
	2 nd	Wayne Read	49/56
C Grade	1 st	Christopher Bourne	38/50
	2 nd	Vic Marshall	34/50
1st Ladies		Paulette Walker	40/50
1st Junior		Bodhi Bignell	33/50
1st Veteran		Laurie Sceresini	45/50

Event 3: **50T – State 20 Gauge Championship**

2022 Overall Winner (Multigauge) –

2022 Overall Winner (State) –

61 Shooters

Overall		Craig O'Neill	50/50
AA Grade	1 st	Matthew De Paoli	57/58
	2 nd	John Rodden	56/58
A Grade	1 st	Darryl Chapman	57/58
	2 nd	Nigel Hughes	53/55
B Grade	1 st	Laurie Chelepy	47/50
	2 nd	Bodhi Bignell	54/58
C Grade	1 st	Cherie Reeves	49/54
	2 nd	Lindsay Groat	47/54
1st Ladies		Lorraine Hughes	49/50
1st Junior		Athan Phillis	47/50
1st Veteran		Mal Briggs	56/58

Event 4: **50T – State Skeet Handicap**

2022 Overall Winner – Eli Rohrlach 124/124

No. Of Shooters: 75

Place	Name	Club	Score
1 st	Antony Ballarino	Port Denison	114/114
2 nd	Cherie Reeves	Normanton	114/115
3 rd	Darryl Chapman	Townsville	100/101
4 th	Cooper Rodden	Mackay & Sarina	87/88
5 th	John Rodden	Cecil Park	86/87

Event 5: **100T - State Skeet Championship**

2022 Overall Winner – John Rodden 142/143

No. Of Shooters: 76

Place	Name	Club	Score
Overall	John Rodden	Cecil Park CTC	100/100
AA Grade	1 st Antony Ballarino	Port Denison	99/100
	2 nd Mark Corbett	Cooma	98/100
A Grade	1 st Nigel Hughes	Caboolture	97/100
	2 nd Darryl Chapman	Townsville	107/112
B Grade	1 st Chris Langley	Toowoomba	97/104
	2 nd Paulette Walker	Caboolture	96/104
C Grade	1 st Cherie Reeves	Normanton	94/100
	2 nd Brett Graving	Callide Dawson	96/110
Ladies	Cherie Reeves	Normanton	94/100
Junior	Athan Phillis	Townsville	91/100
Veteran	Chris Langley	Toowoomba	97/104

2023 Queensland State Skeet Postal Teams

150 Targets - Events 4 & 5

Open Team

		Total
1	Steve Makris	50/50
2	Antony Ballarino	50/50
3	Nigel Hughes	50/50
4	Lorraine Hughes	50/50
5	Craig O'Neil	49/50
6	Cody Chapman	49/50
7	Mal Briggs	48/50
8	Glenn Walker	47/50
9	Jason Phillis	47/50
10	Adam Corless	47/50
11	Paulette Walker	47/50
12	Wally Clarke	45/50
13	Wayne Reeves	45/50
14	Darryl Chapman	44/50
15	Cherie Reeves	42/50

2023 Queensland State Skeet Postal Teams

150 Targets Events 4 & 5

Ladies Team

Total

1	Tracey Ashton	23/25
2	Trish Clarke	23/25
3	Veronica Forsythe	23/25
4	Paulette Walker	22/25
5	Cherie Reeves	22/25
6	Suellen Heyman	21/25

Junior Team

Total

1	Athan Phillis	25/25
2	Bodhi Bignell	24/25
3	Cody Ryan	16/25
4	Mitchell Cross	15/25
5		
6		

Veterans Team

Total

1	Wayne Read	24/25
2	Laurie Sceresini	24/25
3	Wayne Reeves	23/25
4	Phil Keller	22/25
5	Don Mabbutt	22/25
6	Chris Langley	18/25

