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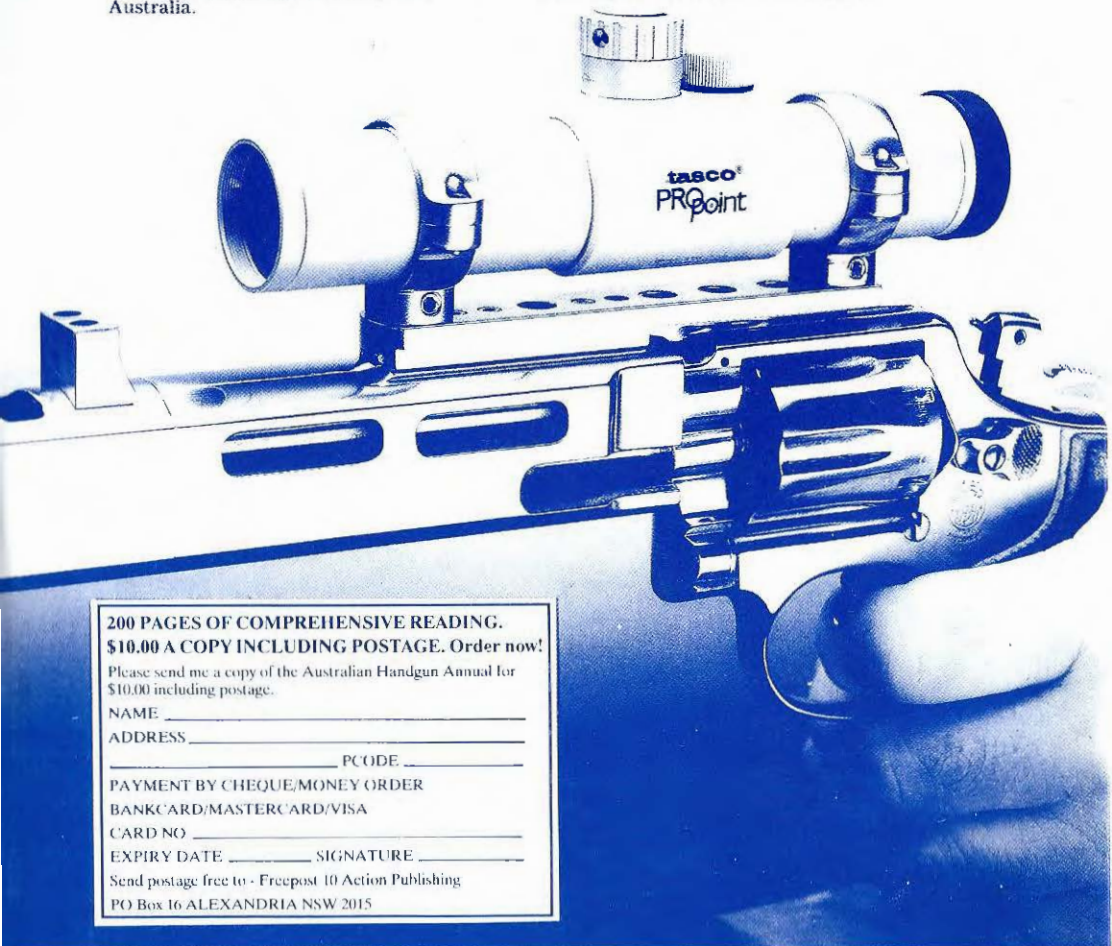
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'Service' Was Tops In Hobart

by Kevin McAllison—Team Manager

Day one at the 1990 National Championships started off very well for Victoria with a 1st in the Service Pistol Match, a two point win from West Australia with New South Wales 3rd. Peter Muscat was placed individual 2nd by five points from Max Wray of West Australia. Paul Hutchins and Ercole Anastasi were placed 5th and 6th respectively.

Day two saw Victoria come in 2nd in Service Match Open by 27 points from West Australia with New South Wales again 3rd. Peter Muscat was 6th with Paul Hutchins 11th and Ercole Anastasi 12th.

The next taste of success came with Standard Piston and a 2nd place to Victoria just 18 points behind New South Wales and West Australia a further six points away. Peter Oliver was our top individual with a 561 for 10th place with Noel Ryan 11th on 560 on Jon McMillan 14th on 558.

Black Powder 50mtr.saw Victoria placed 5th, 106 points behind the winners, New South Wales.

Free Pistol was no more successful for us, coming in 7th, 72 points away from West Australia in 1st place.

