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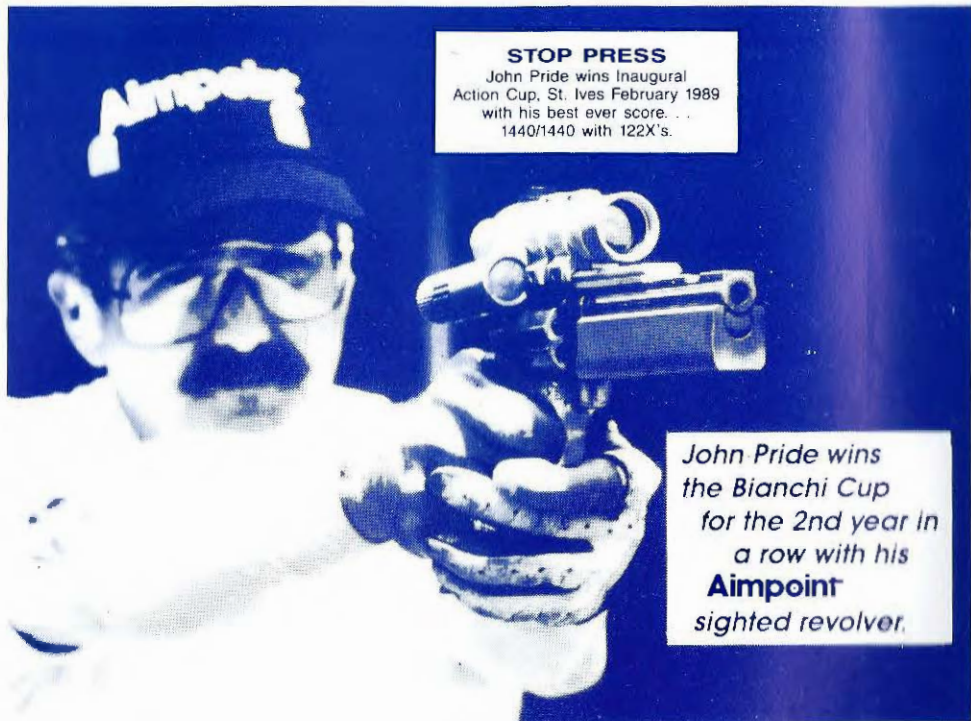
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Centre Fire

Prior to the competition, your pistol must be checked at the gun check for trigger weight, pistol weight and to ensure that it fits the box. It is advisable to attend the gun check area at least 30 minutes before your preparation time commences.

Upon arrival at the shooting range, you should seek out who the range officer is and establish which bay you are to shoot in. Make sure that you do not start setting up any equipment until told to do so by the RO. You are entitled to 10 minutes preparation time prior to the commencement of the match. During this time you are permitted to practice dry firing.

The competition begins with a series of 5 shots being fired at a sighting target (maximum time 6 minutes). The competition in the precision course entails 6 series each in a time limit of 6 minutes. You are required to load and fire 5 rounds in each of these series, however, at club level some clubs prefer to fire 10 rounds (2 series of 5 shots) before scoring the targets. Should you find yourself in this situation, it is your prerogative to utilise the the 6 minutes allowed per series and, should the range officer call, 'has everyone had sufficient time', you have the right to call, 'no' and request your full 6 minutes. Some competitors prefer to have the full time because of their mental training and others wish to continue dry firing at the target.

At the completion of the 6th series, you will be asked to have your pistol cleared and move to the rapid fire range.

Problems with Precision

It is very rare that a competitor will have problems during the precision course of fire and this paragraph, we hope, will help you should you encounter any.

Malfunctions:

If a malfunction occurs, it is normally handled by the shooter unloading the pistol and replacing the defective round. Should you be in a situation where you are running out of time, i.e. the last 10 or 20 seconds of the series, and you are experiencing trouble with malfunction, you are entitled to claim same. If this should happen and you only have 4 shots fired, the range officer will advise you, that in the next series, you are to load and fire 5 rounds at the same target, which will give you a total of 9 hits on the target (I hope). You will then be credited with the 5 lowest scoring hits. Should a problem occur during the precision series and the range officer is able to note the exact time elapsed in the series so far, he may permit you to have the remainder of that series (e.g. 2 minutes 10 seconds expired, leaving 3 minutes 50 seconds not used) to complete the series by clearing the dud and reloading as many rounds that have not been fired and shooting same in that time left.

Flapping Targets

If your target becomes loose and starts to flap (peg falls off) or a competitor's target on

either side of you has a similar problem, you are entitled to attract the range officer's attention by raising your non-shooting arm. At all times the pistol will be held down range. If you are unable to attract the range officer's attention, you are to unload the pistol and make same safe and then go to the range officer and advise him of your problem. This of course will mean that your exact shooting time cannot be registered as there will be a time lapse between the problem occurring and the range officer being able to record same with his stopwatch.

Shots on Wrong Target

If you find a bullet hole on your target which you believe you have not fired, you again attract the range officer's attention by raising the non-shooting arm and you make your challenge quietly to the RO that the bullet in the 8 ring was not fired by yourself. This is a good time to ensure that you have not unloaded the pistol as the RO may inspect same, find 3 holes on your target and 3 unfired rounds in the chamber. This is not an automatic acceptance that the shot hole is not yours. If you are using backing targets, it is very easy to determine if the shot in question does or does not belong to you. If you are not using backing targets and it cannot be proved that the shot was fired by another competitor, you may have to accept the additional shot on your target.