2023 Shoulder-to-Shoulder Teams

Open Team - 150 Targets Events 4 & 5 + 50T Team Score

		Score Events 4 & 5	+ Team	Total
1	Antony Ballarino	149	50	199/200
2	Craig O'Neil	147	49	196/200
3	Nigel Hughes	144	50	194/200
4	Steve Makris	142	50	192/200
5	Lorraine Hughes	142	50	192/200
Reserves in qualifying order				
6	Glen Walker	144	47	191/200
7	Cody Chapman	141	49	190/200
8	Mal Briggs	141	48	189/200
9	Jason Phillis	142	47	189/200
10	Wally Clarke	143	45	188/200
=11	Adam Corless	140	47	187/200
=11	Paulette Walker	140	47	187/200
=11	Darryl Chapman	143	44	187/200
=11	Wayne Reeves	142	45	187/200
15	Cherie Reeves	140	42	182/200

2023 Shoulder-to-Shoulder Teams

Section Teams - 150 Targets Events 4 & 5 + 25T Team Score

Ladies Team

		Score Events 4 & 5	+ Team	Total
1	Paulette Walker	140	22	162
2	Cherie Reeves	140	22	162
3	Tracey Ashton	131	23	154
Reserves in qualifying order				
4	Veronica Forsythe	127	23	150
5	Suellen Heymen	121	21	142
6	Trish Clark	117	23	140

Junior Team

		Score Events 4 & 5	+ Team	Total
1	Athan Phillis	136/150	25	161/175
2	Bodhi Bignell	129/150	24	153/175
3	Cody Ryan	93/150	16	109/175
Reserves in qualifying order				
4	Mitchell Cross	81/150	15	96/175
5				
6				

Veterans Team

		Score Events 4 & 5	+ Team	Total
1	Wayne Reeves	142	23	165
2	Laurie Scerescini	139	24	163
3	Wayne Read	133	25	158
Reserves in qualifying order				
4	Phil Keller	135	22	157
5	Chris Langley	139	18	157
6	Don Marbutt	132	22	154

Event 6: **50T – State Yancoal Champion**

No. Of Shooters: 78 No. Of Possibles: 3

Place	Name	Club	Score
Overall	Cody Chapman	Townsville	54/54
AA Grade	1 st Craig O'Neill	Brisbane	58/60
	2 nd Matthew De Paoli	Collie	57/60
A Grade	1 st Wayne Reeves	Normanton	51/52
	2 nd Nigel Hughes	Caboolture	50/52
B Grade	1 st Bodhi Bignell	Roma	66/68
	2 nd Don Mabbutt	Brisbane	64/67
C Grade	1 st Christopher Bourne	Blackwater	46/51
	2 nd Cherie Reeves	Normanton	45/51
Ladies	Lorraine Hughes	Caboolture	48/52
Junior	Bodhi Bignell	Roma	48/50
Veteran	Wayne Reeves	Normanton	49/50

Event 7: **50T – State Skeet Doubles Championship**

2022 Overall Winner – Steven Makris 79/82

No. Of Shooters: 77

Place	Name	Club	Score
Overall	Antony Ballarino	Port Denison	50/50
AA Grade	1 st Matthew De Paoli	Collie	50/56
	2 nd Craig O'Neill	Brisbane	49/56
A Grade	1 st Wally Clarke	Caboolture	48/50
	2 nd Nigel Hughes	Caboolture	47/50
B Grade	1 st Cooper Rodden	Mackay & Sarina	44/50
	2 nd Wayne Read	Townsville	43/50
C Grade	1 st Gerard Battiato	Ballandean	42/50
	2 nd Chris Langley	Toowoomba	41/50
Ladies	Lorraine Hughes	Caboolture	44/50
Junior	Bodhi Bignell	Roma	53/58
Veteran	James Wilberforce	Taree Wingham	46/50

