

# SKEET HALL OF FAME DINNER

The concept of a National Skeet Hall of Fame was born a decade ago. The belief was that Skeet had a rich heritage within Clay Target shooting and that the Champions of the past should be recognised. Planning began in 2000, and finally the inaugural National Skeet Hall of Fame Induction was held in May 2008.



*Reg Clarke middle, pictured with Peter Haley Executive Member left and Barry Kable Hall of Fame Member right*

In addition to the Hall of Fame, it was deemed that an award be established for the most successful Skeet Shooter of the Year. To give the award the prestige deserved it should be named after the most successful Shooter in Australian Skeet shooting history, hence the introduction of Adrian Cousens Medal.

The RSL Club was the venue for the inaugural National Skeet Hall of Fame induction, Adrian Cousens medal and Grand Slam Awards. As luck would have it the days' shooting was over with enough time to spare for the Event staff (also the Hall of Fame organisers) to arrive to greet guests and start the function on time. The catering was fabulous provided again by Nathan and his team from Wagga Catering, who catered the National Trap Hall of Fame Dinner earlier in the year. Bill Forest provided the entertainment for the evening, thank you Bill. Ron Traill welcomed everyone on behalf of the Australian Clay Target Association.

Approximately 90 people were in attendance, Todd Bender from the US was a special guest his presence made possible by Colin Sim. Thank you Colin for your continuing support of our Sport. Adrian Cousens and his wife Karien, were also of our special guests, Adrian attending to present the inaugural Adrian Cousens Medal. Our guest of honor was Mr Reginald Clarke inaugural National Skeet Hall of Fame inductee, accompanied by his lovely wife, Jean. Master of Ceremonies for the evening Mr Mark McInnes, National Historian, instrumental in making the night possible.



*Adrian Cousens - Grand Slam Award*

We also unveiled a new award the development of Grand Slam Award. The criteria is 200 target Break 12 Gauge; 100 target Break 20 Gauge; 100 target Break Doubles. Ron Traill presented the winners with their plaques they were Laurie Sceresini and Adrian Cousens. Congratulations on your Grand Slam achievement.



*Ron Traill presented Laurie Sceresini his Grand Slam Award*

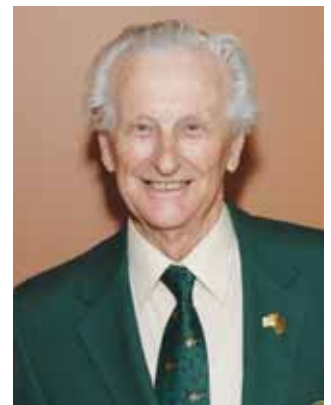


*The Adrian Cousens Medal*

The inaugural Adrian Cousens Medal was next on the night's presentations. Adrian was welcomed to the stage by Mark McInnes. Adrian addressed the audience, noting that he had not been involved in shooting for approximately five years. He spoke about what he had taken from the sport and that he believed it was now time to give back. It was evident that Adrian is respected for his shooting achievements by everyone in attendance.

Adrian interviewed each of the finalists, there were some interesting and amusing stories told. Finalist for this medal were Malcolm Briggs, Leigh Roberts, Julian Lucchitti, David Dundon and Laurie Chelepy. Adrian certainly seemed to enjoy reminiscing on previous events, people and places. He finally removed the suspense and announced that winner of the 2008 inaugural Adrian Cousens Medal was Leigh Roberts. Eventually the microphone was returned to the MC, safe to say Adrian has come out of retirement and returned to shooting!

It was then time for the highlight of the night, the Inaugural Skeet Hall of Fame induction of Reginald Clarke. Barry Kable interviewed Reg, stories from their many years of shooting were told. Reg first began shooting when he decided in the 1950s to retire from competing in competition motor cycle racing.



*Skeet Hall of Fame Inaugural Inductee Reginald Clarke*



Shoot Marshall Paul Johnstone pictured with his wife Leonie

Regs' achievements include:  
National Winner 12 Gauge Championship 1995, 1990, 1972. NSW Winner 12 Gauge 1983. National Doubles Championship Winner 1993 and Queensland Doubles Winner 1995. NSW Team High Gun Winner in 1981 and 1982. Queensland High Gun Winner in 1995.  
Special thanks to the Wagga RSL Club, Wagga Catering, Party Capers, Studio 212, Matt D.



Reg Clarke with his wife Jean

# DENILQUIN CLAY TARGET CLUB

**Location: Denilquin is situated on the Edward River, on the edge of the Riverine Plain**

Wet and windy was the order of the day at Deni on Sunday the 20th of July. At last we could have a shoot with rain its been so long for most of us that it was a pleasure to actually shoot in the rain. With low numbers it was a quick day of shooting but a very enjoyable one.

Event 1 15tgt points c/d AA Peter Lindberg and Tim Maher 41/45 A grade John Gemmal 41/45 B grade Ron Cugley 39/45 C grade Ned Collicoat 31/45 all taking home some cash.

Event 2, 30 Tgt ONESTEEL d/b O/all and A Grade Warrick Kely 55/56 after a shoot off with John Gemmal, AA Grade Tim Maher 32/34 after a short shoot off against Rob Collicoat who was slightly disabled for the days shooting B Grade Ron Cugley 35/37 and C Grade Ned Collicoat with score of 27/33 after a short shoot off with Trevor Bradley.

Event 3, 30 Tgt ONESTEEL Continental d/b O/all and AA Grade Tim Maher 29/30 A Grade Warrick Kely 28/30 B Grade Ron Cugley 26/30 and C Grade was Ned Collicoat with 24/33 after another shoot off with Trev Bradley.

The Last Event the Harbor Transport H/C is the money event and this is the one to win. The winner of this event out right with 10/10 was Ned Collicoat I guess he must have been sick of shoot offs and decided to win this outright the amount of money won will never be known as it went straight into his wallet and into his pocket. Well shot Ned.



Ned Collicoat

High Gun for the day was Tim Maher with 106/115 very good shooting on such a wet and cold day.

The club would like to thank the sponsors again for such a good fun day had by all.

On the 23 June 2008 our long standing live-in grounds keeper/security/ everything man, Slim McLeod, died due to ill health Slim had been sick for some time but it really got to him in the last

few weeks, he will be sadly missed around the club and as visitors to our club will testify to he always had the grounds looking good too.

Rob Collicoat

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