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I am currently shooting some DTL and some Sporting Clays, but I am keen to try some of the Olympic Disciplines, particularly Trap. Should I stop shooting all the other disciplines altogether and just concentrate on Olympic Trap?

John McWilliam, Hawkesbury NSW

John I would never advise anyone in Australia just to concentrate on the one discipline as we are lucky enough to have an enormous variety of events which quite often compliment each other. For instance DTL gives you a chance to shoot a similar Trap discipline with plenty of competitions to help you learn how to compete and more importantly how to win as well as being easier to hit a higher score, which will build confidence and breed better gun familiarity. Of course the technical difficulties with Olympic Trap are far greater and this will require lots of practice to learn the practical aspects of the sport. Unfortunately I see many shooters who wish to compete in the Olympic events by pass all together the domestic events thus many don't serve their apprenticeship so to speak.

Due to a medical condition I am wanting too apply for a category C license so I can shoot a semi automatic shotgun. Is this a disadvantage in Trap Shooting?

Carl Fanning, Darwin, NT

It is probably not my personal gun of choice for my discipline of Trap Shooting as a semi automatic only offers a single choke so you are limited in that aspect. The reduced recoil offered by this type of shotgun is by far its major advantage as proven in the United States where often 500 targets per day are shot at and recoil reduction becomes a major factor in offsetting fatigue.

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