2023 Inter Zone Postal Teams

Gold Medal

Open Team

Winning Zone: South- East Zone

Score: 122

1	Nigel Hughes	25
2	Vaughan McInnes	25
3	Lorraine Hughes	24
4	Craig O'Neil	24
5	Amberley Emmett	24
6	Mal Briggs	23

Ladies Team

Winning Zone: South-East Zone

Score: 71

1	Jacki Richards	25
2	Toni Campbell	23
3	Tracey Ashton	23

Junior Team

Winning Zone: South-East Zone

Score: 66

1	MacKenzie Morris	24
2	Lee-Anne Walker	19
3	Caleb Mifsud	23

Veteran Team

Winning Zone: South-East Zone

Score: 70

1	George Petrou	24
2	Chris Langley	21
3	Kris Dowie	25

Team High Guns

Sash

Open	Steve Makris	104/104
Ladies	Lorraine Hughes	24/25
Junior	Athan Phillis	25/25
Veteran	Wayne Read	24/26

2022 Skeet Champion

(Qualifying Events 4 & 5 + Team)

2022 Winner: Antony Ballarino 207/208

Antony Ballarino	199/200
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Two Person Team

Two Person Team	John Rodden & Matthew De Paoli	485/500
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Two Lady Team

Two Lady Team	Paulette Walker & Lorraine Hughes	459/500
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Grade High Gun Winners

AA Grade	John Rodden	245/250
A Grade	Nigel Hughes	240/250
B Grade	Chris Langley	228/250
C Grade	Cherie Reeves	221/250

High All Around

Multigauge Overall + Carnival High Gun

Sponsored by: Pat Dury

2022 Winner: John Rodden 392/400

High All Around	Antony Ballarino	390/400
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Section High Gun Winners

Ladies	Lorraine Hughes	232/250
Junior	Athan Phillis	228/250
Veterans	Wayne Reeves	235/250

Overall High Gun

2022 Winner: Antony Ballarino 297/300

Overall	Antony Ballarino	249/250
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QCTA State Skeet Carnival

***Blackwater Clay Target Club
31st August to 3rd September 2023***

Blackwater, named after Blackwater creek, known as the coal capital of Queensland and 160km west of Rockhampton, was the host for this year's 2023 State Skeet Carnival. They said it couldn't be done, that west was too far to travel but we topped last year's carnival with an impressive 78 shooters flocking out west to spend four days chasing clays.

The country feel, the hospitality, the friendly faces and the well maintained club grounds could not be faulted. Caravans filled the camping ground and along with much laughter, helped to set the mood for a fantastic weekend. Although the weather was a bit dramatic with cold chills at night and hot days, the conditions delivered a high standard of competition, even throwing in some continental skeet when the wind picked

up on day 2 to ramp up the competition.

Aaron Daniels from Yarrabee Mine, Yancoal, one of our major sponsors, opened the carnival, trying his luck at the discipline and surprising himself by hitting 2 clays. The sub-gauge events kicked off the Carnival with 44 shooters participating in the 28g and 410 Championships.



Aaron Daniels from Yarrabee Mine fires the opening shot under supervision of Laurie Sceresini



Gerard Battiato & Antony Ballarino, Overall High Gun



*Aaron Daniels with Overall 28g Champion
Antony Ballarino*

Leading off with the 28g Championship, Antony Ballarino, Mark Corbett, Dean Baird and James Wilberforce all shot 49/50. The shoot-off was won by Antony Ballarino taking home the 28g Overall sash, shooting 67/68, closely followed by Cooma's Mark Corbett, 1st in AA with 66/68. Dean Baird from Gold Coast took out 2nd in AA grade with a 53/55. James Wilberforce from Taree Wingham was 1st in A grade beating his score last year with a 62/64 after his shoot-off for Overall. Nigel Hughes from Caboolture was 2nd in A grade shooting a 57/59. Moving on to B Grade we had another shoot-off for first with Matt Rhue and Tracey Ashton shooting 44/50. Matt Rhue shot 48/54 in the shoot-off putting him in first place for B grade followed by Tracey Ashton in 2nd place with a 47/54, well done. First for C Grade was Blackwater's own Vic Marshall shooting 44/50, followed closely by Suellen Heyman from Toowoomba with 43/50. Best Junior was Bodhi Bignell from Roma with 42/50, Lorraine Hughes won the Ladies again with 46/50 and 1st in Veterans was James Wilberforce with a 62/64.