Rapid Fire Stage

The same procedure for the steps prior to preparation time are to be followed and, after being allocated a shooting bay, the range officer will allow you 3 minutes preparation time. Dry firing is permitted during this time.

The course of fire is 5 sighting shots followed by 6 series of 5 competition shots. Should you have a malfunction during any of the competition series, you will only be required to re-load and fire the unfired rounds from the malfunction series (i.e. if you fire 2 rounds and have a malfunction) on the next series you will only load 3 rounds and fire on the first 3 appearances of the target. Should you have a malfunction and then follow the above procedure, you will automatically be running 1 series behind the other competitors. At the

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Ron Baker trying his hand at the New NRA Match.

Neil Whybrow hard at work and extremely attentive at the State Training Squad Weekend held at the Geelong Pistol Club on the 3rd and 4th of December 1988.



Andy Gonzol taking a break at the State Titles.

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end of the malfunction series your target will not be scored and patched. This will be done at the end of the next series in which you complete that malfunction series.

Problems

Arm above 45°

If you are detected by the RO with your arm above 45°, you will not be advised of same until that series has been completed. you will then be informed of the problem and you will be made to re-shoot the series at the completion of the 6th series of the competition. You will then be credited with the lowest total score of either of the 2 series, e.g. if the series in which the arm above 45° was detected, the score was 44 and the score from the re-shoot series was 45, your score would be 44. Should this occur again the same procedure will apply and you will also incur a 2 point penalty. For a 3rd infringement you may be disqualified.

Early Shot

Whilst starting to raise your pistol, you may accidently fire a shot into the ground. It is recommended that you do not panic and that you lower the arm and prepare yourself for the next facing of the target. There is no penalty for this early shot as the only price the shooter must pay is the loss of a possible 10 points for the shot which did not hit the target.

Target Falling from Frame

Should this happen the range officer must immediately call, 'cease fire', however, if he does not notice the problem, you do not attempt to fire at the target but instead raise your non-shooting arm to attract his attention.

Cross Fires

Should a cross fire occur on your target it would normally be detected by the range officer when he checks the target. If you know that you have not fired an additional shot, you have the right to challenge the call and the RO must take the necessary steps to establish where the shot came from. Many reading this article will say that it is impossible to fire 6 shots as you only load 5. This is possibly correct, however, it would not be the first time that 6 shots have appeared on a target and listed are some of the reasons:

1. Patches falling from the target.
2. A genuine cross fire.
3. Skirt separation from the projectile.
4. Competitor loaded 6 rounds and, after believing that he missed the target on the third appearance, fired 2 rounds on the fourth appearance (yes, it has happened).

Malfunctions

There are only two types of malfunctions, they are either allowable or non-allowable. For an allowable malfunction there is no penalty and for a non-allowable function, the competitor loses the right for the re-shoot of that shot only, i.e. if a competitor fails to load his magazine (auto loader) and believes he has a malfunction on the first shot, he is not

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penalised 5 shots but is only penalised for the shot which did not go off in the first instant.

Interruptions to Shooting

Should the match be interrupted through no fault of the competitor, it is advisable to start a stopwatch at the point when the cease fire has been called and, should the time lapse exceed 15 minutes, you are entitled to ask for additional sighters before you re-commence the match. Although it is non mandatory to be given extra sighters, the rule clearly states that the jury may allow extra sighters. (Range officer gives this approval at club shoots).

Set Up Equipment

Your pistol must lift a weight of 1,360 grams, the pistol must not exceed 1400 grams in weight and must fit the prescribed box. You should have a spotting scope and stop watch for the precision series.

Safety

Once the pistol has been loaded it must be pointed down range in a safe direction. Should you see a competitor with the pistol pointed down at the concrete or aimed up into the roof area (steel girders etc.), then it is your responsibility to advise the R.O. of the problem, or if you are range officering, to ensure that this type of practice is stopped immediately. (Do not approach a shooter during a series, however advise that person at the completion of the series that the practice he is using is to cease immediately). Should a competitor challenge you over this issue, it is your prerogative on the grounds of safety to have that person clear his pistol and remove him from the range. A person so infringing may tell you that they have been shooting this way since they started and nobody has corrected them, and they have never fired a shot. My argument against this is this—'fine, then let's make sure that you don't fire a shot at some future stage'. To the person that believes they would never fire an accidental shot, they can be reminded that there is always a first time and, in fact, there have been problems in the past on ranges with the same type of accident occurring. One spectator was struck with a piece of concrete from a shot which was fired whilst the pistol was not pointing in the prescribed area. If you are visiting ranges, you will possibly find bullet holes in the benches where these shots which never happen do occur. Also in ranges where baffling is used, you will find bullet holes in the upper parts of the baffling and the verandah type baffling. It does happen and it must be stopped.

Apology

In the March edition of the Victorian Pistol under the heading 'Counsel from the Council', the third paragraph read—'during the set up time dry firing is not permitted'. The asterisk did denote 'in both events', however, this did not appear as such in the article.

The correct reading of the paragraph should be '*during the set up time dry firing is permitted, however, dry firing of air pistols is not permitted during the match'.

Dry firing is a discharge of gas from the pistol without a pellet. Should your air pistol have the mechanics to enable you to practise dry firing of the trigger without the expulsion of gas, e.g. the Feinwerkbau CO2, then this is permitted.

