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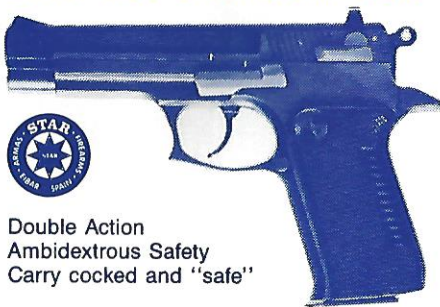




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PUBLICITY OFFICER'S EDITORIAL

Over the last few months I have been in contact with various businesses with regards to donations of products for our State Championships.

I would like to thank these people for their help in supporting our Top Level shooters and also to remind our shooters not to forget who these sponsors are, and if you do see them at the Nationals or elsewhere let them know you support their generous actions by mabey purchasing items or just thanking them for their donations (be they big or small).

By the time you read this the State Championships will have been run & won and I would like to congratulate our 1988 State Champions and other medal winners and to wish them well at the Nationals.

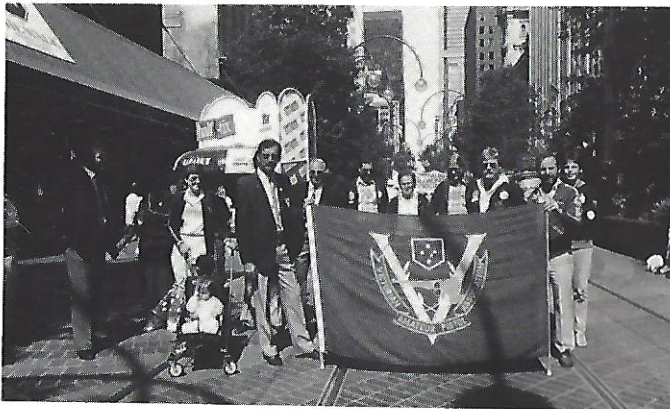
Good Shooting.
Sally.

AUSTRALIA DAY FLAG PARADE 1988

Tuesday 26th January saw 21 members of the VAPA assemble in the Bourke Street Mall for a Flag Parade march down Swanston Street. The parade involved representatives from any sporting body that competes at the Olympics.

Victorian Team Managers Mick Skerry & Kevin McAllison led the march with State Team members past & present also in uniform. Club's to be represented came from the ANZ, COPC, Peninsula, Latrobe Valley, Melbourne and members from the Melton Pistol Club.

Many thanks to those who took the time to attend the parade.



THE BIGGEST RALLY EVER FOR 20 YEARS !

11.30AM : SATURDAY 30TH JANUARY 1988.

At least 82,200 concerned firearm owners converged on Melbourne's City Square to march on Parliament House against what they believe are attempts to take away the civil liberties from law abiding citizens, by way of proposed tough new firearm laws.

The President of the S.S.A.A. Ted Drane expected at least 20,000 to attend but it became obvious during the march that a lot more had come to let the people of Melbourne know that they were serious about the present State Governments legislation changes to gun ownership.

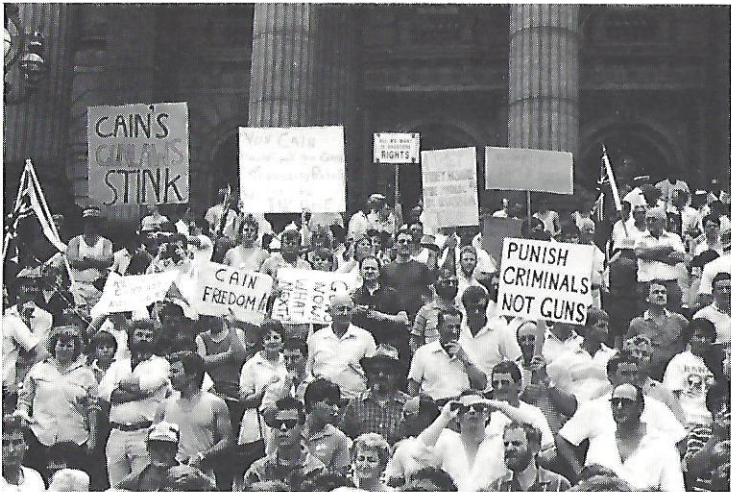
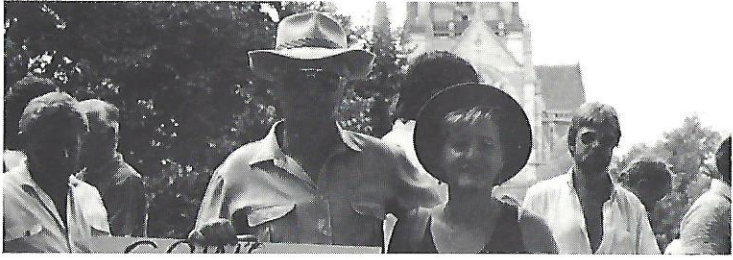
The atmosphere was electric as bus loads of people aged from 7 to 70 years from around the state arrived as early as 9.00am. By the time the 82,200 strong had marched into Bourke Street stretching over a mile long and halting traffic for up to an hour everyone by the end of the rally were very pleased with the strong attendance that showed up and proud to be a part of modern day history.

Even though this magazine is for Pistol Shooters this article is to show everyone that whatever shooting dicipline theyparticipate in, it is important to keep together and support our shooting organisations.

Sally Robinson.
Publicity Officer.

