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The Editor,
Victorian Pistol News.

Dear Sally,

I have been a shooter for nearly 20 years, and have seen many changes in the sport over this time, with greatly improved shooting facilities - (I remember moving targets being operated manually by a strong man pulling on a lever while the R.O. operated a Stop Watch), and comfortable Club Rooms and well-organized kitchens.

However, in one area we seem to be going backwards. This is in Attitude. It seems to me that many members feel that as they have paid their membership fees, they have done their duty for that year. Surely this is only a small part of belonging to a Club. Supporting the Club Committee when it holds Opens, working bees and socials is another part.

I am particularly concerned at the lack of members' support when clubs hold Opens. These events are mainly held to raise money for the Club, and all the Host Club's members should make themselves available to help out sometime during the weekend. After all - it is THEIR club which is "on show". If the Host Club is so overwhelmed by the apathy of its members that it has to make it compulsory for paying visitors to work as well, then perhaps it would be better if the Open was cancelled, or cut back to a size the club can manage.

We all know people who promise faithfully they will turn up and work, - and then don't, and I am sure most shooters would oblige if asked to help for a short time, while more workers are found. Most shooters who go to Opens are those who work hard for their own clubs and should be allowed to relax and enjoy the weekend away.

At a small country club I visit each year, I am told "No, you don't work here. You are a visitor, and your job is to shoot, relax and enjoy yourself". This is the true spirit of the Opens.

Surely it should be a CONDITION OF MEMBERSHIP that shooters assist at their own Club functions, NOT expect Visitors to Pay for the privilege of doing it for them. It brings into question some people's reasons for joining a Club, and they appear to be only using the Club name for their own ends. When renewal of membership comes up these people should have to further justify their membership. New members should all come to their Club's Open as part of their training. They can see the course of fire for all events, see Safety Rules in strict practice, etc. After all, you do not need to be an A Grade shooter to stick a patch on a hole, and most people can write the figures 1-10 in a box as they are called out, so they can help out as scorers.

The question is - how do we get some "Pride and Patriotism" back into Club Members? If members cannot give one weekend per year for their Club, one wonders why they bother belonging anyway.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth (LIZ) Ligeti.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Correspondence received by the Secretary of our Association following on the levy imposed by the Committee of Management at their meeting in August 1988 indicates that many of our members, including some senior executives of affiliated clubs, do not understand the administrative side of our Association.

I was staggered to learn that many believe the Association is run by the Executive and that the levy in question was imposed by them. This is not so.

Article 17(a) of our Constitution reads as follows:

"The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Committee of Management comprising the Executive and two delegates from each affiliated club in the Association."

Each club should have a copy of our Constitution and I recommend that all members, particularly the secretaries of clubs, read all of Article 17 which relates to the Committee of Management.

The Executive of this Association comprises six persons who, as necessary, manage the affairs of the Association on a day-to-day basis, but with all resolutions (e.g., the matter of the levy) being decided by the Committee of Management.

Also, considering some comments, it would seem that a few club secretaries do not read the Minutes circulated from those Committee of Management meetings and this is borne out by the fact that the information relating to that levy was circulated in several sets of Minutes between August and December 1988 yet, as late as January 1989, some secretaries were saying they knew nothing of the levy.

I strongly recommend to all members that if the Minutes of the Committee of Management meetings are not being displayed on your respective club notice boards, that you speak to your secretary to ensure that this is done and, also, if you feel that your club is not being adequately represented at the Committee of Management meetings, this too should be discussed with your secretary, or committee, to ensure that you, as a member, and your club, is properly represented.

COUNSEL FROM THE COUNCIL

Free Pistol/Air Pistol

When * displayed, it refers to either match.

When you first arrive for the competition, your air pistol must be checked in at the gun check for trigger weight, weight of the pistol, and to ensure that it fits the box.

Free pistol is normally checked on the firing line prior to the commencement of preparation. You are entitled to 10 minutes preparation time prior to the commencement of the match.

* During the set-up time, dry firing of air pistols is not permitted (dry firing is the discharge of gas from the pistol without a pellet), however, should your air pistol have the mechanics to enable you to practice dry firing of the trigger without the expulsion of gas, i.e. Feinwerkbau CO2, then this is permitted. In the free pistol dry firing is permitted.