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State Team Training Squad

Those shooters nominating for the Elimination Series to select the next State Teams are eligible to join the Squad. All coaches coaching the Squad are former/present State Team members, some are Australian Team members and Champions.

03-04 June	M.I.S.C.	All members of Squad
01-02 July	Melton	Service/Action Match
20-30 July	C.O.P.C.	U.I.T.
12-13 August	M.I.S.C.	National Junior Squad (State Jr. Squad invited 13th)
20 August	Geelong	Black Powder
27-28 August	Yarra	U.I.T.
02-03 September	M.A.P.C.	Service/Action Match
29 October	Geelong	Black Powder
02-03 December	Geelong	All. (Live-in Weekend)

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National Junior Squad

Following the National Championships several of our Victorian Juniors were nominated for selection to the N.J.S. As the selection has not yet taken place I congratulate each of them on their nominations, and trust that next issue we can publish their names.

Juniors nominating for the 1990 Victorian Team are invited to compete against N.J.S. members on 13th August at their Satellite Camp (M.I.S.C.)

National Junior Squad Coach,
Eileen Pile

'Service' With A Smile At '89 Nationals'

Day two of the 89 Nationals brought smiles to the faces of all Victorians attending at the range of the Canberra National Pistol Club.

The cause of all those exposed teeth was the fact that the Victorian State Team in Unrestricted Service Match had just won the National Teams Event.

Of course as this was the first time that we had taken out first place in that match it made the win all that much sweeter and certainly helped us off to a good start; we had just missed out by a few points on a third place in Service Match the day before.

The other highlights of the win were Peter Muscat's score of 886, only one point behind the winner Max Wray from W.A. and a good score of 882 from Paul Hutchins, one of the Team 'virgins'. (for the benefit of those who do not know, a 'virgin', at least as far as our definition goes, is a first time Team Member)

That was the upside to the win, the downside—if there can be a downside to a win—was the nervous breakdowns that we all had when we were drawn with N.S.W. on 2644 at the end of the match and as if that wasn't enough, W.A. was only one point behind us with a doubtful score on their last shooter.

Fortunately due to the absolute 'brilliance' of our boys at 7 yards we won the count back and W.A.'s score was confirmed as one point behind.

Congratulations to the 'Service Team', a job well done.

Although we did not manage any other wins we were certainly in there kicking at both Team and individual level, a 5th in 25mt and 3rd in 50mt Black Powder Teams, with John Mitchell coming in the top 10 in both events, not bad for the bloke that has had a 'lay off' for a couple of years and had to be talked into entering the Eliminations, of course speaking of blokes that have had a 'lay off' this Noel Ryan fellow showed them that he is still a force to be reckoned with, a 4th in Standard and 10th in Centre fire showed that.

The Standard Team shot well to come in 2nd behind N.S.W. by only 8 points, with Jon McMillan scoring an individual 5th place, a 3rd in Air Pistol Teams with that Mitchell character showing up again for an individual 8th, he also managed an individual 9th in Centre Fire and was a member of that Team which came in 5th place.

The Junior Teams both came in 4th with Andrew Gonczol coming 3rd outright in Junior Match and Rodney Horton getting 7th in Junior Match and 10th in Junior Air.

Outside of Team other juniors that shot well were David McCarthy with a 5th in Junior Air and a 9th in Junior Match, Paul Hankin with a 9th in Junior Air and Jason Repacholi had a 4th in Junior Match.

In the Open International Matches, Annette Woodward, Frank Danko, Andrew Gonczol, Cheryl Lee and Paul Hankin all received awards.

Special mention should be made of our 'virgins', Ian Butland, Andrew Gonczol, Rodney Horton, Paul Hutchins and Peter (not me Officer!) Oliver.

They are all to be commended on the way they shot, their Team spirit and the way they conducted themselves as members of the Team and I'm sure that they all have a long future in our sport.

While I am on the subject of Team spirit and Team conduct, I think that all members of the Team should be congratulated for the manner in which they conducted themselves both on and off the range, for the high Team Spirit and for the closeness of all members, it was something that did not go unnoticed by not only other Victorians but by other Teams and Officials at Canberra. I think that this was due in some part to the fact that members took pride in wearing the Team uniform and of course we have B.P. Australia to thank for the shirts and hats.

Also while I have the chance I would like to thank, on behalf of Mick Skerry and myself, all the Victorians that assisted us during the Nationals, it is not possible to be everywhere at once and the help of all of those that backed up shooters or ran a message for us if we were busy is greatly appreciated and we thank you most sincerely for that help.

We also thank the Team, without their efforts of course I could not be telling you now of our successes and it is thanks to the Team that we have had our best year for quite a while and if the spirit and enthusiasm continues, which I'm sure it will, there is no reason that the report on next years Nationals will be even better.

Last but by no means least, on behalf of the Team, many thanks to Eileen Pile who, in spite of her personal problems last year that seriously retarded her activities, was able to get in some coaching and was able to attend the Nationals to assist. Eileen will be running the State Team Training Squad this year and has worked out a very full program so if you are interested in furthering your shooting career take advantage of these opportunities and support the Coaching System, remember it is there for your benefit—use it.

Kevin McAllison—Team Manager.



Peter Muscat 2nd Outright Service Unrestricted being presented with his award watched by 1st Place Getter Max Wray (W. Aust.).

