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**English Sporting
Nationals 2023
27 - 28 May**

in association with South East Field & Game SA

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20TH ENGLISH SPORTING NATIONALS 2023
200 Targets (100 Targets/Day)

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th May

Host Club South East Field & Game Assoc,
Burrungule Park, The Springs Road, Burrungule
South Australia
(20km West of Mt Gambier)

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Mount Gambier is a city in the southeastern corner of South Australia. It's known for its limestone, volcanic landscape and crater lakes. One of these, Blue Lake, turns cobalt blue in summer. Nearby, the Centenary Tower offers panoramic views of the area. The Umpherston Sinkhole contains a lush sunken garden.



It was the weekend of the 27th-28th May when some of the country's best shotgunners congregated around the states Southeast in a tiny place better known as Burrungule S.A. Nearly 100 Sporting Clay Shooters travelled to Burrungule Park to compete in the 20th Sporting Clays Australia English Sporting Nationals over the last weekend of May. This was the first National event at the range in over three decades. Competitors from South Australia, Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania nominated for the 200 target event hosted by South East Field & Game Association.

Sponsors for the event were LaPorte Australia, Bronzewing Australia, Nobel Sport Italia Australia and Torresan Estate. Ken Atkin his hard working crew of volunteers set two grounds, each comprising of 50 targets all shot single barrel in pairs to test the shooter's skills and concentration.

Day 1 saw competitors shooting in calm mostly dry weather conditions and the scoreboard at the halfway point had Jeremy Kent tied with the experienced John Younger both having shot 97/100.

Heavy rain dampened the spirits of the early squads on Sunday morning of day 2 however once the skies cleared the Sun came out to create near perfect conditions. Jeremy Kent hit the accelerator early on to grab an early lead which he never gave up. Kent finished up on 193/200, this being a personal best score, and claimed the overall High Gun to win the Australian English Sporting Clays Championship.

Three Victorian shooters Xavier Russell, Robert Hall & Chris Brown all finished on 186/200. Sevan targets behind Kent and needing a shoot off to determine the podium positions in the Open category, the highly talented Russell prevailed over his more experienced fellow Australian team sporting clay shooters.

John Younger claimed the Senior's Title with 187/200, this being 6 targets behind Kent and second highest score of the weekend, Runner up in Seniors was John Leach & local Bruce Oakley from Dartmoor finished in third position.

South East Member Ron Rhook shot 178/200 to take out the Veterans category from Rob Shawyer and Eddy Magee. The Masters Category was won by the experienced John Torresan with 156/200, runners up were Pros Van Der Zalm and Daryl Mawson. Ben Hastings is a third generation shooter from South East Field & Game and used his pedigree to score 159/200 and claim the Junior Championship from promising young Adelaide shooter Jimmy Papaioannou and Tyler Brown in third.

Renae Birgan, the 2018 Ladies FITASC world champion, shot 172/200 to claim the Ladies title over Bianca Norris & Janette Densley. The well-travelled Birgan commented after the event that "The event at Burrungule Park was as close you can get to shooting English Sporting in England!" In thanking the host club Birgan said "It was a flawlessly run event from the office, target presentations and canteen, by a group of dedicated volunteers. *"You guys nailed it and should be really proud of the event you created."*

A Grade was claimed by Max Colenso scoring 159/200 from Daniel Torresan & South East local Tim Lloyd. Malcolm Price took out the B Grade with 162/200 from Rohann Stebbings from Tasmania & Jody Wallace back in third.

Winners

Competition: Scratch										
Competitor	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total	Position
Kent, Jeremy	24	25	24	24	24	24	25	23	193	1
Younger, John (elim)	25	24	23	25	23	23	21	23	187	(elim)
Russell, Xavier	24	21	24	25	18	25	25	24	186	2
Hall, Robert	24	23	24	21	24	24	23	23	186	3
Brown, Chris	22	24	24	22	25	21	24	24	186	4

Competition: A Grade										
Competitor	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total	Position
Colenso, Max	22	19	19	20	23	19	18	19	159	1
Torresan, Daniel	20	21	23	21	17	18	11	20	151	2
Lloyd, Timothy	20	15	18	20	18	17	21	22	151	3

Competition: B Grade										
Competitor	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total	Position
Price, Malcom	21	18	20	23	18	20	22	20	162	1
Stebbing, Rohan	16	20	21	23	22	16	21	21	160	2
Wallace, Jody	20	22	20	17	18	22	16	20	155	3

Competition: C Grade										
Competitor	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total	Position
Dodman, Kyle	18	17	14	21	19	17	17	20	143	1
Mervart, Jordan	17	20	15	17	13	12	19	19	132	2
Hope, Nicole	14	18	18	15	18	15	15	14	127	3

Competition: Seniors										
Competitor	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total	Position
Younger, John	25	24	23	25	23	23	21	23	187	1
Leach, John	24	21	24	23	25	20	19	23	179	2
Oakley, Bruce	22	21	21	23	19	21	23	24	174	3

Competition: Veterans										
Competitor	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total	Position
Rhook, Ron	21	20	21	25	23	19	24	25	178	1
Shawyer, Robin	19	22	21	21	22	20	21	24	170	2
Magee, Edward	13	19	22	21	23	22	19	21	160	3

Competition: Master										
Competitor	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total	Position
Torresan, John	14	19	20	22	22	16	23	20	156	1
Van der Zalm, Prosper	17	17	17	20	18	14	17	18	138	2
Mawson, Daryl	18	13	18	11	15	19	13	16	123	3

Competition: Ladies										
Competitor	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total	Position
Birgan, Renae	23	23	21	21	21	25	22	16	172	1
Norris, Bianca	21	22	21	15	19	24	23	19	164	2
Densley, Janette	21	22	17	23	18	22	18	21	162	3

Competition: Juniors										
Competitor	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total	Position
Hastings, Ben	20	19	19	21	18	21	23	18	159	1
Papaioannou, Jimmy	20	19	18	23	19	18	16	17	150	2
Brown, Tyler	20	11	13	24	11	12	15	10	116	3

2023 English Sporting National Champion "Jeremy Kent"



Impressive 193/200 score

The Podium



Junior Champion
Ben Hastings



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with National Champion
Jeremy Kent



Veterans Champion
Ron Rhook



Ladies Champion
Renae Birgan



Senior Champion
John Younger



Open; Robert Hall, Xavier
Russell & Chris Brown



Sponsor Anna Shedrina with
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Burrungule Park



Jeremy Kent

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