* Once you commence your sighters, you will be firing at the designated sighting target and may fire unlimited sighters until you fire the first competition shot. After this sighting shots are not permitted. Should the match be conducted using series of five or ten shots, then you are permitted to fire unlimited sighters prior to the commencement of each series.

With the inception of the wind back targets in air pistol, the match is shot virtually uninterrupted and, accordingly, you may only fire sighters until you fire that first competition shot.

REMEMBER: IF IN DOUBT SPEAK TO THE RANGE OFFICER.

Competition

Free Pistol. The match is normally shot using six series of ten competition shots, the first series is of 30 minutes and the remaining five of 24 minutes.

Air Pistol. The series may be shot using anywhere from five shots to twenty shots and, accordingly, the time will vary. Again, listen to the range officer's commands to ensure that you understand fully the times and the amount of shots to be fired in the series.

If you are shooting at an open competition please ensure that the target handed to you, for that particular series, is in fact your target and is correctly numbered. The two main accessories required for both matches are a stopwatch and a spotting scope (particularly for free pistol). Also a good habit to get into is to count out the required amount of competition rounds, being either pellet or bullet, and keep them separate from your stock ammo. This will alleviate incorrect number of shots fired in the series.

The point being made is that it is not desirable to be engaged in any activity, whilst on the firing line, which may create a disturbance for your fellow competitors. ?

Spotting Scope

When using a scope the most important thing to do is to ensure that the scope is focussed on your own target and not the target of the next competitor. Many a tale of woe has been heard after a series when a competitor has been doing sight adjustments because his shots were not going where he intended. It is only after going down to change the target that he realised that he had been scoping on someone else's target and has paid the consequences.

*THE LAST SERIES

As you draw to the completion of the match, check that you have fired the correct number of projectiles as any shots fired in excess will be deducted and also a two point penalty will be applied. (The penalty is because you have fired shots in excess of the total of 60 which are permitted for the match). On the other hand, you may have only fired 58 shots in the competition and by not using the scope and checking your rounds you could wind up losing the competition due to the two shots which have not been fired.

Once you have finished your last series DO NOT START PUTTING YOUR SHOOTING EQUIPMENT AWAY. Common courtesy should be displayed to your fellow competitors who will possibly still be shooting this last series. Again, listen to the range officer's commands and do not put any equipment away until the match has been completed.

Spot Checks

* These may be carried out by the referee at any time during the match, however, it is normally done at the completion of same. The spot check will involve the checking of the pistol to ensure that it still complies with the requirements of that particular match. Should your pistol have been altered or tampered with then you would run the risk of being disqualified from the competition, e.g. if you enter a competition (air pistol) and your trigger weight is such that it just lifts the weight and then discharges, you are running the risk of having trigger weight problems during a spot check. Should you find yourself in this situation the correct procedure is: the referee will lift the pistol once (trigger weight) and should the pistol fail to lift the weight then both yourself and your pistol will be escorted back to the gun check area where the trigger weight tests will be applied using the same weights as used prior to the commencement of the competition and preferably this test would be carried out by the same person who conducted the test initially.

There will only be one attempt to lift the weight and should the pistol fail to comply you will be disqualified. THERE WILL BE NO SECOND OR THIRD CHANCE TO LIFT THE WEIGHT.

Recommendation: The minimum trigger weight on an air pistol is 500 grams so set your trigger at 600 grams. If you start playing around with 505/510 grams then you are asking for trouble.

LEAVING THE FIRING POINT DURING A SERIES

Should you require to do this you must unload the pistol and leave the action open and place it on the bench. As a matter of courtesy you should go to the range officer and advise him of your need to leave the line. It is also appropriate to advise the range officer upon your return.

Problems During The Match

* Should you fire too many shots in a series you will not be penalised for the first two extra shots fired, however, any subsequent shots will be penalised by the deduction of two points per shot. This deduction will be made from the total of that series, e.g. third series you fire twelve rounds instead of ten, the two lowest scoring shots from that series will be carried forward to the next series and during this next series you will only fire eight shots (no other penalty).

If the situation is reversed and you fire only eight rounds in a series you may then fire twelve rounds on the next series and the two highest scoring shots will be transferred back to the incorrect series.