'89 Nationals'

3rd Place Teams Event Mens
Air Pistol.

Left to Right Peter Oliver,
Frank Danko, Jon McMillan.



John Mitchell collecting one
of the many trophies he won
at the '89 Nationals.

Place Getters In Standard
Pistol.

Noel Ryan 4th and
Jon McMillan, 5th.



'89 Nationals'



3rd Place Teams Event –
50mtr. Black Powder
Left to Right
Kevin McAllison (Manager),
Eileen Pile (Team Coach),
Ian Butland (Team Member),
John Mitchell (Team Member),
Ron Ainscow (Team Member),
Mick Skerry, (Manager).

2nd Place Teams Event
Standard Pistol.
Left to Right Phillip Allan,
John McMillan, Noel Ryan.



National Champions – Service
Match Unrestricted Winning
Victorian Team.
Left to Right
Kevin McAllison (Manager),
Eileen Pile (Team Coach),
Peter Muscat (Team Member),
Jim Facey (Team Member),
Paul Hutchins (Team Member),
Mick Skerry (Manager).

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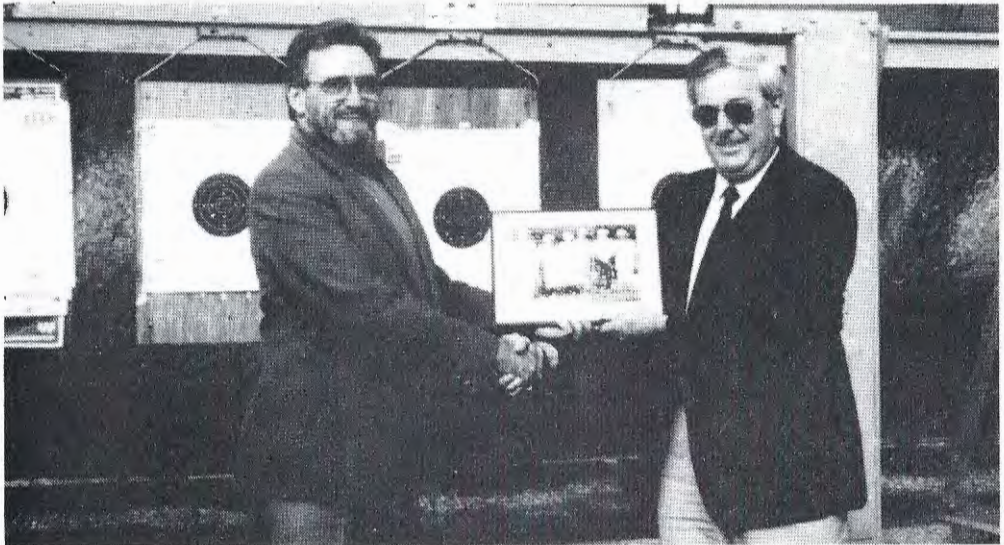
Executive of the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association
and from all members of the Victorian State Pistol Team

B.P. Australia Ltd was approached last year with a view to the possibility of them becoming involved with our sport by way of sponsorship.

As a result of this approach B.P. has agreed to supply shirts and hats for V.A.P.A. State Teams for a three year period.

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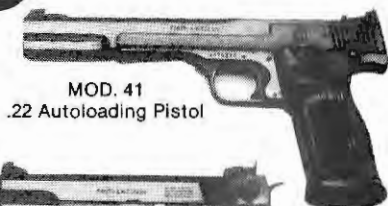
Mr John White – Regional Retail Engineer for B.P. Australia Ltd being presented with a photograph of our winning Team in Service Match Unrestricted by Kevin McAllison, Team Manager.

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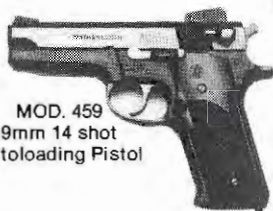
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1989 Victorian Championships

The Victorian State Championships were held over three consecutive weekends concluding with the UIT matches at Shepparton on Labour Day Weekend, just one week before many of the competitors headed off to Canberra for the National Championships.

Service Pistol

Melton Pistol Club were host to this years Titles and a strong contingent tried their skills over the weekend, in pleasant conditions (except for the hordes of flies). Paul Hutchins from Mildura was, enroute, involved in a car accident in Ballarat and arrived at Melton just minutes before he was to take his place on the firing line. To his credit, he was able to overcome the effects of his accident and went on to win the match with a record score of 882. Peter Muscat (Melbourne Airport Pistol Club) was successful in winning the Service Pistol Open competition with a score of 886, also a new State record. Full details of other placings have been distributed to Clubs and competitors.

Black Powder

Kerang hosted this years Black Powder Titles in very warm conditions and although numbers were few, the competition was keen and Ian Butland (Melbourne International) took off the double headed winning both matches, 50m 342* and 25m 368*. *Unofficial results. Also his first State Champions Plaques.

U.I.T.

Shepparton Pistol Club was host to the UIT events for 1989 and the competitions were held in quite warm and humid conditions over the first two days, with temperatures climbing into the high 30's. The shooters received some relief on the last day when a slight cool change brought the temperatures down to a more pleasant level.

Shepparton had erected a new indoor Air Pistol shed which was completed in time for this competition and this provided more positions on their 25 metre ranges to satisfy the usual large number of entries. The hot weather however had one adverse effect in that it made conditions in the Air Pistol shed extremely uncomfortable and shooters had to resort to dousing themselves with water to cool down.