We improved a little in Rapid Fire, 5th again behind New South Wales who won with 1730, 86 point ahead.

Ladies Air Pistol saw us recover to 4th place, 17 points away from the winning team from South Australia. Doreen Bowron was placed 7th on 369.

Black Powder 25mtr. was another low placing with a 7th, 53 points behind Northern Territory.

Ladies Sport Pistol and we were back in the placings with a 3rd, 44 points back from South Australia again, Annette Woodward was placed 10th with a 563.

Mens Air Pistol saw us drop back to a 6th, 33 points down on the winners, West Australia, Peter Oliver was placed 10th with a 561.

Centre Fire and another 3rd, this time behind New South Wales by 17 points. Noel Ryan was placed 8th on 577.

Special mention should be made of the Junior Matches, although we did not have a full team we were well represented by Andrew Gonczol who was 2nd outright in Junior sport Pistol with 565 and 7th in Junior Air with 544.

Victoria was placed 5th in the Manton Shield, this is one place up on last year.

Details of shooters placed in the top 10 in the Nationals and in the Open International are listed on the Summary Sheet.

I would like to thank all Team Members for their 'Team Spirit' and their support on the range. I would also extend the same thanks to all of the Victorian shooters other than team who gave support to the Team and to Mick and I.

I feel sure that if Tony Crlik, the Organising Secretary was able, he would thank all

shooters that assisted on the range and helped make the Championships a success, for without a doubt it would not have succeeded without them.

The above was, with a couple of minor changes, the report given to the April Committee of Management meeting and it tells of our successes and our failures at the last National Championships. I have deliberately used it in this copy of the *Pistol News* as I feel it is only fair that *all* members have the opportunity to see the full story of our *State Teams* efforts at the Nationals and to realise that we have weaknesses as well as strengths and for them to see where those weaknesses are, for to a large degree those weaknesses are the fault of the *Membership* of this Association.

Did I hear somebody say 'how come it's our fault?', well lets look at who makes up the Team!

The team is made up of members and you are a member, so doesn't it follow that if we have weaknesses it is your fault? I suppose that one answer to that is 'no it's not my fault, I'm only a "D Grade" shooter so why is it my fault?' I suppose the answer to that by a 'Master Grade' shooter could be 'so was I at one stage'.

The little scenario above is of course an over simplification of our problem but the truth of the matter is not that far away from that scenario.

The point being made is that it is *you* that can help get rid of those weaknesses and we know that there are shooters out there that can shoot the sort of scores that will help us.

A lot of those shooters already produce good scores at *Club* and *Interclub* level but they seem reluctant to try themselves out in the Eliminations.

There are of course good reasons that some of those shooters do not try to achieve higher goals and I respect their reasons but there are many of you that just need a little encouragement and if writing this can break down the barriers for just a few of you to try then it has been well worth the effort.

We have members in the Team at the moment that are there because they were 'talked' into it and they have found that their scores have improved and that they are now a valuable member of the Team.

So, why not have a go—when the nomination form for the Eliminations comes to you in the mail along with the notice for the A.G.M., stop and think about it, don't throw it in the bin as usual, fill it in and send it off to me, even if it is only to load me up with a bit of extra work for having the nerve to imply that our weaknesses could have anything to do with you!!

On the other hand if you are a 'D Grade' shooter who is happy to stay there I would be willing to bet that you know *Just The Member* that this is aimed at and your just the one that can talk him/her into sending that form in.

Now after that snide little shot at the sum total of the V.A.P.A. membership I guess I should point out that I realise that this is applicable to only a percentage of our membership and that not everybody spires to shoot for the Team, in fact I am not having a go at the 'social shooter' for without them we would not have the facilities that we have today, but to

that percentage I say that what may seem unlikely to you today because you have been shooting for only a short time may seem just as unlikely to someone who has been shooting for several years.

Remember that it is not the time or the quality of shooting that is important, it is the quality that counts.

I look forward to seeing many new names amongst the nominations for the Elimination this year and I am confident that there are many of you that can make the grade if you try.

Just as a footnote, read the Team Selection Method *very carefully*, also part of the A.G.M. Notice, you will find that the changes made this year make way for many more shooters to be in a position where they receive rewards for their efforts, why not take advantage of this opportunity to be part of what, with your help, can be a team without those weaknesses I spoke of earlier.



Some of the intrepid sailors on the Able Tasman L to R Bob Redston, Gavin Young, Mick Skerry, Mary Redston, Les Clark, John Mitchell & Master W. Clark Esq.