BELOW:The people you meet when your having fun at a Rally!! or have they just been to church like all good God fearing shooters ?.
L to R-Neil Jones, Mark Bickham, Peter Davis, Loris Kelton, Geoff Kelton, Kathy Kelton, Phil Allan and Geoff Horton.





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NRA Action Matches:-

At the APSUA Midyear Meeting in Hobart on 4/5 December 1987 it was agreed "that there be an interim endorsement of the adoption by APSUA of the latest NRA Action Pistol Shooting Rules".

Rule books are being purchased by NRC. Matches shot under these rules may be chosen from a total of 11 events. Revolvers and Autos in calibres 9mm to .45 may be used. Unlimited weight and trigger pull within the limits of safety. Holster regulations are similar to IPSC. A power factor of 120,000 is required (e.g. bullet weight x muzzle velocity = not less than 120,000).

Targets: the various events use 3 types of targets.

- (a) A precision target using an 8" diameter 10 ring with a 4" diameter "x" ring for tie breaks.
- (b) Steel plates, 8" diameter round made from 3/8" steel plate.
- (c) Speed targets, 3/8" steel pepper poppers.

The most popular event combination is the "Bianchi Cup". This event is now shot in the VSA and has attained International status. These matches have been adopted by the APSUA to extend the availability of International Matches to our Service Pistol and IPSC Shooters.

The First Australian Masters Games - Hobart December 1987

A number of Victorians competed in these Games which were indeed a great success. Victorian results are as follows:- (age group in brackets).

Rapid Fire (45-49)	Frank Danko	563	2nd
	Matt Lowe	385	
(50-59)	Clive Whelan	559	3rd
	Clive Woods	544	
(60 +)	Neville Sayers	541	1st
Mens Air Pistol			
(45-49)	Ian Wright	544	
(50-59)	Clive Woods	524	
	Clive Whelan	521	
(60 +)	Rod Johnson	537	1st
	Neville Sayers	527	2nd
Ladies Air Pistol			
(35-44)	Lynne Wright	319	
Free Pistol			
(45-49)	Frank Danko	541	3rd
	Ian Wright	503	
(50-59)	Clive Whelan	500	
	Clive Woods	459	
(60 +)	Rod Johnson	501	1st
Ladies Free Pistol			
(35-44)	Lynne Wright	433	1st
Sport Pistol - Women			
(35-44)	Lynne Wright	486	

Centre Fire (45-49)	Frank Danko	581	2nd
	Ian Wright	555	
	Matt Lowe	515	
(50-59)	Clive Whelan	568	1st
	Clive Woods	544	
(60 +)	Neville Sayers	534	3rd

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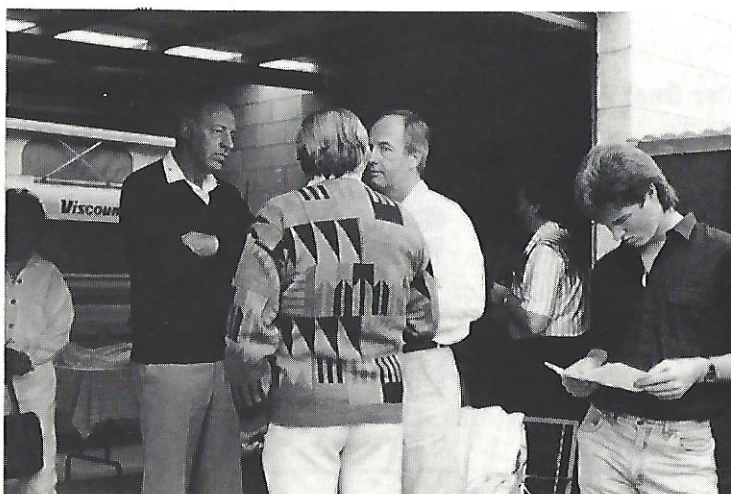
Oceania Regional Shooting Championships:-

Michael Whelan won Gold in Sports Pistol - Junior with a score of 575. (282 - 293) The Australian shooting Team won a total of 14 Olympic Quota places. More details next issue.

Service Pistol:-

Both service pistol matches are the subject of national discussion as to whether they both be continued in their present form, or in a changed format. All clubs were given a questionnaire to complete, and on those received the majority opinion is that Service Pistol Unrestricted be retained as is. Service Pistol rules be changed in favour of Production pistols, identical ammo, with trigger work and adjustable sights the only modifications. A recommendation will be put to the APSUA AGM in April following a sub-committee meeting, at which I will attend, on March 5th in Melbourne.

President, John Gillman in conversation with members of the Executive.



To the Editor,

The short answer to Helen Ligeti's letter (Dec '87) is 1 Cor.13:11.

However, both Helen, and the subject deserve more than one line. Long before the State Junior Training Programs began, I was one of the Victorian Team Members who "minded" a talented young Champion, Karen McGoldrick. In due course, following the births of her daughters, Mrs Karen Allan is again a Champion, and Team Member. She is still younger than I was when I started shooting.

Rather than providing for support for ageing juniors, I prefer to encourage their growth towards self-sufficiency. I like to see a beginner develop to the stage where he/she may ask me to help correct specific errors; or correct an error, then tell me about it. Whether this growth takes months or years, the age group of the beginner is irrelevant. What matters is the motivation of that beginner to set and achieve personal goals in pistol shooting. Then pistol shooting must be set in context with every other element in life, for each individual.