Air Pistol. Should you accidentally load two pellets and, after discharging, find two holes in the target, you must notify the range officer and he will annul the target and give you a new target. If your target starts to flap, you must notify the range officer and he should stop the shooting, clear the pistols and allow you to refix your target.

Crossfires. Missing Shots.

Should you receive a bullet hole on your target from another shooter you must immediately clear the pistol and notify the range officer by raising your non-shooting arm. If the shot can be identified as not being yours that shot will be annulled, however, if the shot cannot be identified you must accept that shot. (This is one of the main reasons why backing targets are used in free pistol).

Air Pistol Wind-Back Target

Should your target fall from the carrier (on return to you), leave the target until the competition has finished. On the other hand, if it is a new target being wound out, advise the range officer and he should give you a replacement target. There is no necessity to stop the shooting in this instance.

Gas Cylinder Empty

When using a CO2 air pistol, should the pellets start to drop, the main reason could be that you are running out of gas. Should you need to change the cylinder it is to be done so with as little noise as possible and if you do need to discharge the pistol two or three times this may only be done after seeking permission from the range officer. This type of action is usually required for the Hammerli Master air pistol.

Scoring

All scoring is done in the classification office unless you are at your own club in a domestic competition where you score your own targets. During an open competition you are not permitted to put plug gauges into shot holes for your own benefit. This may only be done by the personnel in classification.

If you wish to claim a double then you must advise the range officer of your claim and he will make the appropriate notation on your target and will indicate the doubtful shot hole. If you are using backing targets in free pistol, you must bring your competition and backing target to the range officer for the necessary comments. Never send a target back to classification in the hope that they will look for a double. It is your responsibility to advise regarding same.

Protests

* Should you wish to protest regarding the score published for the match, you may do so to the referee or the organising secretary. It is then his responsibility to check the targets and either confirm or disallow your protest with respect to scoring. Note: Any such protest must be lodged within 30 minutes of the scores being published on the official board.

Radios

* The use of transmitting devices, i.e. radios with headphones, tape recorders, etc., are strictly forbidden. The moment that you become under the control of the range officer you must remove headsets, radios, etc. and these may not be worn or used whilst the competition is in progress.

Free Pistol

During the free pistol match you may use either a free pistol or any 22 calibre pistol that is approved for the match (this includes rapid fire pistols).

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STATE JUNIOR TRAINING CAMP JANUARY 1989

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The 9th State Junior Training camp was held at the City of Oakleigh Pistol Club with 32 juniors in attendance. Mr Robert Miejer an International Coach and his wife Henny from Holland made themselves available for the duration of the camp.

To ensure the camp a success many hours of work were put into the organisation beforehand. The program needed to be checked to ensure that all of which was planned could be fitted into the week's activities. Invitations were sent out to the juniors, replies to their acceptance and what they had to bring etc.

Guest speakers, coaches and helpers along with staff to help in the kitchen all needed to be contacted and have them give an assurance that they would attend and help.

The camp officially starts on the Monday, but most juniors and staff arrive on the Sunday evening prior, so as to start promptly on the Monday morning. Sunday evening is hectic to say the least, what with the booking in of the juniors and moving in of all the kitchen equipment and food stores to last the week, along with our own personal gear and organising tea which has been bought by one of the staff, a great start to the week.

On Monday morning Mr. J. Gillman officially opened the camp and we were off and running. Our first theory session was SAFETY of which all juniors attended. They were then split into two groups. The first 1st year's went on to lectures on the BASICS and the returnee's had a talk by Dr. G. Janko from the Institute of Health & Fitness on "Performance as related to pistol shooting". After morning tea the 1st year's continued on with the basics and the returnee's went precision shooting with coaches in attendance. In the afternoon all juniors practiced on a blank card so as to see the sights clearly and to try and hold the gap on either side of the front sight equal before letting off the shot. The main object was to try and as narrow a group as possible. After the evening meal we learnt about "Eyes & Vision" from optometrist Mr Peter Dwyer and then lights out at 10.30pm.

Tuesday started with the loud ringing of bells at 6.30am and aerobics at 6.50am with Miss Natalie Spitteler a Phs. Ed. instructor. The after breakfast off to shooting on turning targets and air pistol. Lunch and then a teams game organised by coach Bob Lester which had all the elements of shooting precision, timed fire and air pistol was conducted. The rules and execution of scoring shots left a lot to be desired and some of us thought that we were victimised as we shot under extreme hardship. I mean after all, grips missing and no ammo and more shots on our air pistol targets than we had fired, I ask you !!! A lot of fun was had by all,

but pity the scorers.

