

SHOTGUN SHOOT CAPTAIN REPORT

2016 was a challenging year with member numbers down compared to previous years due in the main to the downturn in the coal industry. The members in attendance were committed to improving the standard of clays and generally the scores have shown a slow improvement.

Members were challenged with a number of 5 Stand scenarios and seemed to approve of the various styles of clays thrown. Incoming, going away, rabbits; high and low targets were greatly appreciated however low fast crossing targets really proved to be the great leveller with many “harsh” words spoken about the missed opportunities.

Only two members from Mackay attended the 5 Stand State Titles held in Townsville this year, however it is anticipated that the event will be held in Mackay next year and a much larger contingent will attend, hopefully with some medals to show for their participation.

The Canterbury electric trap was finally sold and an order for 2 replacement battery operated traps has been placed with delivery anticipated mid – late August. On average 12 members attended the Saturday shoot with similar numbers attending the Friday night practice. Numbers of visitors from non-shooters to members of other clubs varied throughout the year. It is anticipated that with the new shotgun range in operation and as the coal industry picks up numbers will again climb.

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