In defence of the coaches working in the junior programs, we too are ageing. However the time, interest, and information is given to each junior. Whether that is used as a cushion, or a stepping stone may be influenced by the coaches, both the choice is made by each junior. Former juniors, whether Champions or not, are qualifying as Range Officers Coaches, working within their Club Committees and competing according to their interests. The "wastage" of membership is across the board, not just juniors. People change their sports and hobbies. What matters is that they enjoy their sport, so they may well return in future.

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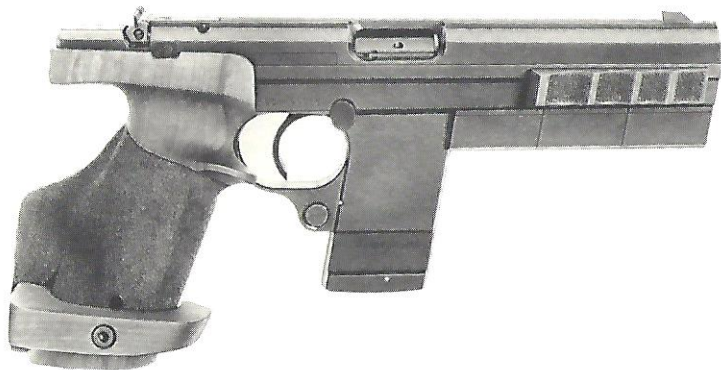
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Dear Editor,

Re: Letter to Editor - Dec 1987 p.8

Having once been a shooter of junior age, I felt compelled to comment on the letter recently published in your bulletin. I am referring to the above letter which complained of the 'lack of transition preparation from junior to senior ranks' Bah!! what transition??

A SHOOTER IS A SHOOTER. Being under the age of twenty-one merely gives one the right to compete with others in the same age bracket not necessarily the same standard. If a shooter is within this age group they are not restricted from shooting 'Open matches' that are graded, so that you compete within your standard be that 'D' Grade or 'Masters' Grade.

If a young shooter makes the attempt to compete in these matches, he or she is therefore placing themselves at equal standing with every other shooter and should have far more opportunity to associate with mature shooters, so resulting (hopefully) in a better appreciation of shooting.

I started shooting in both junior and open graded events from the age of fourteen, when my parents decided that I was physically and mentally mature enough to handle a pistol. I don't believe I had everything handed to me on a silver platter, but I do know that I was fortunate enough to have had experienced shooters advise me and treat me an equal although of tender years.

I divided my time from shooters my age by:-

1. Competing with shooters of all ages in open matches at club, state and national level.
2. 'Hanging around' experienced and often successful shooters who, conversing over a cup of coffee or standing in a group, compared scores, individual results, techniques, how they shot good scores etc., I listened and I learnt.

The all important issue, no matter the age or ability, is your attitude to shooting, if you are eager to learn and serious about practicing what you have learned, the more likely you are to succeed in satisfying your ambition.

By all means shoot in junior matches, but don't restrict yourself to this level solely; do as I have suggested and you too will be A SHOOTER. Look around you, listen to and learn from those who HAVE 'been there and done that'.

Joanne Green (Nee HILL)

Dear Editor,

I would like to compliment you on the excellent presentation of the Victorian News. Things have come a long way since the first "...News" I received in the 1960's - especially Club facilities and Membership numbers.

I remember when targets were pegged onto lengths of wire strung across the range, which made precision shooting quite a challenge when a breeze was blowing!

On the time firing ranges, the targets were operated manually, requiring a strong arm and shoulder, and a good stop watch. Best accuracy was obtained if a second person operated the stop watch, giving you 2 hands to pull on the lever! After one detail on the lever you were then expected to shoot your second half of R/F - dislocated shoulder, blistered hands and all !! Surprisingly, the scores of the top shooters were in the 580's in R/F and C/F, so all our present day fancy technology has not improved our scores very much.

Shooting has improved in many areas, with the use of electronic timers, better range facilities (such as proper benches, and a roof over our head) toilets and club rooms. Most clubs holding Opens now have good kitchen facilities with fridges, microwave ovens etc. The general attitude of competition organizers and clubs has improved, too, and suggestions for improvement are more readily listened to - the "if you dont like it dont come again" attitude has mostly disappeared.

We are much more "professional" these days, with gun checks, proper gauges, and qualified personnel running the competitions.

It is sad to see that camping at the range at many country opens is no longer practised, so some of the socializing has also vanished. Staying in Motels is too expensive for many shooters to bring their families along. This may have the long term effect of losing potential shooters-wives and children. I know from my own experience that Liz was not content to be a shooting "widow" - just sitting around in the car or staying at home each weekend, a case of "if you can't beat them - join them"! With Liz and Helen both shooting we have remained as a family, sharing an interest, and encouraging each other. Comaraderie between shooters and officials was much more relaxed many years ago, but respect and courtesy towards the Officials positions was maintained at a higher level than today. (Responsibility and job sharing was spread around more people). Rules and Regulations were still applied, but shooters had more fun, and their Right to Challenge was more readily accepted - without a deposit and written appeal!

Shooting today is very expensive, and some of the new events introduced force the shooter to choose a particular event to specialize in. Shooters have to be extremely dedicated to put in the amount of money and training required for top scores, as ammo and their equipment is so highly priced these days.

Present club members in the city and some country clubs have an advantage these days, in that they can train by themselves during the week as the facilities are available to members everyday. However this is only an advantage to a few, who can take time off during the week. I think that such expensive facilities should be utilized more than just at weekends. Members should be encouraged to come down during the week at a Club Night, when training can be done under lights, and club room facilities can be used, not just gathering dust, such as film and video nights, socials, coaching etc for shooters and families. Club room facilities could be hired out for birthday parties, weddings etc.