Coach Phil Spry talked to the juniors about range rules pertaining to the Junior Match and Junior Air as everyone should know the rules according to the matches they shoot. We then had the pleasure of Sergeant Robert (Bob) Bernie from the Pistol Registry to explain "The law with regards to Pistols: to us. Our usual custom is of inviting guest speakers to stay and have a meal with us, thus giving them the opportunity of seeing some of the camp proceedings and the juniors the chance to talk with these guests on subjects of their field, as in the past Sgt. Bernie accepted this invitation as did several others. After tea a full length movie supplied by the courtesy of Mr. Ian Wright and Family was shown with lights out at 11.00pm.

Ding-a ling, ding-a-ling ended a dream of ?? What 6.30am already with Natalie ready for aerobics and I had only just got to sleep, oh well! of to it. After breakfast a short session on the theory of shooting the rapid stage of sport pistol (duelling for short) followed by "putting the theory into practice" out on the range.

After lunch it was off to the pool for a swim and stock up on all the necessities of life, like soft drink, mars bars etc as this was our only break from the camp.

After the swim was a free choice of either Precision, Duelling or Air Pistol with personal help from the coaches. Certain others were engaged in a grudge match, with the winner having to be waited on at meal times by the loser, -bad luck Tris-, enjoyed every minute of it!!! After the evening meal Natalie Spitteler spoke on "Fitness enhances sport performance" followed by a talk on nutrition by Miss Karen Inge (Sports Nutritionist). Lights out at 10.30pm.

Thursday morning, not those !?@\$# bells again, once more aerobics with Natalie then breakfast. After breakfast a preliminary competition with a short talk by Mr.P.Allan on "Fault analysis & what did go wrong with my shooting?" Lunch, then more practice on the specifics.

In the evening Mr.K.McAlison explained how to become a State Team member and how a shooter progresses to the National Team, this was followed by a talk by Dr.John Marx on the topic "Drugs in Sport". Lights out 10.30pm.

Friday! no bells? no aerobics, but there was a Competition, gun check and all. Gun check at 8.30am, first squading at 9.30am with a full Junior Sport & Junior Air Pistol. The competition lasted till approx. 3.15pm in the afternoon with the scorers working much later than that.

After tea it was the juniors turn to entertain the Coaches and staff with a Junior Revue, this years revue, well let's say we have had better,

though I must say that this years group of juniors are fairly new at the game and next years revue WILL be better.

Saturday, glorious Saturday saw the end of the Junior Camp with the spoils going to the victors of the Friday competitions. These spoils I may add are made possible by the generous donations from various members and Trades in the sport.

Mr.J.Gillman closed the camp after all the thank you's were given including the presentation of appreciation to Robert & Henny. We the organisers, then set about clearing out our personal belongings hoping to be clear of the range complex by 11.00am, and almost succeeded.

To the coaches and helpers who gave their time I thank you very much for a job well done. Those being Mr.Robert Miejer(International Coach from Holland), Mr.Eric Gregory, Mrs.Eileen Pile, Mr.Robert Lester, Mr. Phil Spry, Mr.Bill Cole and Garry Wiles, Mr.Frank Bruno Bossio, Mr Len Steele, Mr.Greg Sheppard, Mr.Wayne Roots, Mr.Allan Kenny, & Mr.John Dods.

Thanks go to the kitchen staff:-Mrs Merrolyn Wiles, Mrs Henny Miejer, Mrs Madeline Thornhill, Mrs Myolene Steel and Mrs Lynley Baker.

Special thanks to the City of Oakleigh Pistol Club for the use of their range and its facilities.

Also thanks must go to the juniors who attended,for their attention, assistance when asked and their good behaviour for without this discipline the camp would not run as successfully as it has and we, the organisers, who started out with a "one off" would not be looking forward to a "Bulls-eye" 10th camp in January 1990.

