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Lately I have seen clay targets at our local gun club that don't break completely, but have little pieces fly off the side of them that are hardly noticeable. It has caused many arguments and I am unsure what exactly the rule is regarding this. Can you enlighten me? Even if the target does not break completely is this still classed as a hit when only a tiny chip comes of it?

Michael Woolmer, Dubbo NSW

I know the problem you are talking about. It is relatively new to our sport and I am not sure what the reason for it really is. The rule in trap shooting is that if there is a "visible" piece of the target then it is counted as a hit. It is luck of the draw if you get a referee that has good eyesight and is also paying enough attention to look at the targets closely enough. I am sure your club is not isolated in this situation, but hopefully some solution can be found soon.

My son has recently started shooting clay targets and likes all of the disciplines. I was told that soon Sporting Clays will become an Olympic event. Is this correct?

Joseph Mifsud, St Albans VIC

Joseph this question comes up all the time. There has been no discussion of Sporting Clays joining the Olympics in the foreseeable future. The likelihood of this happening is no great as the International Shooting Sports Federation are struggling to keep the events they already have in the Olympic Games without adding new ones to the program.