In the past, shooting sports, as such, were encouraged not to seek publicity - scores went into the papers, that is all. I feel this is

wrong. Some publicity would be a long term gain, and beneficial to the whole shooting sports, eg:-

- Raising money for Telethons
- Involvement with Lions Clubs and Rotary, etc
- Education and video to show the sport to schools etc
- Involvement with various charities
- Xmas dinner for the elderly
- Involvement with the Physically Handicapped
- Sponsor a physically Handicapped person to the Handicap Games
- Involvement with Runathons organized by the Media

We need to get involved with other things besides shooting. I can see shooting in the '90's could be shared with small bore rifles and Air Rifles. I would like to see a Mixed Air Weapons championship which could be held at a big venue (eg the Entertainment Centre) to gain better publicity for the sport, showing our strength, and showing off the sport.

I think the time has come to encourage shooters to attain a higher standard, and sponsorship should be encouraged, by a time allowance, or money allowance for training.

Finally, now we have qualified personnel running open competitions there is no reason why Victorian Records cannot be established at any Open in the state. Denying this opportunity to shooters prevents the sport progressing. It shows a lack of recognition to any other competition and the officials running it. However, these are the same people, and at possibly the same venues, that run the "Vics" anyway!

I hope this letter brings some light to the past, present and future.

Alex Ligeti



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a response to my reactions after seeing the photograph on page 19 of the most recent publication, Victorian Pistol News, DEC..

Being a deer hunter, as well as a pistol shooter, I am being subjected, along with a lot of other people, to the onslaught of Mr. CAIN and his devious political motivations. To have my frustrations compounded by further restrictions to our already adequate and effective pistol regulations, is more than I wish to contemplate.

My first reaction was to say nothing, as less people may then be aware of the error, and you could retain that silence by not publishing my letter. But my second thought was for the movement to be seen to be alert and self regulating. A third consideration is for you not to publish, but oversee greater editorial control with all three purposes in mind. The decision, and subsequent action, I will view with interest.

Running off at the mouth can sometimes alienate me to people who are partners to my conversations, but I have tried to be brief enough for you to consider printing the enclosure.

Gordon Dick

Enclosure to the above letter:

APPEARANCES ARE IMPORTANT

It seems that the lack of adverse publicity regarding Pistols and their owners, as distinct from other current problems, has lulled us into a sense of false, or careless, security.

The latest issue of the Victorian Pistol News features a photograph of the winner of the Service Match Unrestricted, Gary Morse, receiving his prize. Being both a keen shooter, and a keen photographer, I am distressed to see the relative positions of the shooters to the firearm, having regard to it's APPARENT condition.

Unless my eyes deceive me, the firearm is held pointed directly at the intended recipient, and the cylinder is closed into the frame. You know, and I know, and probably all those present at the award know, that the firearm is empty and perfectly safe. ISN'T IT?.

Surely our present difficult position, as imposed by our Legislators, is restrictive enough without tempting their ever alert, if misinformed, minds, to extend their boycotts to our chosen sport.

We must not only do what is right, WE MUST BE SEEN TO BE DOING WHAT IS RIGHT. If our membership believe that we are safe from the aforementioned intrusion, I invite them to consider the gradual way that we have been brought to heel insofar as the ownership of ALL other firearms is concerned.

As a group we appear to be doing little enough to stop the erosion of the PRIVILEGES we have earned through good behaviour, and the above circumstances can only add fuel to the already blazing fire of controversy. LET'S BE MORE CAREFUL.

Gordon Dick
DANDENONG PISTOL CLUB

1988 STATE JUNIOR TRAINING CAMP

by CHOOK

From the 17th to the 23rd January the Yarra Pistol Club was taken over by 10 voluntary coaches and gophers, one live-in Mum and 32 juniors, made up of 2 from WA, 2 from NSW, the only junior from NT and 27 juniors from throughout Victoria (not including Norman). It was the scene of the 8th Junior Training Camp.

Every day of the Camp was crammed full, starting with a run and a 'strenuous' aerobic session (taken by everyone's favourite aerobic instructor) at 6.30 each morning, unless the alarm clock went back to Geelong for the night. For the rest of the day, apart from morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea, the juniors found themselves running from the lecture room (club house) to the range, practicing what they had learnt from the coaches. During some afternoons and evenings guest speakers talked to us on a variety of topics pertaining to Pistol Shooting. Some of the topics were 'Teams & Sportmanship' by Clive Whelan, 'Duelling' (or the Rapid Fire Stage.. etc) by Noel Ryan, 'Diet & Nutrition' by Karen Inge, 'Eyes and Vision' by Dr Mellor, 'Physical Fitness' by Ken Wallis, 'Law & Guns' by Sgt. Birnie and we learnt the KISS theory from Phil Allan.

On the Thursday a psuedo competition was shot, this match also served as the annual grudge competition between four juniors and four coaches (the coaches team made up of two coaches and two juniors). This year the juniors showed their superiority and whipped the coaches (and Bruce is still asking one 'Nice Guy' how much he was paid).

The annual Camp Competition was, as always shot on Friday and this year the Victorians can hold their heads high as Outright Air Pistol went to Terry Trewern Outright Junior Sports Pistol was won by Jenny Cole and David McCarthy won the Aggregate.