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 2nd S.GREGORY 523

B GRADE:
 1st T.TREWERN *563
 2nd J.CHARUR #*561
 3rd T.DODDS 540

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 3rd S.McMILLAN 510

D GRADE:
 1st W.TWITCHETT *528
 2nd J.MOYNIHAN *506
 3rd J.IRELAND *495

OVERALL AGGREGATE:
 D.McCARTHY 924
 T.TREWERN 924

MOST IMPROVED OVERALL: W.TWITCHETT
 MOST IMPROVED FIRST YEAR: Z.MIHALIS
 MOST IMPROVED RETURNEE: W.TWITCHETT

JUNIOR AIR PISTOL

A GRADE:
 1st D.McCARTHY 370
 2nd T.TREWERN 361
 3rd C.BRUNO BROSSIO #351

B GRADE:
 1st S.GREGORY 353
 2nd L.IRWIN #352
 3rd A.THOMAS #328

C GRADE:
 1st S.McMILLAN *345
 2nd W.TWITCHETT 323
 3rd S.BALLANTYNE 322

D GRADE:
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 2nd J.IRELAND *324
 3rd D.KELLY *309

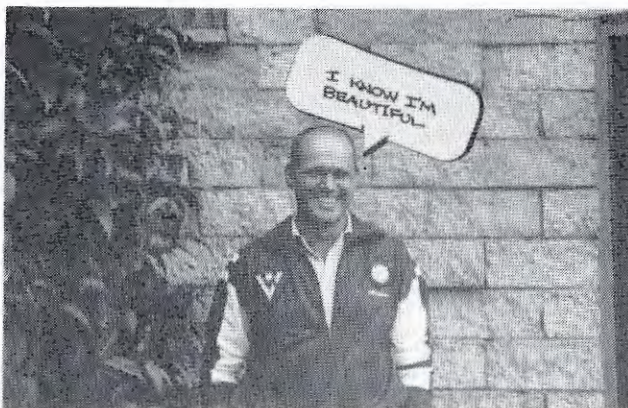
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 D.McCARTHY 370

OVERALL JUNIOR SPORT PISTOL:
 T.TREWERN 563

MANY THANKS TO BRUCE FOR SUPPLYING THE REPORT & RESULTS FOR THIS ISSUE.

RUMOUR: WHO AFTER A DRIVE IN THE NEW COMMODORE WITH P.O. FROM W/DROUIN AT THE WHEEL, NEEDED A CHANGE OF UNDERWEAR ?. RUMOUR HAS IT THAT IT WAS L.J. FROM CASTLEMAINE !!!

THE CANDID PAGES



YES THAT'S RIGHT
IT'S PETER OLIVER
AT THE COPC OPEN,
AFTER HIS WIN IN THE
CENTRE FIRE EVENT.

WONDER IF THE CROOKS
KNOW HOW GOOD HE IS?

PRESENTATION TIME AT
THE COPC OPEN.



THERE'S ALWAYS ONE AT
EVERY CLUB YOU GO TO.
THIS TIME IT'S JOHN
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WHO'S THAT PEEKING
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TITLES.

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DAMIEN SAYERS
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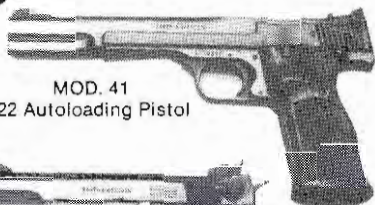
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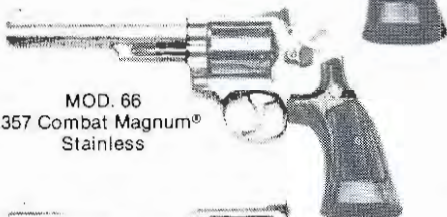
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AT THE COPC OPEN.
NARELLE ROBERTS AND
JOHN GILLMAN GETTING
HER WELL DESERVED
AGGREGATE TROPHY.

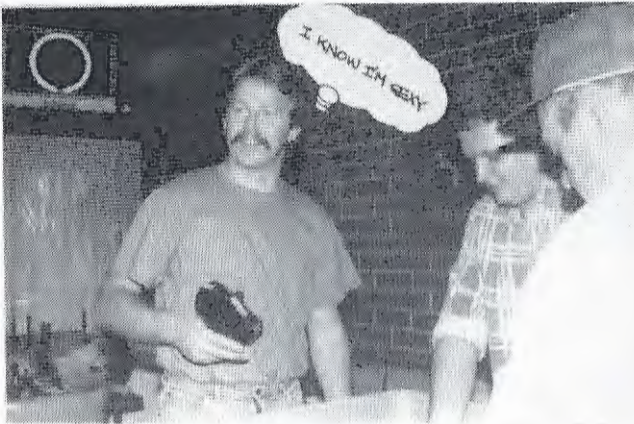


WHAT DO THEY DO UP
AT YARRA WHEN THEY
GET TIRED OF SHOOT-
ING ? THEY GO DOWN
TO THE DAM & FISH OF
COURSE. DOT LEE WITH
HER DECENT SIZE CATCH.