Although the standard was quite high again this year, we did not see any records broken. Changes to the Rapid fire and Air pistol targets have of course created new records for the events in which they are used, but I have no doubt that once shooters become used to them the standard will back to the levels we have seen in the past.

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Our UIT State Champions for 1989 are:

Free Pistol	Peter Oliver (Warrigal Drouin)	533
Rapid Fire	Phillip Allan (ANZ)	565
Standard Pistol	Geoff Horton (ANZ)	570
Centre Fire	Noel Ryan (Yarra)	570
Air Pistol (60)	Peter Oliver (Warrigal Drouin)	568
Sport Pistol (Women)	Karen Allan (ANZ)	558
Air Pistol (40)	Doreen Bowron (Warrnambool)	362
Sport Pistol (Jnr)	Michael Whelan (Yarra)	569
Air Pistol (JnrM)	Rodney Horton (ANZ)	551
Air Pistol (JnrW)	Michelle Grinter (Bendigo)	349

The five match aggregate, The Sir Rupert Clarke Trophy, was this year won by Peter Oliver with combined score of 2791.

Geoff and Rod Horton became the first Father & Son combination to take off a UIT Title in the same year, and three shooters were successful in regaining their Titles for the fourth consecutive year. They were Doreen Bowron in Ladies Air Pistol, Geoff Horton in Standard Pistol and Michael Whelan in Junior Sport Pistol.

Thank You All

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1989 Victorian Championships



Peter Oliver with his State Championship Aggregate Trophy.

Michelle Grinter, Junior Women's Air Pistol Champion.



The Melton Pistol Club.

1989 Victorian Championships



Noel Ryan, Centre Fire
Champion.

Rod and Geoff Horton with
their State Title Trophies.



Peter Muscat and
Paul Hutchins Service Pistol
Champions.

Euroa Invitation Shoot

The Euroa Pistol Club held their 3rd Invitation Shoot on May 13th & 14th. With the weather being fine, everyone had a good weekend.

Visitors were invited by Ian Gibson, 90% being friends he has made during his travels since entering Pistol Shooting in 1983, and the balance friends of friends.

This year Standard Pistol and Centre fire was shot again with the introduction of Air Pistol being a first at Euroa.

Saturday night proved to be a roaring success with a B-B-Q, Salads and Sweets donated by the members. Some large hangovers on Sunday morning as one of our guests from Bairnsdale introduced Bundy and Coke to our drink list, and 5½ dozen cans were consumed.

As Euroa's Range is set in hill country, our Associate Members made the most of our rabbit population, strictly for Associate Members only. The Euroa Pistol Club is very fortunate with the recent purchase of their land being 35 acres in all, it is hoped the membership will grow, as future plans are to build three more ranges for UIT, one for Service Match, one for Practical Pistol, and recently Field Shooting was discussed.

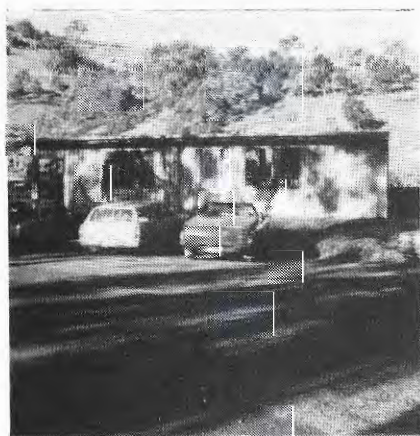
Some good series were shot with nearly all grades being catered for.

This year the Club gave up on giving trophies and gave more personalised goods which were much appreciated. All in all a good weekend was had by all, and the Euroa Pistol Club would again like to thank all their visitors and all the Range Staff and Catering Staff for a job well done.

Apologies for any friends that may have been missed on the invitation list.

Trusting 1990 will be as good.

Smiley G.



Euroa Pistol Club.



Ian Gibson with one of the many prizes.

Yarra Junior Open 1989

Fourteen Juniors from nine clubs attended this years Open to shoot Sport and Air Pistol. Organisers were disappointed with such a low attendance for an Open Competition that is solely devoted to our Junior shooters. Let's hope that next year a lot more decide to make the trip to Yarra and shoot at one of our most Premier clubs. The results were:

Sport Pistol

A Grade

Michael Whelan	Yarra	568
Jason Repacholi	Melton	561
Andrew Gonezol	Misc	555

B Grade

Tristram Dodds	3MD	530
Bill Twitchett	Shepparton	503
Suzy Ballantyne	Geelong	493

C Grade

Nick Cumberland	Yarra	529
Darren Sherar	W/Drouin	496
Cameron Eagle	Yarra	481

Air Pistol—40 Shot

B Grade

Michelle Grinter	Bendigo	343
Narelle Roberts	COPC	337

C Grade

Suzy Ballantyne	Geelong	303
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Air Pistol—60 Shot

A Grade

David McCarthy	Yarra	546
Andy Gonczol	Misc.	536
Steven Gregory	Bendigo	533

C Grade

Nick Cumberland	Yarra	508
Darren Sherar	W/Drouin	499
Bill Twitchett	Shepparton	483

Outright Aggregate

Jason Repacholi	Melton	915
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Outright Sport Pistol

Michael Whelan	Yarra	568
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Outright Mens Air

