



Gold Coast Clay Target Club

February 2024 Newsletter

Great Members, Targets, and Fun!



From the President Warren Corby:

Firearms Branch Required Documents: Members may have heard about the recent short-term closure of Toowoomba and Brisbane Clubs due to problems with range approval renewals. Both have been resolved satisfactorily. We took the opportunity to check all our approvals and advise they are all up to date and will be renewed in 2027.



Plan to Replace Floodlights: Some of our floodlights for night shooting are failing. The committee has developed a plan to replace these with new high-powered LEDs hopefully before the August Trap Carnival. A Gaming Fund Grant submission will be placed and if successful should cover the full \$30 000 cost.

2024 Annual General Meeting: The date for the 2024 Annual General Meeting of our club has been set as Saturday 29 June 2024. More information will be forthcoming closer to the date.

Long Term Plan for GCCTC: We continue to work closely with Gold Coast City developing the future plan for our club grounds. We have received specific funds to be spent on a range of studies in preparation of possible future development of the site. Before the end of this financial year we will use those targeted funds to complete geostudies on our grounds in readiness for future stages of development.

Skeet Safety Fences: Skeet safety fences are up and doing the job they are intended to do. New colourbond fences will soon be installed completing the project helping to contain errant target pieces flying into neighbouring layouts.

Special Thanks : Once again special thanks to volunteers Ian Lochran for mowing, Kev Seeney for his time on machines completing many ground improvement tasks, Terry Morony for managing these improvements. Your time and effort are very much appreciated.

Warren Corby
President

Recent Committee Initiatives:

Grant Applications: We received a grant for \$5K to rectify flood damage after the Christmas storms. This has now been fully expended and will be acquitted in the next week or so. Gold Coast Clay Target Club would like to acknowledge the State Government for their support during this difficult time for our club. This support is very much appreciated.



Queensland Government

Clubhouse: 55461368

Enquiries/Corporate Bookings: Brad Park 0432040927

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Standing Orders Review: A biennial review has been conducted on our club's Standing Orders for our Woongoolba Range.

Section General 1.3 has been amended to read Range Officers must be full members of Gold Coast Clay Target Club and considered by the committee to be satisfactorily conversant with Standing Orders and required Firearms Licencing Legislation.

Section 1.6 has been amended to reflect suggestions from Firearms Branch Officers at their last visit to the range - 1.6 Unlicensed shooters are also required to sign the Range Register and upon having done so are required to satisfactorily complete a QP Form 33 in accordance with Section 52 or 53 of the Weapons Act to be permitted to shoot. Addition – After satisfactory completion of form 33 on subsequent visits to the range, unlicensed shooters need only complete Form 33A and the Range Register. An addition has been added to

Section 2 – Range Facility 2.1 Gold Coast Clay Target Club is co-affiliated with Australian Clay Target Association and Sporting Clays Australia. On competition days, the relevant association rules apply. Trap, Skeet, ISSDF and UT are governed by A.C.T.A. rules and Sporting competitions by Sporting Clays Australia.

Section 2.3 has been rewritten to make clearer – Should the Range Officer consider any firearm and/or ammunition to be unsafe or unsuitable, at his/her discretion, the Range Officer may deny the owner the use of them on the range.

Section 2.4 Approved Shot Sizes has been amended to be in line with the latest A.C.T.A. Rule Book 2024. TRAP – For all 12 gauge events (Commonwealth, State, Zone, District, Club) the load is limited to 28 grams (1 ounce) lead shot, not larger than shot size 2.5mm (No 6). For handicap events only, load is limited to 32 grams (1 1/8 ounce) lead shot, not larger than shot size 2.5mm (No6).

Section 3 Standard Range Procedure – Section 3.3 Gun-slings/gun cases/gun bags or slips are not permitted on this range except on Sporting competition days run under SCA Rules. On A.C.T.A. competition or practice days they are not permitted to be used.

Corporate Area Improvements: Our Corporate Events bring in significant funds for our club. After heavy rain it is very difficult to place traps and refill with targets in the corporate area as the ground is so boggy. Committee is investigating a semi-permanent three station layout on concrete slabs to address this. This area is also used for Come and Try Events as well as Sporting competitions and the proposal has been very well supported.

New Trap Height Sticks: These are used for target height setting and will be made by Trap Captain Danny Cokley and replaced along with the wooden support poles that have certainly seen better days!

Around the Traps:

Expressions of Interest for Bus Travel to Normanton and Return for Their 40th Anniversary Shoot.

This is to ascertain if any shooters from the Gold Coast are interested in sharing the cost for a 22 seater bus with a driver included to travel to the Normanton 40th year Anniversary shoot at the end of May this year. There will be 12 positions available leaving Brisbane on the 22nd of May 2024 and returning to Brisbane on the 29th of May. There will a trailer also to take swags, Bags etc. Some seats will be removed to accommodate gun cases and carryon luggage. There may be a number of people interested that don't want to or cannot drive the distance but looking for a trip away with fellow shooters. I have done the research and for 10 blokes it's about \$600 each for the trip.

For further information please contact Kevin Jarick on 0404 058 533

Commonwealth Night Double Rise Championship In August 2024: Gold Coast CTC will be hosting this prestigious event on the Friday night of the annual August Two-Day Carnival. It is a 25 Pair event and will attract a good field looking to win a Commonwealth Sash.

2024 Pan Pacific Masters' Games: The Pan Pacific Masters' Games will be held in November 2024 at Gold Coast Clay Target Club. Information about the Games and nomination procedures will come out soon. Start advising your friends and locking in dates for this friendly and well-supported event.

2024 Two-Day Skeet Carnival Cancelled: Members are advised that the advertised two-day carnival advertised for Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 May 2024 has been cancelled due to low club members shooting skeet at present. The usual arrangements for practice will be available on Saturday 18 May for those wishing to attend.

March 2024 Shooting Program

Sporting	Trap	ISSF	Skeet	UT
3 March	6 March	16 March	17 March	23 March
<u>NO SPORTING IN MARCH TO SUPPORT THE BEAUDESERT SPORTING CLAYS TWO DAY 3 & 4 MARCH</u>	75T Night Trap Starts on Dark <u>10 March</u> 100T Trap 8.30 Nominations 9.00 Start	100T Usual Program. Contact Paul Santarossa for more details. 10.00 am	Practice or Competition depending on numbers present. 9.00 am	75T Contact Paul Santarossa for more details. 12.00pm
<i>SCA, ACTA, SSAA All Welcome.</i>	<i>Must have current 2023 ACTA registration.</i>	<i>Must have current 2024 ACTA registration.</i>	<i>Must have current 2024 ACTA registration.</i>	ACTA or SCA welcome.

2 Day Shooting Event!

2-3 March 2024

Come and enjoy 2 days of tranquility and targets at Beaudesert Sporting Clays Inc. 2 events over 2 days that are sure to keep you engaged and on your toes.


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Gold Coast Clay Target Club March Sporting Clays



**NO COMPETITION IN MARCH DUE TO
BEAUDESERT TWO DAY SPORTING**
Please support our mates at Beaudesert.

Our Next Shoot
Gold Coast Sporting Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 April
Gamebore Two-Day 5 Stand
2X75T Rounds One Each Day

Sporting Captain: Kev Seeney Phone: 0427761945

Club Address: 81 Gross Rd, Woongoolba Qld.

The Committee reserves the right to alter advertised programs as necessary and to accept or refuse any nomination as per club policy.

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