PRIZE & GRADE WINNERS
AT YARRA'S S.MATCH
OPEN LAST NOVEMBER.



THE CANDID PAGES

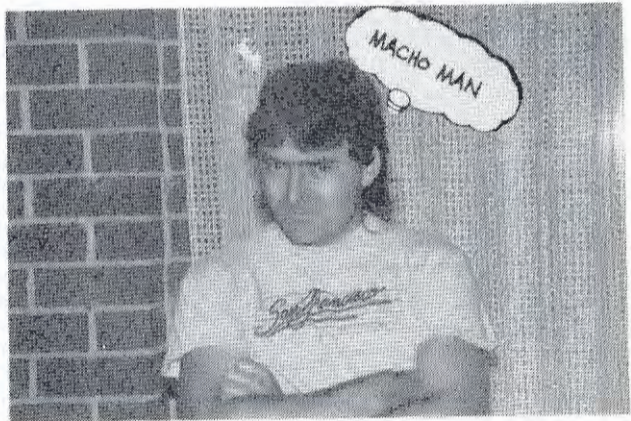


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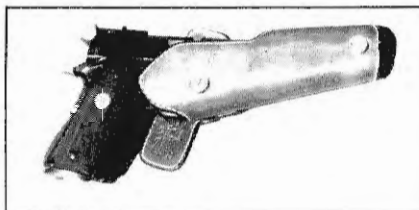
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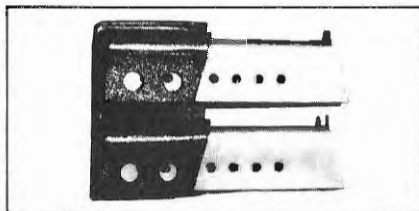
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BAIRNSDALE PISTOL CLUB

The Bairnsdale Pistol Club was formed in 1965 and in the early days they shot 22 calibre pistols in the pavillion at the local showgrounds.

The club had ten members and, of the original foundation, Graeme Evans, Graeme Buckingham and Graeme Bromell are still active participants at the club.

At present the club boasts 56 members and, due to an anticipated increase in range capacity, this will obviously increase. The current range would be the envy of most clubs in this state as anyone who has had the good fortune to visit the range would confirm.

During December, the club held an invitation Christmas shoot and members from Euroa, Yarra, MISC, Melbourne Airport and Warragul-Drouin all attended the weekend's competitions which comprised of centre fire on the Saturday, which was followed by a novelty rapid fire balloon contest (which was obviously rigged as the writers balloons appeared to be much smaller than anyone elses!)

On the Sunday, standard pistol was shot followed by a second novelty shoot.

The winner of the centre fire match was Peter Oliver from Warragul-Drouin.

During the weekend I met with two longstanding members of the association, being Ada and Bob Scott. Most older members of the association would well remember Bob as being a past secretary of this association.

During discussions with some of the older members, stories were bandied about how the club was asked to leave their venue at the local tennis club (where they shot air pistol) as the honour board was being slightly 'shot to pieces'.

The current range is situated right beside the local airport and many years ago one member decided to fly to Melbourne for tractor spares and took the journey direct to the Melbourne Airport where he landed without bothering to get any clearances. Obviously a very red-faced return to Bairnsdale Aerodrome followed.

One member even recalls a team of parachutists taking off from the aerodrome and, during the course of the afternoon's shooting, the match had to be very quickly interrupted as the parachutists had missed their mark and were landing on the shooting range.

The local council have constructed a new road into the range which will assist the club by having their own private entry as opposed to the current situation of having to drive through the airport property. Together with this, the anticipated extensions to the range will enhance the club's already beautiful range.