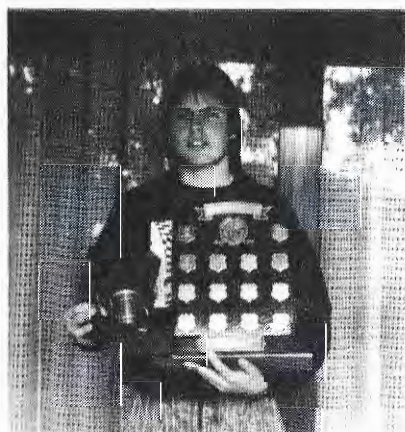
David McCarthy	Yarra	546
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Outright Ladies Air

Michelle Grinter	Bendigo	343
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Encouragement Awards

Suzy Balantyne and Darren Sherar



Jason Repacholi, winner of the Junior Aggregate



Some of the Juniors at the Shoot.

Victorians At The Nationals, Canberra, Easter 1989

With the conclusion of the Victorian Championships, it was only a matter of days before many of our shooters were off to Canberra for the 32nd National Pistol Championships.

After a long drive we settled into our Motel in Queanbeyan, a town just outside the Australian Capital Territory, and approximately 12 kms from the Canberra-National Pistol Club range which was the venue for the Championships.

Although quite a large contingent was present from Victoria we Mexicans were obliged to share the large Motel facilities with a group of New South Welshmen, sorry New South Welsh persons, which resulted in a jovial atmosphere with many social gatherings, both formal and impromptu, taking place.

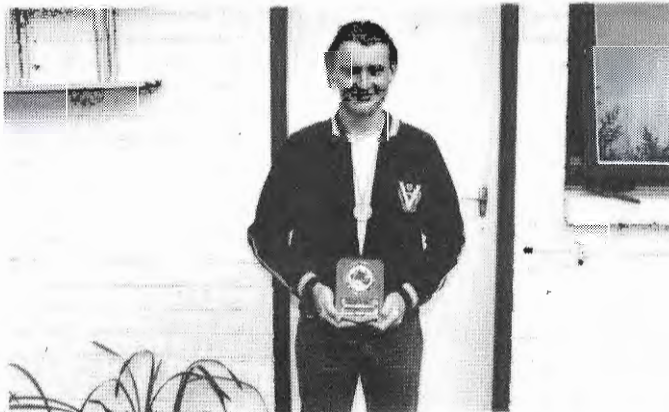
Some occupants in ground floor rooms were reluctant to open their doors at night as the light usually attracted the nightlife, particularly Ray 'The Moth' Gray and Rod Rogers, both from the New South Wales Teams and each with a long repertoire of stories and jokes which lead to many a late night and sore sides from laughter.

Juniors from both states also enjoyed an active social life with local identity 'Scotty' Gregory acting as Tour Guide to the highlights of Canberra.

When not shooting, there were the many attractions of Canberra to be seen, such as Parliament House, The Mine, Black Mountain Tower, Cockington Green and The War Memorial.

The final event for most was the Presentation Dinner at which our own Rod Johnson was presented with an APSUA Gold Merit Award and Sal Robinson won a Smith & Wesson pistol in one of the raffles being conducted.

Tuesday saw our mass exodus from the Motel and we headed home after a Nationals which may not have been as successful as we may have hoped, but certainly another enjoyable one.



Andy Gonczol with his 3rd outright plaque from the National Championships

Victorians At The Nationals, Canberra, Easter 1989



Alec Andrews who came
3rd in the Grand Prix
Event.

Tibor and Andy Gonczol
along with Cheryl Lee
sharing a joke together.



The 'Moth' Ray Gray.

Victorians At The Nationals, Canberra, Easter 1989

Alex Eagle, Geoff Gibson
(Qld.) and Cheryl Lee!



Rod Johnson with his Award
from the Presentation Dinner.

Jacki Baker, Gavin Young
Scott Gregory and
Samantha Horton, at the
Nationals.



Our Juniors At The Nationals

This year we had some very good performances by our young men in Sport Pistol and Air Pistol.

Andy Gonczol and Rod Horton both followed in their father's footsteps by representing Victoria. Jason Repacholi, David McCarthy and Paul Hankin also put in good scores to all finish in the top 10.

These kids once again showed that there is a lot of talent out there and were also a credit to their State and Clubs respectively whilst attending the Nationals. The results were:

Junior Sport Pistol

Andy Gonczol	Misc	3rd	567
Jason Repacholi	Melton	4th	560
Rod Horton	ANZ	7th	553
David McCarthy	Yarra	9th	948

Air Pistol—60 Shot

David McCarthy	Yarra	4th	546
Paul Hankin	Misc	9th	538
Rod Horton	ANZ	10th	537
Andy Gonczol	Misc	11th	536
Jason Repacholi	Melton	19th	497

Junior Aggregate (Sport Pistol & 40 Shot Air)