Braving the cold sea air on deck of the Able Tasman L to R Gavin Young, Bruce & Merrolyn Wiles, Bob & Mary Redston, Mick Skerry.

-In Top 10- National

P. Muscat	2nd	Service Match
P. Muscat	6th	Service Open
P. Hutchins	5th	Service Match
E. Anastasi	6th	Service Match
J. Mitchell	6th	Black Pow. 25mt.
A. Eagle	10th	Black Pow. 25mt.
N. Ryan	6th	Rapid Fire
P. Oliver	8th	Rapid Fire
J. Mitchell	10th	Rapid Fire
D. Bowron	7th	Ladies Air
A. Woodward	10th	Ladies Sport Pistol
A. Gonczol	7th	Junior Air
A. Gonczol	2nd	Junior Match
P. Oliver	10th	Standard
N. Ryan	8th	Centre Fire

Open International

I. Butland	6th	Black Powder 50 mt
I. Butland	4th	Air Pistol
I. Butland	8th	Black Powder 25mt.
B. Redston	9th	Black Powder 50mt
I. Butland	3rd	Rapid Fire
I. Butland	2nd	Standard Pistol
A. Woodward	1st	Ladies Air
S. Hortin	3rd	Ladies Air
A. Woodward	3rd	Ladies Sport
A. Woodward	8th	Standard Pistol
A. Woodward	1st	Free Pistol
F. Danko	2nd	Free Pistol
F. Danko	6th	Air Pistol
F. Danko	3rd	Standard Pistol
A. Eagle	3rd	Black Powder 25mt.



Manton Shield

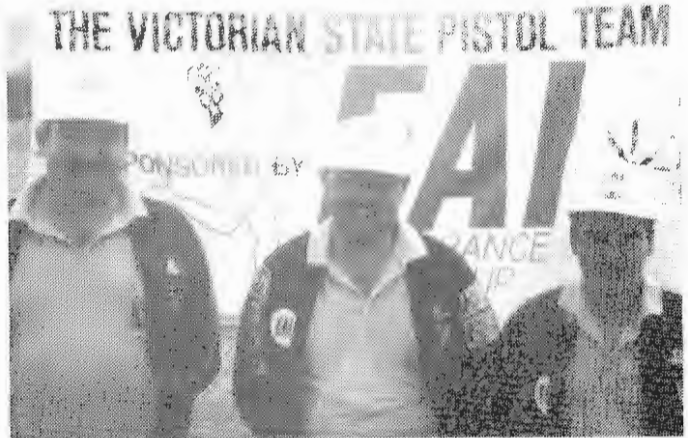
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2nd	S.Aust.	11215
3rd	W.Aust.	11152
4th	Q'land	11142
5th	Vic.	11036
6th	Tas.	10869
7th	N.T.	10672
8th	A.C.T.	9287

Ian Butland, Tony Milano (Q'land) and Frank Danko line up for a presentation



Annette Woodward & Frank Danko take their place on the dais

Our winning Service Match Team L to R Paul Hutchins, Peter Muscat, Ercole Anastasi

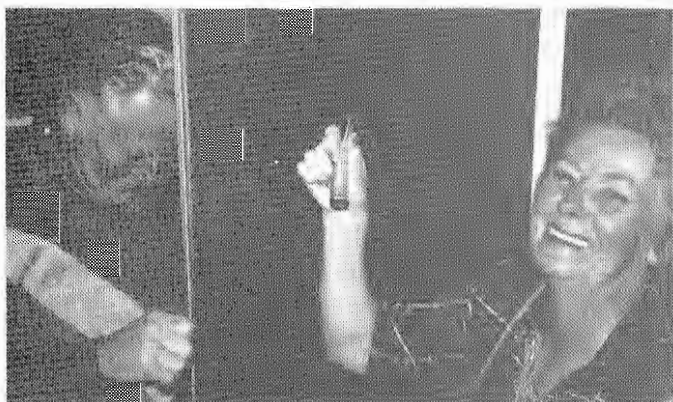


Socialising back at the motel L to R Mark White, Val Turner, Alex Eagle & Dee Kibell



Team Manager Mick Skerry collecting the Teams Trophy

Frank Danko and John Mitchell at Presentation Dinner 'Do they give refunds on the empties?'



Guess who locked herself in the 'dunny' on the boat and wrecked the door handle.
Mary Redston shows off the 'trophy' while Bob looks for some where to hide!!