Friday night saw a show put on by the juniors for the coaches (or was it just for a laugh?). The skits range from "the shooter with a sense of humor 'bang bang!" to a fashion parade which featured "the newest attire for the shooting woman" to the Junior shooter who had to face the 'Great Cole in the Sky' and the 'Wicked Witch of the West' who told the story of the 'unbelievably, incredibly...TROG'

On behalf of all the Juniors...THANKS to EVERYONE involved with the Camp, the sponsors; Australia Day Council, the Sportsmans Clinic, The Melbourne Gun Shows Winchester-Olin, I & L Wright, Fuller Firearms, G & D Sherar, W Cole, AZNU Carpets, P. Taylor, K Inge, 1988 Black Powder State Team, Wreckair, and VAPA.

AND A SPECIAL THANKYOU TO BRUCE AND MERROLYN WILES

P.S. Who was that in the squeezy bed????

There are still some unclaimed 'frozen' jocks, you know where to claim them, guys!

RESULTS OF MATCHES SHOT AT JUNIOR TRAINING CAMP 1988.

JUNIOR SPORT PISTOL: OUTRIGHT J. COLE 569

A GRADE

1st J.Cole 569 2nd D.McCarthy 565 3rd D.Cockin 554

B GRADE

1st C.McDonald 557 2nd A.Groves 540 3rd N.Guy 532

C GRADE

1st B.Martin 530 2nd S.Gregory 526 3rd T.Dods 525

D GRADE

1st S.McMillan 508 2nd S.Ballantyne 497 3rd T.Gee 492

JUNIOR AIR PISTOL: OUTRIFGT T.TREWERN 360

A GRADE

1st D.Cockin 359 2nd D.McCarthy 356 3rd P.Fiori 355

B GRADE

1st T.Trewern 360 2nd C.McDonald 345 3rd N.Roberts 343

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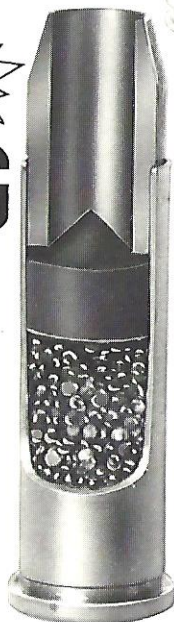
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STATE TEAM TRAINING SQUAD CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Thanks to Sally Robinson for her great photos of the testing at Footscray Institute of Technology. Following Steve Laussen's visit to the December Camp at Geelong, the flexibility results were modified. Due to human error, the figures given were from the wrong side of the footboard, so everyone had improved hamstring figures. Steve (Sports Performance Officer) apologised to all concerned as his comments were based on the incorrect figures.

The Camps at Geelong and Ararat were focussed on developing critical self-analysis skills aided by the use of well-placed video cameras. Whether this was a threat or a thrill depended on the nature, and level of skill of each shooter.

Comments I have made on the leaflet to go with the Squad Lending Tape include:-

Analyse good shots, as well as bad ones.

As the best shooters in the State we must be the best role-models in Safety as well as in Skills.

Stability starts on the floor. Shoes, clothes for you to stand STILL.

Check influence of breathing pattern on consistent elevation of the "firearm"...head/arm/pistol.

Too much deep-breathing is as destructive to seeing, as no breath.

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Are you Ready? Then fidget while waiting, and between shots?

Congratulations to all the members of the 1988 Victorian Team. Make each shot count. Then have a holiday, you will have earned it. For those in the Fitness Testing group I hope to set this for early May. I will advise you directly.

Eileen Pile



VICTORIAN STATE TEAM - 1988

There will be a team of 15 shooters & 2 managers heading of to Blacktown NSW to represent Victoria at the 31st National Pistol Championships between March 25th - April 4th 1988. This years State Team is made up of members from 7 of the VAPA clubs and will be shooting in 10 different matches. The Team members are:

KAREN ALLAN- ANZ.

Ladies Sport Pistol



Karen first represented the State as a junior in 1980 and was a regular Team member until a "child bearing break" after the '84 Nationals & 2 little ones later she is back in the Team. Karen is past Victorian Champion in Ladies Sport Pistol.

DOREEN BOWRON- W'BOOL

Ladies Sport Pistol



Doreen has been a strong member of the Vic. Team for the last 5 years, one of our most consistent shooters in both L.S.P. & L.A.P.

LES CLARK - MISC

AP.BP25 & BP50



1984 was Les's first time in the Team & he has been in every team since then, sometimes shooting up to 6 events for the State. Les was National Champion in 50m BP in '85, 2nd in '86 & 3rd in '84.

FRANK DANKO -MAPC

CF.STD. AP.



This is Frank's second year year in the Team after quite a dramatic rise through the ranks. This year he is representing the State in 3 events.

STUART DOIG -YARRA

BP 25 & BP 50

After making the Team in '85 we "loaned" Stuart to the Northern Territory for a while, but he is now back in the fold !

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ALEX EAGLE - YARRA
BP 25 & BP 50



This is the 5th year that Alex has made the BP Teams. He was a member of the winning 50 m BP Team in '84 and was placed 3rd in 25m BP at the '85 Nats.

JIM FACEY - YARRA
S.MATCH & S.MATCH U/



Jim has represented Victoria on 4 previous occasions and was a member of the '84 Team that was 3rd in Service Match Restricted.

PAUL HANKIN - MISC
Junior Sport Pistol

1st time in the Team for Paul, we wish him well and congratulate him on his efforts so far.