Apparently in bygone days, the club had the local veterinarian as a member and during one afternoon's shooting the vet produced five factory loads (38.) and after firing four rounds from his 38 did not have one shot hole on the target. It was only after the fifth shot was fired that the first projectile fell out of the muzzle of the pistol. It says a lot for the old reliable S & W revolver.

Many shooters who participate in the open competitions would well know Gordon and Maree Muir from Bairnsdale Pistol Club, and it was very noticeable at the club, that the influence of these two people, who have obviously learned a lot from visiting the opens, had been passed on to their newer club members. The Muirs are a very dedicated couple who are very active within the club and this is obviously sending the club from strength to strength.

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MAREE MUIR



LEFT TO RIGHT
FRED FLYNN
SUE EASTMURE
MAREE MUIR
PETER OLIVER



PETER OLIVER BEING
CONGRATULATED AFTER
HIS OUTHRIGHT WIN IN
THE CENTRE FIRE
EVENT.

COP THAT PETE !!

LEFT TO RIGHT.

IAN GIBSON-EUROA.

BRETT ANDREWS

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GORDON MUIR

TONY MUNDAY

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BOB & ADA SCOTT

A.C.T. STATE TITLES 1989
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The recent A.C.T. State Titles produced some very good scores by some of this countries top pistol shooters. Even with the new targets scores were still of a very high standard.

HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THOSE SCORES SHOT:

RAPID FIRE:

PAT MURRAY (ST.IVES) 579
STEVE FAUNT (C.N.P.C.)572
BRUCE QUICK (C.N.P.C.)566

CENTRE FIRE:

PHIL ADAMS (FORBES) 583
ROD HACK (W.AUST.) 580
TERRY McCULLAGH (FORBES) 577
PAT MURRAY (ST.IVES) 576

WOMEN'S SPORT PISTOL:

LYNNE-MARIE FREH (BRISBANE) 574
CATHERINE FETELL (C.N.P.C.) 574
VERONICA HOURIGAN (C.N.P.C.)571

JUNIOR SPORTS PISTOL:

DAMIEN ROGERS (BURILDA) 566

MENS AIR PISTOL:

PHIL ADAMS (FORBES) 573
MIKE GIUSTINIANO (W.AUST.) 567

WOMEN'S AIR PISTOL:

LYNNE MARIE-FREH (BRISBANE) 373
BELINDA CUTTING (L'POOL) 369
CATHERINE FETELL (C.N.P.C.)368

JUNIOR MEN'S AIR PISTOL:

DAMIEN ROGERS (BURILDA) 555

BLACK POWDER 25m:

DOUG GREGORY (C.N.P.C.) 375

STANDARD PISTOL:

MIKE GIUSTINIANO (W.AUST.) 570
PAT MURRAY (ST.IVES) 569
JOHN BLOXHAM (ST.IVES) 568

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STEPHEN FETELL (C.N.P.C.) 883

SERVICE PISTOL U/R:

ROD ROGERS (BURILDA) 886

* THE SCORES IN THE L/H COLUMN ALL
* WERE SHOT ON THE NEW STYLE TARGETS
* WHICH WILL BE USED AT THIS YEARS
* NATIONALS AT THE CANBERRA/NATIONAL
* PISTOL CLUB RANGE OVER EASTER.
* FROM SOME OF THE SCORES SHOT HERE
* IT SHOULD BE ANOTHER TOP NATIONALS.
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THE CANBERRA NATIONAL P.C. ALWAYS SEEMS TO ATTRACT TOP SHOOTERS TO ITS OPEN COMPS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THIS COMP. SAW NO LESS THAN 10 MALE MASTER GRADE SHOOTERS & 6 WOMEN MASTER GRADE SHOOTERS.

RESULTS received from Robert Herron, Assistant Secretary of the VICTORIA PRISONS PRACTICAL PISTOL CLUB.

The Victoria Prisons Practical Pistol Club entered two teams in the International Law Enforcement Olympics and Australian Police and Services Competitions which were held at Blacktown Range N.S.W. between 9 October 1988 and 16 October 1988.

TEAM MEMBERS

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C. Wesley	I. Cranson
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RELOADING FOR NRA & SERVICE MATCHES

by Mark Bickham

With the introduction of NRA Action Matches and new rules for Service match there has been a lot of discussion on the use in these matches of "Factored loads", with little information being made available as to what a factored load is. Power factors have been used by I.P.S.C. shooters although their factor is expressed as 125 where as the NRA factor is expressed as thousands of units, e.g 125,000.