More socialising! L to R Clive Woods, Ian Butland, Mick Skerry & Les Clark



Vale: Bob Lane

On Monday 19th May, long time member and Secretary of the Horsham Pistol Club, Mr Bob (Robert Graham) Lane passed away suddenly, following a short illness.

Bob was a well known identity in pistol shooting circles in Victoria and South Australia. He was a founding member of the Horsham Pistol Club in 1966 and served as the club secretary until his death in 1990—an outstanding 24 years of loyal, dedicated and unselfish service.

Bob, in many respects, lived only for pistol shooting and was an active member of the VAPA. Known for his quietly spoken manner, immense knowledge and experience as an administrator and jovial sense of humour, Bob almost became synonymous with the Horsham Pistol Club. He was the prime motivator for the development of the club, and its present facilities stand as testament to his vision and the hard work of the members who supported him.

He was a keen shooter and had competed in many local and state events and national titles over the years. Although a 'C' grade shooter in Rapid Fire and Standard Gun, Bob had concentrated more on Air Pistol in recent years. A qualified Range Officer, Bob had a keen interest in coaching and was always there to pass on helpful hints to members, new or old.

Bob was one of the key motivators in establishing the Firearms Safety Training Programme in the Wimmera area and was one of the initial Firearms Safety Training Instructor-Examiners appointed by the Ministry of Police and Emergency Services. He was instrumental in the formation of The Wimmera Shooting Sports Council with it's aim of the promotion of and safety in all shooting sports. Bob also assisted with the setting up and running of the West Victorian postal competition for many years. The Annual Horsham Open Shoot was very much the highlight of Bob's shooting year and he had personally supervised the organisation and running of the event since its inception. Bob's long held ambition of hosting the State Titles at Horsham hopefully will be realised in the near future.



As in everything he did, the interests of safety, the shooting sports and his club were foremost in his mind and actions.

Bob is survived by his wife Margaret and his six children. His fellow work mates at the Horsham 'Vic Roads' Department, where he had worked for the past 17 years, and all members and friends of the Horsham Pistol Club are saddened by his passing.

The club's aim is to do justice to the legacy he has left the club and it's members. His shoes will be almost impossible to fill.

Counsel From The Council

Range Officer Courses

National Judge B Courses

As mentioned in the last edition of the Victorian Pistol, we now are calling for members desirous of attaining Range Officer or National B status, to contact the Deputy Director of the V.R.C., Mr Robert Lester, on 763 2270.

We intend commencing the correspondence courses in August, and remind all members that there will be only one course run for this year, and if you are interested in applying for Range Officer status in any one match, or all matches, then you should direct your enquiries to Mr Lester.

At the completion of the Annual General Meeting held on the 3/6/1990, a seminar was conducted with respect to Action Pistol and problems associated with the same. Included in this magazine is a lengthy article on the outcome of that meeting.

If you, the member, has any input or suggestions with respect to any regulations or rules in any match, then you are invited to write to the Director, c/- P.O. Box 17, Montrose, 3765, and your views will certainly be discussed at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

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This seminar was held as a means of uniforming standards with respect to conduct of officials, competitors and rule interpretations.

Firearm

The same pistol, holster and ammunition will be used to fire all matches in the same tournament. Should a pistol become unserviceable, it may be exchanged for another similar make, model, barrel length and calibre with the approval of the match director. The same restrictions or exchanges will apply to holsters and ammunition. The holster must be retained in the same position throughout the match (i.e. if the holster is positioned close to the belt buckle then it cannot be moved to the side of the body when going prone).

Speed Loaders

Must be carried on the belt which retains the holster. Number of speed loaders required will be governed by the amount of rounds to be fired in that particular series.

Should a competitor have problems with ammunition, i.e. 148 hollow based wadcutters, skirts separating, this round would be considered dangerous due to the separation. The competitor would be permitted to switch to an alternative type ammunition, i.e. 159 round nose, cast projectile providing that the replacement rounds met the power factor requirement.

Optical Sights

When shooting in a tournament the competitor must use the same sighting apparatus for all matches in that tournament, i.e. if he starts the tournament using an aim point then he must use this sighting device for the entire tournament.

In some tournaments a specific match is nominated by the host body or sponsor that these sights are either optional or not permitted. Should this be the case then it is up to the sponsor to stipulate the use of sighting apparatus.

Too Many Shot Holes on One Target

If a competitor fires too many rounds on one target and you are unable to identify which are the misplaced hits then you are to permit the maximum number of allowable shots to be scored and the highest scoring shot holes must be counted (i.e. if there are 12 shot holes instead of 8 you would ignore the 4 lowest scoring shot holes). The competitor would also incur a 10 point penalty for procedural error.