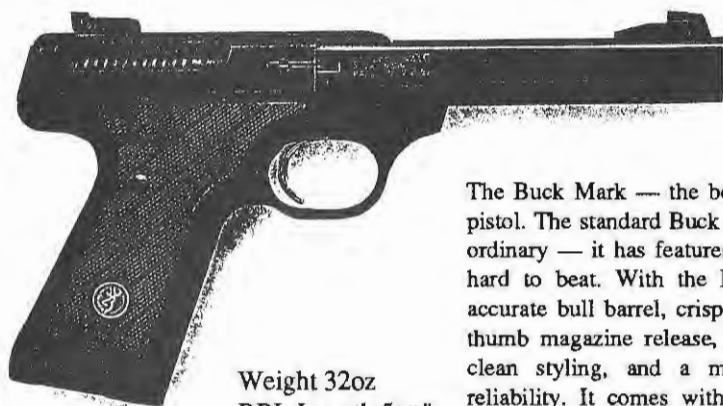
Andy Gonczol	Misc	4th	926
Rod Horton	ANZ	5th	912
David McCarthy	Yarra	6th	912
Jason Repacholi	Melton	18th	887



Andy Gonczol, Mark Bickham, Samantha Horton, Rod Horton, Jacki Baker, Paul Hankin, David McCarthy and Gavin Young (on top).

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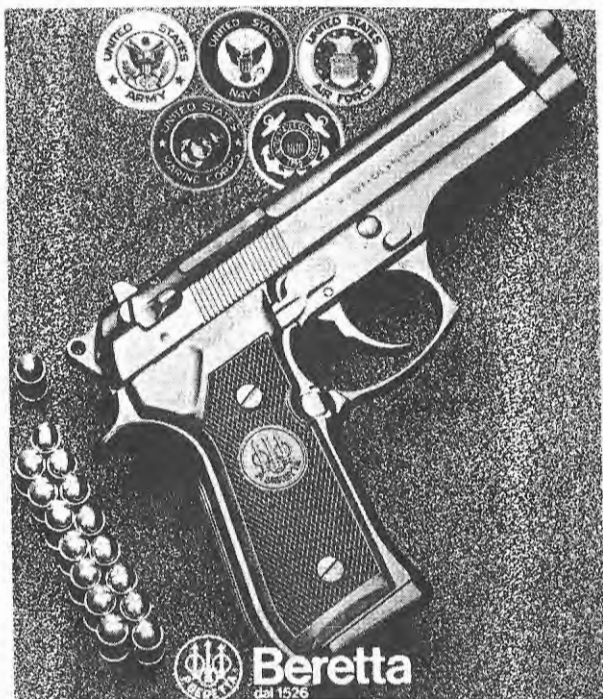


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Melbourne Gun Shows

In July 1978 at a basket ball stadium in the suburb of Coburg **The First Melbourne Gun Show** was staged by Maurie Albert and Jeff Overington.

The Second Melbourne Gun Show was held at the Coburg Town Hall and within a very short period become a twice yearly event outgrowing the Town Hall and moving to a much larger venue being the Camberwell Civic Centre, 340 Camberwell Road, Camberwell—**The Eighteenth Being Held There On July 22nd and 23rd This Year.**

The shows originally catered almost exclusively to the antique and collectable gun and related items fraternity with a small percentage of modern guns for sale. Due to various factors this concept has changed and a large percentage of the shows cater to modern hunting, target, and the like guns and allied fields such as cartridge reloading, custom knife making, etc, etc.

Over the years Maurie and Jeff were approached by various modern gun dealers, manufacturers and distributors with regards to their participating in their shows but were told that they could not be accommodated for two main reasons; being...that these events were basically staged for antique and collectable type guns and allied items collectors...And that selling and display space was usually (and still is) **Booked Out** before each event thereby leaving no room for the substantial number of modern gun and allied fields people who wished to participate in the twice yearly shows.

Maurie and Jeff endeavoured to stage an all type gun show but found it impossible due to not being able to find a suitable venue to stage the same. In 1986 after years of waiting they gained the use of the Centennial Hall, at the Royal Exhibition buildings and on the dates November 1st and 2nd staged **The First Australian Gun Expo**. It was a huge success and it followed that it became an annual event. Unfortunately the dates it has been held (including this year) is on the Melbourne Cup weekend on which various other gun related activities are also staged but it has been the *only* weekend that this venue has been available for the Expo's—but from next year future Expo's will be held the weekend *before* and *after* the Melbourne Cup weekend.

The Centennial Hall is a huge area but not large enough to accommodate the number of participators that take part in each Expo so it has been extended to an adjoining building.

At the last **Third Australian Gun Expo** approximately two hundred and fifty people occupied forty booths which varied in size from eight by eight feet to eight feet by thirty two feet—**plus** two hundred and four six feet by two and a half feet tables. Over six thousand people visited the Expo on the Saturday and Sunday.

Every conceivable area of the gun and allied field was represented such as...Custom made guns, Military medals and badges, Engravers, Outdoor cooking equipment, Bows arrows and allied equipment, New and used books on hunting, collecting, target shooting, etc, Survival equipment, Security equipment, Safari outfitters (one outfitter travelled from New Zealand and had great results), Cartridges, New and used target pistols, New and used target rifles, New and used shotguns, New and used sporting rifles, New and used handguns, Scopes and binoculars, Antique and collectable type guns—related items such

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as swords, uniforms, obsolete cartridges, etc, etc, Ex military rifles and handguns, Taxidermists, Custom knife makers, Gunsmiths, Clay bird, Pistol, Target, Big game, Deer, etc shooting and hunting clubs and associations, Manufacturers, Distributors, retailers, and a great deal more.

A great 'lets get together' atmosphere is certainly evident at the Expo's. As Maurie and Jeff state what other event relating to such fields can bring together thousands of people from every part of Australia (and overseas) under one roof as it were.