GEOFF HORTON - ANZ
CF and STD.



Geoff has been a regular Team member since 1976. Has represented Australia at International level and has many State Championships to his credit.

CHERYL LEE -ANZ
Ladies Sport Pistol
Ladies Air Pistol

1980 was Cheryl's first inclusion in the Team, this year will be the 4th time to represent her state, but in fact she has only missed one National's in the last 12 years.

JON McMILLAN - ARARAT
CF, STD. & AP



Jon first made State Team in 1977 and has only missed a couple of teams since then because of work commitments, a good all round shooter and a 'dab hand' at customising grips.

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PETER MUSCAT - MELTON
S.MATCH & S.MATCH U/R

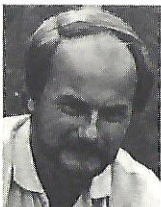


2nd time for Peter, very strong in both Service events, he learnt a lot from last years experience in Brisbane and has his eye on a National Title this year. Peter recently won State Titles in both Service Match events !

MICHAEL WHELAN - YARRA
Junior Sport Pistol

This will be Michael's 3rd year in the Team, one of Australia's most promising Juniors he was included in the squad to shoot at the Oceania Games in New Zealand last month.

CLIVE WILLIAMS - YARRA
S.MATCH & S. MATCH U/R



Clive is one of our top Service Match shooters, 4 times a Team member he was in the Restricted Team that was placed 3rd at the '84 Nationals.

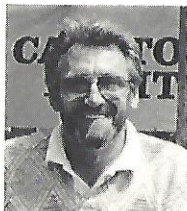
ANNETTE WOODWARD- MAPC
Ladies Sport Pistol
Ladies Air Pistol



Annette's hard work has paid off again this year, first time in the Team last year only strengthened her resolve to represent her State again and improve her standard.

TEAM MANAGERS:

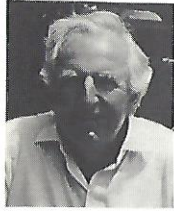
KEVIN McALLISON - MISC



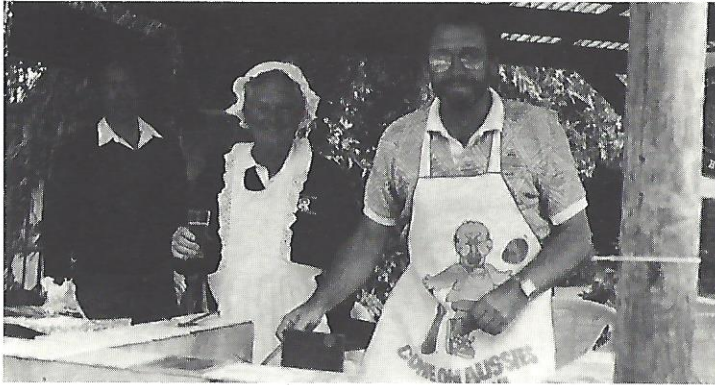
An ex Team member in CF Kevin has been on the management side of things for the last 20 years and was made Honorary Life Member of VAPA in 1980. He was Team Manager for the 1987 World Cup Team that shot in Seoul.

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MICK SKERRY - ECHUCA



Mick is now in his 14th year as a Team Manager. A past Vice President of VAPA, Was made an Honourary Life Member of VAPA in 1986.



Rocky Redston dressed up for the occasion, Phil Allan & Kevin McAllison there to help just in case !



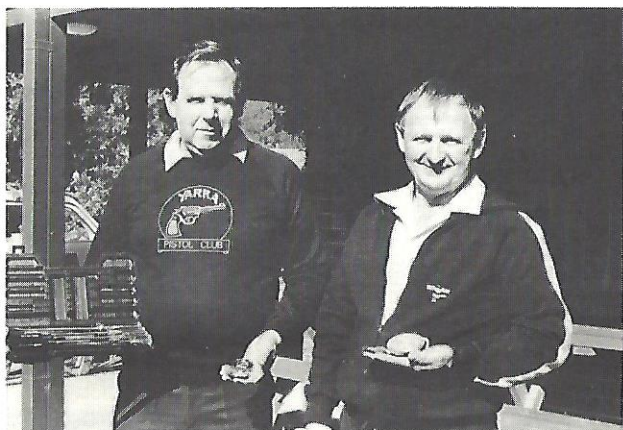
The State Team BBQ held at Rocky Redston's.

RUMOUR: Which State Team member who seems to have lost his razor blades over the past 3 months won't be removing it until a certain Politician becomes dethroned ?.Wonder how long it can grow in 3 years time if the man stays on his throne???

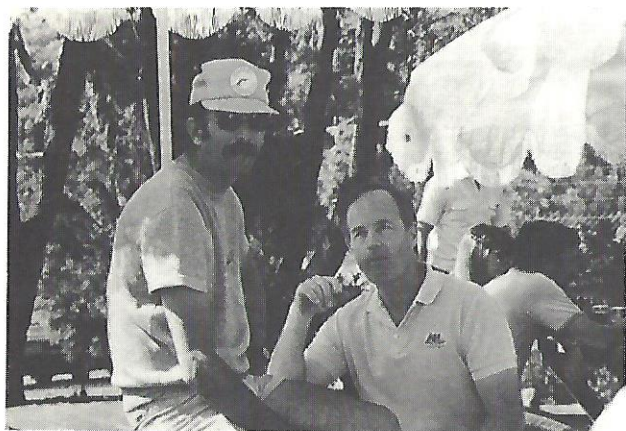


GEOFF HORTON TAKES AIM WITH HIS .44 IN THE STEEL CHALLENGE HELD AT YARRA'S SERVICE OPEN. JOE DRAEGER IS BESIDE HIM ,

NEVILLE MALLEY (LEFT)
JOHN MITCHELL (RIGHT)
AT THE YARRA B'POWDER
OPEN LAST NOVEMBER.