Termination of a Match

Once the last competitor has completed his final string, the competitors have the option of either holstering their pistol or, if they so desire, to place the pistol away in their bag/box. Until this procedure has been completed, no person is permitted forward of the firing line.

Range Commands

After several months of conflict regarding when to call the required commands, it has now been decided that the competitor will be told to load and make ready prior to the commencement of the match.

Once the competitor has settled the Range Officer will call 'stand by'. After this call the competitor will, within reasonable time, adopt the ready position. At this stage the Range Officer must ensure that the competitor is in fact in a state of readiness and will then call 'ready' and following this call he will activate the timing device.

Should the competitor be taking excessive time before settling, the Range Officer has the right to call 'stand by' thus making the competitor adopt the ready position. This procedure is only to be carried out in a time wasting situation.

Falling Plate Event

If a plate is struck cleanly and does not fall, the mechanism must be checked, and if the plate has been prevented from falling by a foreign object, or fouling of the hinge, the series will be annulled and the competitor will be able to repeat the series. If no obstruction is found the plate is scored as a zero.

The Range Officer must call to the Register Keeper the number of plates felled in each string. It is not the responsibility of the Register Keeper to write down the number of plates from his/her own observation. Unless the R.O. calls the number of plates, the competitor has no idea whether the correct number has been noted on the range register.

During the Falling Plate Event a competitor may only fire one round at each target and therefore, if the competitor misses dropping a plate, he is not permitted to fire an additional round at that plate, but in fact must move onto the next plate.

When competing in the Plate Event, the R.O. will permit competitor A to shoot the first string, and while competitor A is then reloading, competitor B will shoot his string, then the match will be conducted accordingly; A then B, or in the case of three shooters, A, B, C and then return to A.

Reloading of Pistols During a Match

It has been observed that some competitors will elect to go prone during a match and will move their gear back approximately 2 metres behind the firing line. They will then walk to their gear and load in this position. It is desirable that the competitor will move forward to the firing line, load, and holster the pistol, and then return to the position he wishes to adopt prior to starting the next string. On the grounds of safety, the competitor should not be permitted to reload back behind the firing line.

Chronographing

When chronographing loads, procedure is as follows: Remove the projectile from the case and weigh same. Ask the competitor or tester to fire the pistol once only. If the factor is in excess of 125,000 there is no need to continue firing any additional rounds.

When May You Carry Your Pistol In A Holster?

Due to different conditions at various clubs, it is a requirement that when conducting an open competition, that the club will have conditions displayed in a prominent place as to the requirements re holstered pistols.

Should you attend a range where you are permitted to carry your pistol during the course of the day, then the following must be adhered to... Whilst carrying a pistol in a holster, the hand must remain away from pistol. Handling the pistol whether holstered or not whilst walking around the range area is taboo, and will not be tolerated.

Aiming Exercises During a Match

Prior to the match the competitor is allowed time for aiming and drying firing exercises. Once the match commences, he is not entitled to additional aiming and dry firing, however, should the competitor decide at some stage to go prone or, as in Los Alamitos, use a barricade, he may request permission to draw his loaded pistol from the holster and to do an aiming exercise once only. In the prone position the competitor would draw the pistol and adopt the prone position on the ground. Both of the above requests are to be permitted. No competitor must carry out this exercise without first obtaining permission from the Range Officer. Once the loaded pistol has been holstered, of the competitor is not to remove the pistol from the holster without the Range Officer's permission.

Moving Target Event

During this event a Range Officer must be present and this person cannot be a target operator unless using a remote cord. It is imperative that the Range Officer is located very close to the competitor.

Barricade Event

All gear carried by the shooter i.e. bag, box, etc. must be placed within the confines of the box whilst the competitor is shooting at that distance.

Skid Gauges

The skid gauge must be to a measurement of 1½ times the diameter of the bullet.

Gauges

At State Titles the gauging must be done by the referee and not the scorer. This may not

always be the case as a referee may not be readily available and therefore common sense should prevail.) If a gauge is placed in a bullet hole and the responsible person believes that the shot is out, a second person will be called to confirm same. If there is a difference of opinion, a third person will be called in for his/her opinion and the majority will decide. The gauge is not to be extracted from the bullet hole until the above procedure has been completed. If the shot is gauged in, there is no necessity to call for a second opinion.