The second event on Thursday was the 410 Championship and Steven Makris won the Overall sash with 50/54 after a shoot-off with Nigel Huges. Matthew De Paoli from Collie, Western Australia came first in AA with a 50/55

with John Rodden from Cecil Park coming in second in AA with 53/59. First place for A grade was Nigel Hughes with 48/54, followed by Laurie Sceresini from Toowoomba taking 2nd place for A grade with 45/50. Ashley Mason and Wayne Read took to the layouts for a shoot-off for 1st place in B Grade. Both shot well, however Ashley Mason was 1st with a 50/56 closely

followed by Wayne Read from Townsville with 49/50. C Grade was taken out by both Blackwater members, 1st place was shot by Christopher Bourne with 38/50 and running in 2nd place Vic Marshall shooting 34/50.

Great shooting by Laurie Sceresini to win 1st in the Veteran category 45/50, Paulette Walker was the best Lady 40/50, and Bodhi Bignell was 1st Junior shooting 33/50.

The first event on Friday morning was the Queensland State 20g Championship. Craig



*Steven Makris, Overall winner
410 bore Championship*



*QCTA President Gerard Battiato, with
Overall 20g Champion Craig O'Neill*

O'Neill shot 50/50 to take the Overall sash, with Matt De Paoli shooting off and coming 1st in AA with 57/58. John Rodden was 2nd in AA with 56/58. 1st in A grade was Darryl Chapman 57/58, 2nd in A grade was Nigel Hughes 53/55. 1st in B Laurie Chelepy from Rockhampton shot 47/50 with Bodhi Bignell coming 2nd in B grade on 54/58. The C grade winner was Cherie Reeves 49/54 winning in the shoot-off against Lindsay Groat who took out 2nd place in C with 47/54. Athan Phillis from Townsville took the Junior prize 47/50, Lorraine Hughes was the best Lady 49/50 with Mal Briggs winning 1st in Veteran category with 56/58.

Terrific shoot-offs in the Queensland State Handicap sorted the placegetters for this event. 1st place and winner of the sash, cash and Queensland silver badge was Antony Ballarino from Port Denison. Antony made the Australian Skeet Hall of Fame with this event. Huge congratulations Antony. 2nd Cherie Reeves from Normanton, 3rd Darryl Chapman from Townsville, 4th place went to Cooper Rodden from Mackay & Sarina, and 5th Cecil Park's John Rodden. Well done to all.

Saturday proved to be a bit more of a challenge with the wind ramping up, turning the carnival into a continental event. A big thank

you to Ashley from Toowoomba, Elliot from Gladstone, Malcolm from Rockhampton, Veronika from Roma and Gene and Vic from Blackwater for assisting with repairs to low-house thrower on trap one during the heat of the day for a few hours to get it up and running for Sunday's events.

The 100 target State Skeet Championship on Saturday saw John Rodden shooting a 50/50 earning the Overall sash defending his title from last year and beating his previous score by one target. Antony Ballarino was 1st in AA