To determine the power factor for a particular load, you multiply the bullet weight in grains by the velocity of the bullet in feet per second to equal the power factor, e.g. 158 grain bullet x 850 ft/p.s = 134,000 power factor. The power factor required for NRA/Service matches is not less than 120,000.

Before you start, there are some points to take into consideration when developing your factored loads. Velocity is subject to large variations due to changes in bullet weight, design, composition and diameter, atmospheric conditions, primers and powder, and even age of cases. These are well documented in most reloading manuals.

In the course of developing my own loads, I sort the assistance of Geoff Horton as he was the only person I knew who had the one essential item which I required to complete the task which I had set for myself, that is a chronograph. The results hereunder are given as a GUIDE ONLY as you will have to develop you own loads to suit your particular pistol and reloading components.

In creating a load, I have utilized components which I believe to be readily available and in common use, and after spending some time on the matter decided that I would make my results available to other members knowing that many members will not have access to the necessary equipment.

For those who are technically minded the following equipment was used:-

- a. Pistols Smith & Wesson Model 686 with 6" barrel
Sig Model 210 with 5" barrel
- b. Chronograph Oehler Chronotach Model 33 with Skyscreens spaced 4" apart and 10" from the muzzle.

The weather on the day when the published results were compiled was extremely hot approximately 35 Deg C with moderate humidity. Loads were not tested for accuracy on this occasion, and were assembled using RCBS Green Machines. Loads marked (*) were not weighed but are as stated in the RCBS Green Machine Manual.

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Lowest Velocity	720	743	758	829
Highest Velocity	765	830	842	862
Average Velocity	748	773	802	842
Power Factor	117,868	122,134	128,718	133,036

Projectile 158gr Cast Semi Wadcutter

Lowest Velocity	744	810	811	862
Highest Velocity	788	898	853	888
Average Velocity	770	831	830	874
Power Factor	121,680	131,298	131,140	138,092

Even though we were not testing for accuracy it was noted that all loads grouped within 2.5" at 25 metres for 10 shot groups hand held from a bench. Geoff achieved a 2" group with the Rotor #8 158gr RN loads at 50 metres from the barricade using double action.

9mm

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Primers Federal Small Pistol

Powder Bullseye

Projectile

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Powder Weight	2.7gr	3.5gr	2.7gr	2.7gr
Lowest Velocity	852	941	812	818
Highest Velocity	895	999	884	835
Average Velocity	876	972	855	825
Power Factor	110,980	120,528	128,250	130,444

When developing your own loads, be sure to give consideration to the possibility that you will not always shoot under the same weather conditions and that the Competition Organisers can provide Test barrels to test your loads, so do not factor your loads right on the borderline as they may not be correct on the day. I am told that the USA shooters factor their loads at about 125.000 to leave a margin.

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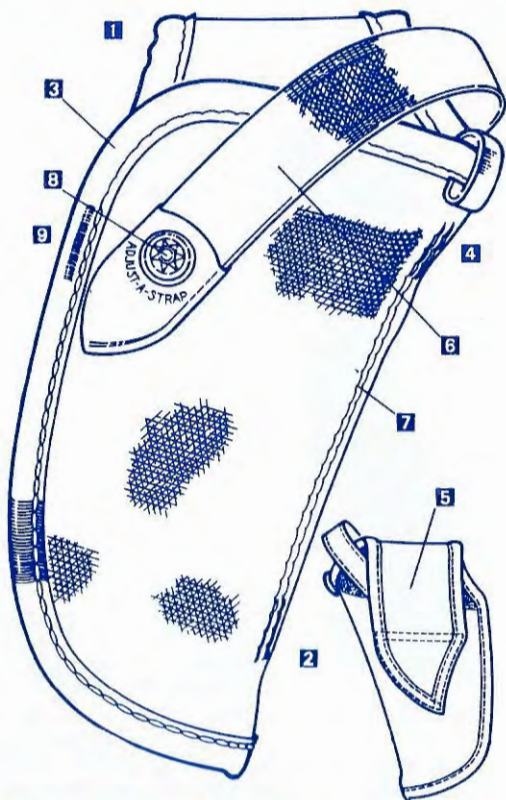
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