Safety Violation

In the past when a safety violation has occurred, the Range Officer has been calling to the Register Keeper that the shooter has incurred their first safety violation. This practice is to cease, and procedure will now be to speak quietly to the competitor advising him of the misdemeanour, and then advising the Register Keeper in a similar manner re the problem. The reason for this is that the Register Keeper must be informed, and the penalty must be noted on the Range Register. The competitor may be embarrassed enough by advising him quietly, let alone telling all and sundry of his indiscretion.

It is the responsibility of the classification office to record this first violation, as should the competitor receive a second violation during the next match, the classification office may be the only body with knowledge of the first violation. Should a competitor incur two violations in two separate matches at the one tournament, he/she must be disqualified from the remainder of that tournament.

State Championship Level

Prior to the competitor competing in a match, he/she must report to the designated official (preferably the Organising Secretary) for pre-match information on any ruling which may not have been covered in the entries.

Start Position

When required (hands in surrender position), the hands must be at shoulder height. The simplest method to achieve this is that if the forearm is in a vertical position, then the hands will be legal.

In matches where there is no prerequisite for a start position, the competitor may have his/her hand in such a position that a horizontal plane can be passed between the hand and the top of the butt.

Ground Protection (mats)

A competitor is not permitted his/her own mat for the purpose of going prone. All matting used will be that which has been supplied by the host club.

Barricade Event

It is permissible to utilise one barricade only and to move either the barricade from

position to position, or alternatively, to move the target so that the appropriate distances are adhered to.

Match Procedure

The match is to run as a non stop event (in other words, there will be no stoppage for the scoring of targets halfway through a match).

Prior to the match the competitor will initial the targets to be used by himself. The targets which will be used at the greatest distance will be marked with an L.

At the halfway point in the match, the targets will be removed from the frames and the remaining targets put into place. There will be no scoring at this point. At the completion of the match the scoring will be done in the presence of the competitor who must then sign the score card if he is in agreement with the score on the Range Register. Should he dispute the score, then the targets and the unsigned score card will go into the Classification Office.

It is to be noted that there is no necessity for a competitor to unload the pistol prior to the staff member changing targets. The only criteria is that the loaded pistol will be holstered and the competitor will not touch either pistol nor holster.

Equipment To Be Carried On Belt

The notation on Page 1, with respect to speed loaders—the ruling will not be found in the N.R.A. Pistol Rule Book, however, this regulation is applicable to the Australian Holster Regulations. Until this matter has been resolved by the A.P.S.U.A., then the competitor must carry the required number of rounds on the belt for the applicable series. (Note: This does not permit the competitor to carry a spare speed loader in his teeth).

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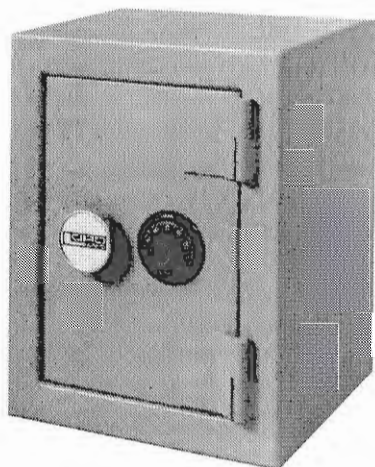
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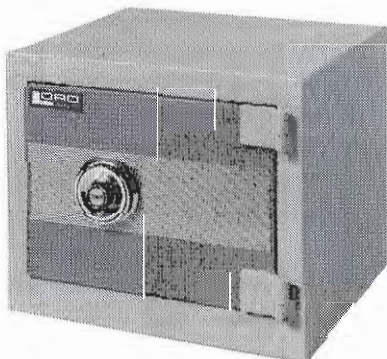
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It was a national event with companies, organisations and individuals travelling from every part of Australia (as did purchasers) to participate in the Expo.

After three years the Expo's can now be termed 'international' events with participants from the United States and New Zealand (possibly also Europe and Japan at the next one) attending.

Every conceivable area of the gun and allied fields are represented at each Expo 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 (from as far away as New Zealand), 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 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, Factory made knives, and a great deal more.

The organisers have been more than pleased with regards to the way the Expo has progressed but one aspect has been a disappointment to them which has to do with the dates the Expo's have been held on. Due to the very high booking rate at the Exhibition building (up to five years in advance) the Melbourne Cup weekend was the only dates that could be given to stage the Expo's. Even though the past four have been highly successful this particular weekend would be the worst to hold such an event as the Expo on for as Tuesday is a public holiday an enormous amount of Melbourne residents take the Monday off and have a (Saturday to Tuesday away from home) holiday. This of course meant a substantial loss of people that would have attended an Expo on a non holiday weekend. Added to this problem was the fact that many gun and associated type clubs used this weekend to stage championship and the like shoots—with the result that a tremendous amount of both (disappointed) participants and purchasers could not attend the Expo.