John Rodden,
Overall 100T Skeet Champion



Cherie Reeves, C Grade &
Ladies 100T Skeet Champion



Gerard Battiato & Antony Ballarino,
Overall Handicap winner



Athan Phillis,
Junior 100T Skeet Champion



Chris Langley,
Veteran 100T Skeet Champion



*Skeet Team High Gun Winners
 Veteran Wayne Read, Ladies Lorraine Hughes, Open Steve Makris, Junior Athan Phillis*

with 99/100 with Mark Corbett from Cooma taking 2nd in AA 98/100. Nigel Hughes from Caboolture was 1st in A grade 97/100, Darryl Chapman 2nd on 107/112. Chris Langley and Paulette Walker shot off for 1st in B with Chris Langley taking out 1st on 97/104 and Paulette Walker 2nd with 96/104. Cherie Reeves was 1st in C grade 94/100 and Brett Graving took 2nd place with 96/110. Athan Phillis won the Junior prize again this year with 91/100, Cherie Reeves won Ladies 94/100 with Chris Langley the top Veteran 97/104.

The team events followed with strong performances in all categories. Well done to all Queensland representative team members who will compete in Wagga in 2024. Open Team: Antony Ballarino, Craig O'Neill, Nigel Hughes, Steven Makris and Lorraine Hughes, 1st reserve Glen Walker. Ladies Team: Paulette Walker, Cherie Reeves and Tracey Ashton 1st reserve Veronica Forsythe. Junior Team: Athan Phillis, Bodhi Bignell and Cody Ryan 1st reserve Mitchell Cross. Veterans Team: Wayne Read, Laurie Sceresini and Chris Langley with

1st reserve Phil Keller. Team High Guns were Steve Makris Open 54/54, Lorraine Hughes Ladies 24/25, Athan Phillis Juniors 25/25 and Wayne Read Veterans 25/26. Congratulations to all.

The first event on Sunday was the 50 target Yancoal Skeet Champion and Cody Chapman won the State sash shooting 54/54 in a shoot-off with Craig O'Neill and Matthew De Paoli. Craig O'Neill was 1st in AA grade 58/60 with Matthew De Paoli 2nd 57/60. Wayne Reeves took out 1st in A grade 51/52 winning the shoot-off against Nigel Hughes who came 2nd on 50/52. 1st in B grade was Bodhi Bignell 66/68 shooting off with Don Mabbutt who came 2nd 64/67. Christopher Bourne and Cherie Reeves shot off for first with Chris taking 1st in C grade 46/51 and Cherie 45/51. Bodhi Bignell won the Junior section with an impressive 48/50, Lorraine Hughes was best Lady 48/52, and Wayne Reeves won the Veterans with 49/50.

The last event of the carnival was the 50 target State Doubles Championship with 77 shooters.



Cody Chapman, Yancoal Skeet Champion



Gerard Battiato & Antony Ballarino, 2023 Skeet Champion

With 1 possible on the board, Antony Ballarino came out on top shooting 50/50 to take the State title win. Matthew De Paoli was first in AA on 50/56 after a shoot-off with Craig O'Neill, coming in second for AA on 49/56. 1st in A grade was Wally Clarke with 48/50, 2nd in A was Nigel Hughes with 47/50. B

grade 1st place was Cooper Rodden with 44/50 and 2nd was Wayne Read with 43/50. Gerard Battiato from Ballandean was 1st for C grade shooting 42/50 closely followed by Chris Langley from Toowoomba with 41/50 for 2nd place. Bodhi Bignell was the best Junior 53/58, Lorraine Hughes won the Ladies section 44/50, and James Wilberforce won the Veterans shooting 46/50.



Gerard Battiato & Antony Ballarino, Overall High Gun, Doubles Championship

The 2023 Skeet Champion, a combination of the qualifying and team events, was Antony Ballarino with a great score of 199/200.

The Two Person Team trophy with a combined score of 485/500 went to John Rodden and Matthew De Paoli. The Two Lady Team winners were Paulette Walker and Lorraine Hughes with 459/500.

High All Around, combining the sub-gauge and carnival events and generously sponsored by Pat Dury, was Antony Ballarino with a very consistent 390/400 – well done Antony.