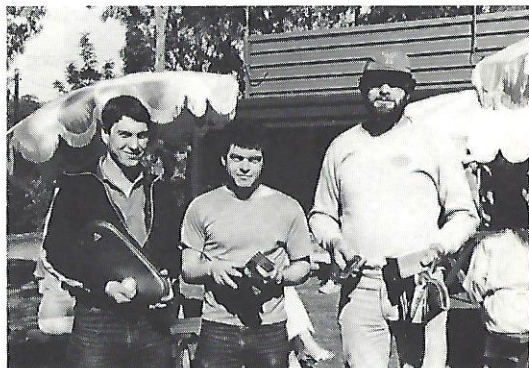
PHIL BLAKE (LEFT)
CLIVE WHELAN (RIGHT)
HAVING A CHAT UP AT
YARRA PISTOL CLUB.



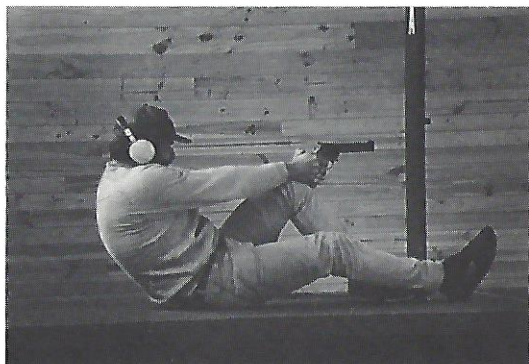
Lucky winners at the
Yarra Service Match
Open.



The Anastasi brothers & Jim Facey
with some 'Loot' after the
Yarra Service Pistol Open.



Jim Facey (Yarra) during the 50 yards
sequence Yarra Service Pistol Open.

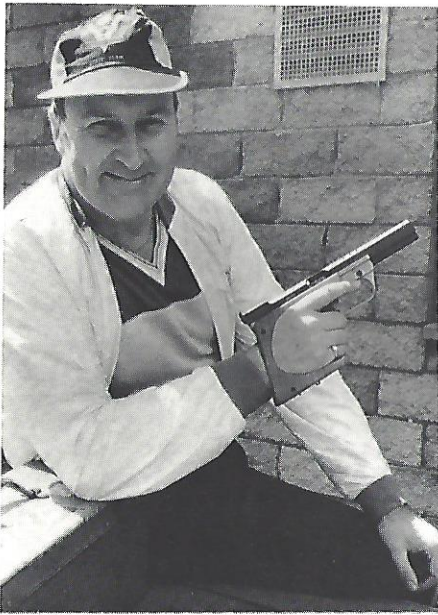




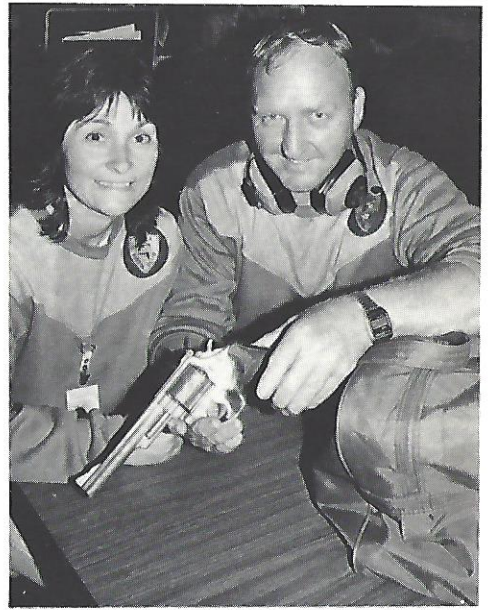
Dot Lee & Sally Robinson at the VAPA Fundraising Table.



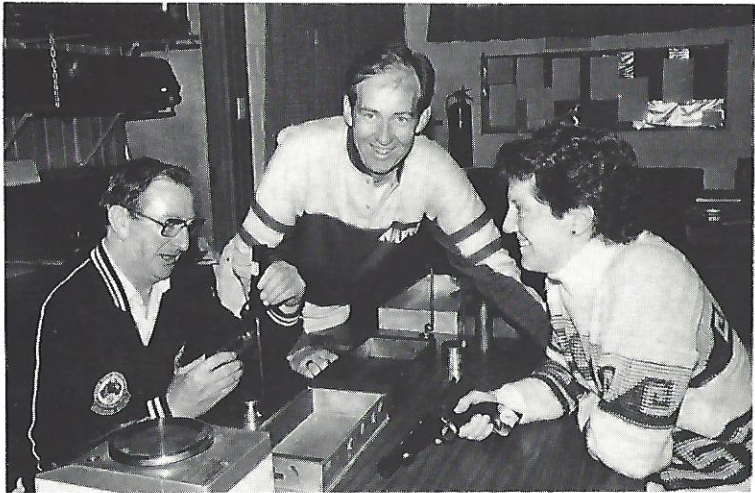
Left to Right:-
Kevin McAllison, Mick Skerry, Jon McMillan and Geoff Horton at the COPC Open.



Geoff Horton after winning Rapid Fire at the Copc Open.