In a sense the staging of the 'Fifth Australian Gun Expo' on the dates October 27th and 28th at the Exhibition Building will be another momentous occasion for this will be the first Expo ever held on a non Melbourne Cup weekend.

This of course means more participants and purchasers than ever before with the result of it's being the biggest event of it's kind ever held in Australia.

The organisers hope you will be a part of this historical event.

If you wish to obtain any information with regards to this Expo (participating, visiting, etc) you can phone...Business hours (057) 64 1234 ...After hours (03) 363 1191"...Or write to The Expo P.O. Box 529 Benalla, Victoria 3672.

Please Note:- This years EXPO WILL NOT, REPEAT NOT, be held on the Melbourne Cup (long) weekend

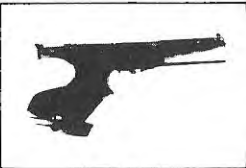


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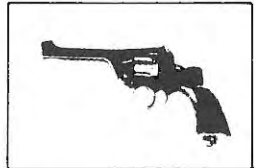
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IMPORTANT...If you are intending to **PURCHASE A LONGARM(S)** at the Expo - you can **OBTAIN A "PERMIT TO PURCHASE"** at your police station **BEFORE** attending the Expo.

Anniversary Shoot 1990 Results

Aggregate for Rogers Anniversary Trophy

P. Oliver Warr/Drouin 1673

Free Pistol

Master Grade

J. Gillman Yarra 528

A Grade

L. Clark M.I.S.C. 541

B Grade

A. Gonczol M.I.S.C. 529

C Grade

J. De Bruijne S.S.P.C. 503

D Grade

T. Berry M.A.P.C. 475

Rapid Fire

Master Grade

N. Ryan Yarra 559

A Grade

P. Oliver Warr/Drouin 575

B Grade

F. Danko M.A.P.C. 558

C Grade

G. Noll M.I.S.C. 510

D Grade

D. Cain M.A.P.C. 475

Centre Fire

Master Grade

N. Ryan Yarra 575

A Grade

F. Danko M.A.P.C. 574

B Grade

T. Berry M.A.P.C. 556

C Grade

J. Holden Beechworth 542

D Grade

H. MacDonald Bendigo 503

Sport Pistol Women

A Grade

A. Woodward M.A.P.C. 564

B Grade

K. Kirkpatrick Yarra 540

C Grade

S. McLean C.O.P.C. 481

Sport Pistol Junior

A Grade

A. Gonczol M.I.S.C. 577

C Grade

K. Stone Euroa 503

D Grade

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Queen's Birthday Weekend June 1990

North-West Victorian Pistol Championships

Mid-Murray Pistol Club

This year the club had a large number of competitors attending the open with 76 members from clubs as far as Bairnsdale, Warrnambool, Dandenong and Melbourne.

Roger Galt from Yarra Pistol Club won the five match aggregate with a score of 2,649 points.

On Saturday evening the Mid-Murray Pistol Club hosted a night out at Carriages which is a very unusual restaurant. The building comprises of four railway carriages, two of each which are located on either side of the building and these compartments have been refurbished to mid Victorian era and are superbly fitted out. Approximately 60 people attended the function and all were delighted with the impromptu acting of John Corral and the cast. (Next years performance should be longer).

One person was given a wide berth on the night, specifically by smokers, as it was established that on the way to the function his trousers had been doused in petrol and not only was the odour obnoxious but the said gentleman was in fear that someone might light a cigarette near him, thus ending a three course meal and turning it into a BBQ roast.

Sunday night was the traditional BBQ and campfire and due to foresight, the Mid-Murray Pistol Club commenced the proceedings at 5.30p.m. and this was very much appreciated by all in attendance. It was obvious during the night that many city folk were not prepared for the normal campfire and consequently had to move their chairs rapidly due to the immense heat from the fire. At one stage it appeared as though fallout had descended from an atomic bomb as everyone around the fire was covered in white ash due to the efforts of two members (who may be hung at next years event should they turn up) in stoking the fire using 8' sleepers.

Highlights of the shooting for the weekend were Jack Holden (Beechworth) C grade air pistol with a score of 552 and Ian Hurley (Hamilton) with a 511 score in D grade. Both broke grade with these shoots. Most other competitors would want to forget their air pistol scores for this day.