It is a great opportunity for clubs and associations to gain new members for it gives them the chance to show people who have (consciously or subconsciously) thought of becoming involved in such an activity but have never had the opportunity to come in contact with people involved in the same.

For example at the last expo the Archery fraternity were represented for the very first time—and those that participated were **more than pleased with the results they obtained from their attendance at the Expo**—Needless to say these same people will be participating (in a bigger way) at the Fourth Expo.

An area of the next Expo which is expected to be on a much larger scale than on previous occasions is the sale of guns owned by private individuals. As the law stands in Victoria at the present time—private gun owners **cannot advertise what they have for sale** other than via a clubs newsletter, magazine or the like, and all transactions **must go through a licensed gun dealer**.

Due to the legal situation at a **Melbourne Gun Show or Expo**—private individuals can **obtain selling space and deal directly with the general public**.

On similar subject...If you are **intending to purchase a longarm(s)** at a show or Expo—**obtain your permit(s) to purchase at your local police station before attending the event**.

Maurie and Jeff believe that by participating or visiting a show or Expo is promoting the field you are interested in and in turn supporting and (in these troubled times) quite possibly keeping alive this fields survival.

They look forward to your attendance.

If you wish to obtain any information on participating, visiting, etc—you can phone B.H. (057) 64 1234, A.H. (03) 363 1191, or write to...The Melbourne Gun Shows 59 Station Road, Deer Park, Vic. 3023.

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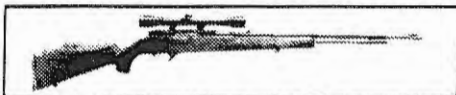
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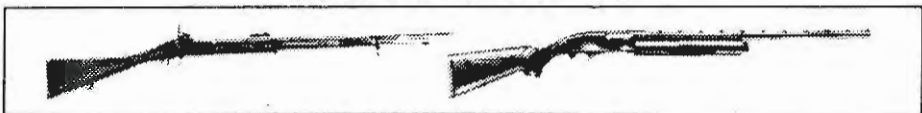
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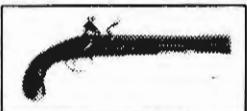
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IMPORTANT...If you are intending to **PURCHASE A LONGARM(S)** at the Expo - you can **OBTAIN A "PERMIT TO PURCHASE"** at your police station **BEFORE** attending the Expo.

Ballarat Pistol Club

Results May Open Shoot 13th & 14th

Service Pistol Unrestricted Masters

1. P. Muscat	M.A.P.C.	887
2. J. Facey	Yarra	869
3. C. Williams	Yarra	861

A. Grade

1. E. Anastasi	Yarra	883
2. S. Pattison	M.A.P.A.	876
3. A. Newman	Yarra	867

B Grade

1. M. Butler	Castlemaine	864
2. N. Malley	Yarra	859
3. R. Barrie	M.A.P.A.	857

C. Grade

1. A. Constantinou	M.A.P.C.	840
2. K. Lincoln	M.A.P.C.	834
3. P. Gamble	Ballarat	819

D Grade

1. I. Sheddon	Ballarat	815
2. P. Kemm	S.S.P.C.	803
3. G. Potter	Maryborough	794

Service Pistol Restricted Masters

1. J. Facey	Yarra	806
2. P. Muscat	M.A.P.C.	859
3. E. Anastasi	Yarra	854

A Grade

1. R. Barrie	M.A.P.C.	859
2. L. Mason	Hamilton	852
3. R. Baker	Yarra	845

B. Grade

1. J. Hobbs	Castlemaine	815
2. D. Coridge	Yarra	809
3. W. Haack	Yarra	805

C Grade

1. R. Addinsall	Hamilton	792
2. A. Constantinou	M.A.P.C.	766
3. K. Scott	Hamilton	751

D Grade

1. G. Porter	Maryborough	774
2. D. Bell	S.S.P.C.	734
3. P. Kemm	S.S.P.C.	722

Aggregate...P. Muscat

Ballarat Pistol Club May Open 13th and 14th Results Action Matches

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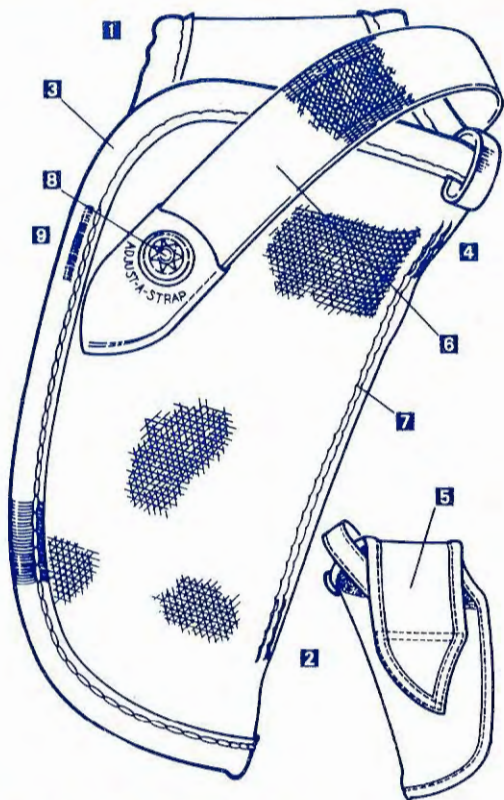
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