John Rodden took the AA grade High Gun on 245/250, with Caboolture's Nigel Hughes winning A grade 240/250. Chris Langley won B grade 228/250 and Cherie Reeves was the C grade High Gun winner 221/250. Junior was won by Athan Phillis 228/250, Ladies





Pat Dury & Antony Ballarino, High All Around

winner was Lorraine Hughes 232/250, and Wayne Reeves won Veterans with 235/250. Congratulations to all the High Gun winners, some very impressive scores.

Well done to the 2023 Overall High Gun winner Antony Ballarino who finished 1 target down with a massive 249/250. Great shooting Antony, congratulations on a brilliant win.

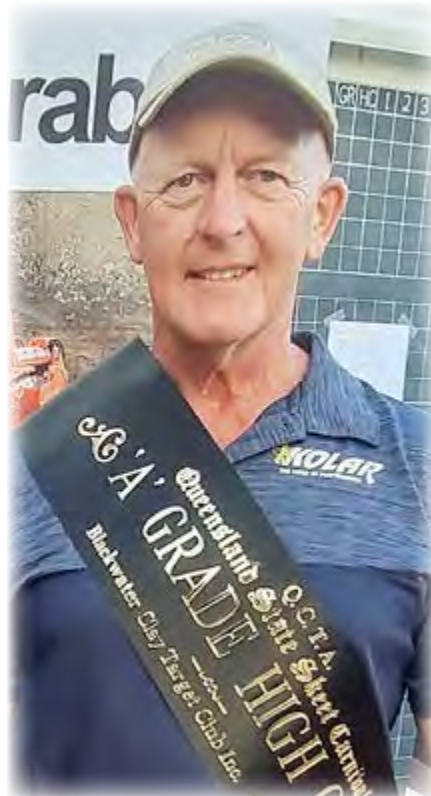
A big thank you to the Blackwater Clay Target Club and members for hosting the State Skeet Carnival this year, in particular Gene Storch and Vic Marshall who were kept busy with traps, targets and other chores, and Greg Steinhardt for his assistance all around. Thank you also to Toby and Tom our young trappers for keeping the traps filled, greatly appreciated. Thank you to the volunteers and ground staff who assisted with catering, bar service, and taking care of the campers in general. Massive thanks to Vere Storch and Antony Ballarino for your

help leading up to the Skeet Carnival with sponsorships.

The efforts of Ashley Mason, Shoot Marshal for this year's carnival, were greatly appreciated by shooters and the QCTA. Ashley ran an



John Rodden, AA Grade High Gun



Nigel Hughes, A Grade High Gun



Chris Langley, B Grade High Gun



Cherie Reeves, C Grade High Gun

extremely efficient event and kept shooters well informed and events, shoot-offs, and team shoots running on time over the whole weekend, resulting in a very smoothly run carnival. Thanks also to everyone who helped with setting, adjusting and

fixing traps, among other duties which were not really within his scope of works – much appreciated.

From myself I would like to thank Lorraine Hughes, Jessica Tate and Bradford Leggo for

their help in the office along with Tracey Ashton for assistance when needed, it was not unnoticed. Lorraine you are a wealth of knowledge, and your guidance was appreciated.

Thank you to Gerard Battiato, QCTA President and State Secretary, Barry Lansdown along with Council Members Ben Beazley and Graham Noffke for showing their support at the State Skeet Carnival.

Massive thank you to all our sponsors of the 2023 State Skeet Carnival, Yarrabee Mine Yancoal, G-Spot Engineering & Mechanical, Best, N & S Abrasive Blasting, 24 Hour Hose, Blackys Mobile Welding Pty Ltd and Pat Dury for your continued support to the State Skeet Carnivals.

Lastly thank you to all the shooters who attended, especially those who travelled long distances to compete and to make the carnival such a success. Congratulations to all the winners and team members, and we look forward to seeing you in Townsville next year.

Amanda O'Brien,
State Administrator



Wayne Reeves, Veteran High Gun



Lorraine Hughes, Ladies High Gun



Athan Phillis, Junior High Gun