Colleen and Alan Jones of the Euroa Pistol Club at the COPC Open.



Technical Inspector, Clive Woods checks in Phil Allan's pistol while wife Karen Allan looks on.

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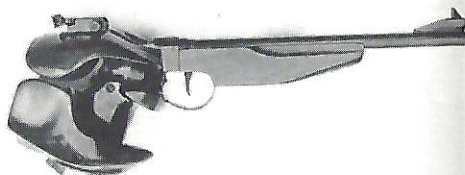
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CASTLEMAINE PISTOL CLUB OPEN

The weekend of February 6th saw Castlemaine Pistol Club hold its first Open Competition in its 29 year history.

The competition was of a high standard, attracting shooters from 10 clubs including two Victorian State Team members. Local shooters fared well with 3 members upgrading themselves. Organisers of the event said visitors were impressed with the club's facilities and the success of the history-making shoot should mean Castlemaine will have the opportunity to welcome shooters for a repeat performance next February. Thanks are to be given to North West Country Credit for the donation of trophies to the shoot.

Handicap Winners were Les Clark in the Standard Pistol event & Frank Danko in the Centre Fire match.

Point of interest about the Postal competition for 1988, Castlemaine is in 1st Division in all 5 UIT events plus Junior Sport Pistol. A reasonable achievement for a country club of only 30 members.

RESULTS WERE:

STANDARD PISTOL

M. R. Glew	532
<u>A. F. Danko</u>	554
L. Clark	550
<u>B. C. Hammer</u>	525
J. Wright	524
C. Hancock	523
<u>C. T. Slattery</u>	531
J. Burman	527
A. Hughson	521
<u>D. G. Porter</u>	485
N. Stewart	478
I. Stevenson	460

CENTRE FIRE

M. R. Glew	571
<u>A. F. Danko</u>	580
L. Clark	562
A. Ligeti	532
<u>B. J. Wright</u>	557
C. Hancock	556
P. Laragy	551
<u>C. L. Mullens</u>	561
T. Slattery	548
J. Spark	541
<u>D. G. Allen</u>	523
J. Moran	486
L. Laragy	479

LADIES SPORT PISTOL

B. A. Whybrow	538
<u>C. R. Spark</u>	533
<u>D. J. Matheson</u>	316

JNR SPORT PISTOL

<u>B. J. Burman</u>	550
A. Burman	541
C. Kavanagh	523
<u>C. J. Repacholi</u>	505
<u>D. D. Kelly</u>	408



The Clubroom at
Castemaine Pistol Club.

ARARAT OPEN - 1988

February 13th & 14th saw the Ararat Open held in pleasant but windy conditions. For most shooters it was their first time using the new timed firing shed that was completed in 1987. The acoustics are now much better after the installation of 'partitions' in the bays thus reducing the noisy 'crack' that some pistols produce. The Open is generally known for its relaxed friendly and sociable atmosphere. Some shooters even come to shoot UIT Centre Fire with their Service Match guns (9mm) just for something different. The members of the club put on a BBQ for those who feel the need for food at the end of the days shooting and a good time is had by all. 41 entries were received this year and the club had wine from around the district to hand to the placegetters. It is well worth the trip to Ararat.

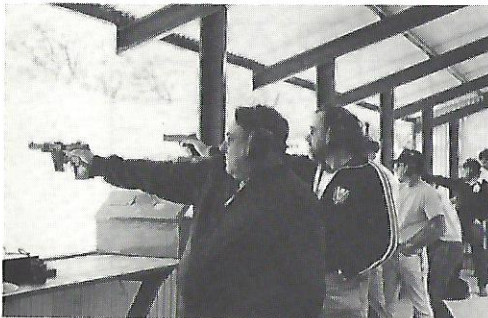
Sally.

STOP PRESS!!!!!!

The week after the Ararat Open Kris Mcmillan of the Ararat Pistol Club had a son SCOTT MICHAEL and it is believed husband John is "over the moon" with the new addition to his family.



The new timed firing bays.



Shooting centre fire at Ararat.

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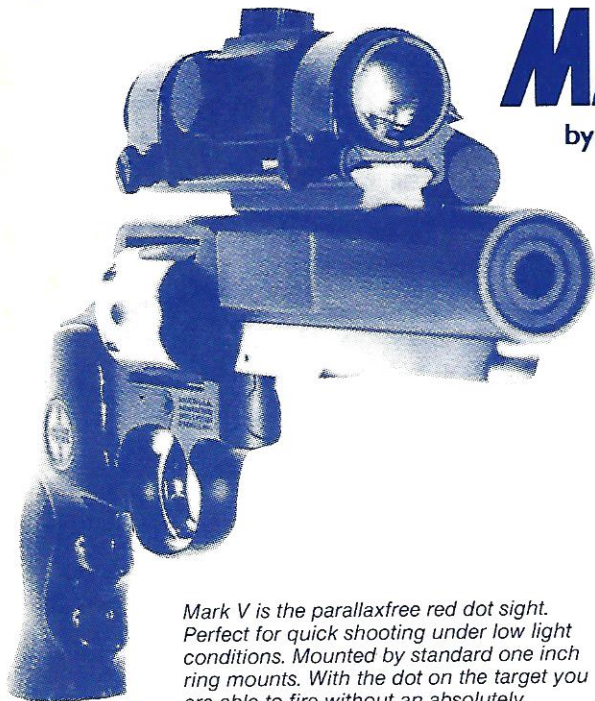
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