Ladies air pistol in B grade was won by Maree Muir (Bairnsdale) with an excellent score of 356. (Keep plugging away at it Maree). D grade was won by Sue McLean with a score of 324.

In the centre fire event Peter Bowron (Warrnambool) shot 565 for outright placing. Wayne Davis from Bendigo won C grade with a score of 542 (grade break).

Rapid Fire. Was this event actually shot at the weekend? Towards the close of shooting on Saturday a comment reached the ears of the referee in attendance that the timing was incorrect in rapid fire. The said referee spoke to two competitors and was advised that the

timing was short and when he suggested that they should be entitled to re-shoot, they railroaded him out of the shed advising him that everybody was happy with the timing even if it was fast.

One referee (who also was shooting) had heard earlier that the timing was out in rapid fire and took his stopwatch in to time the detail prior to shooting and noticed that the run was 7.2 seconds followed by the next timing at 5.4 seconds. Believing that he had ample time he decided to work on slowing down his timing and utilised the amount given to the fullest. Shock and horror! The 7.2 seconds he had timed was the 8 second run and not the 6 second run as he had thought and obviously the 5.4 second was the 6 second run and not the 4 second run. When asked what his score was for the first half, the only words replied are not printable.

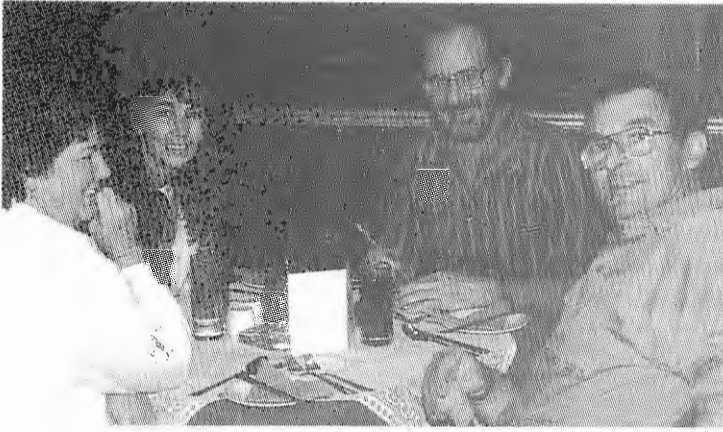
Outright score to win rapid fire this weekend was a 523 in B grade shot by Geoff Schmidt (Melton). D grade was won by Tony Raff (Oakleigh) with a break grand score of 504. The free pistol event was won by Peter Bowron (Warrnambool) B grade with a score of 533. D grade was won by Alan Lazarus (Yarra) with a score of 484. (You can't hang back on that score Laza). He's now in C grade. Also to be noted: Wayne Davis (Bendigo) with a 479 which now also places Wayne in C grade. Standard pistol was won by 'Rotten' Ronnie Gilbert from MISC with a score of 548. Nice to see Doreen Bowron beating the men home winning B grade with a score of 537. C grade winner was Graeme Evens (Bairnsdale) with a score of 509.

Standard pistol was shot on the Monday and due to failing light and fog setting in, a shootoff was required for one grade whilst the last detail of standard was being shot, so both competitors elected to go onto the 50 metre range and to stand in the open at 25 metres to conduct the shootoff, the two gentlemen concerned being Barry Robertson from Melton and Spiro Obella from Melton. Both finished on 521 in the competition. We understand that someone knobbed Robbo whilst others are talking about his target being removed during the competition in the fog.

On a serious note the club extends an apology to all persons who were detained on Monday due to the lateness of the completion of standard pistol and advise that at next years competition standard pistol will be shot on the Saturday which will shift the pistol to the Monday. This will ensure the early completion of the competition.

During the weekend heavy discussion took place between the officials of the VAPA and the club and there is a strong possibility that at next years competition there will be four extra events shot, being service pistol, service pistol unrestricted, practical event and los alamos (action pistol). These events will be shot on the Saturday and Monday. You are advised that if intending to shoot at next years competition, it would be advisable to have your entry in as soon as you receive same as indications are that the shoot will be totally booked out next year.

Congratulations Mid-Murray. Another excellent weekend!



Heather Cottingham,
Evelyn Parsons,
Wayne Brown,
Kevin Cottingham



Bev Alden,
Nicole Eastmure,
Susan Eastmure,
Mark Alden



Eddie & the lovely
Rose Evans



Barry Who?
Note beard has
disappeared;
'Granma' Robbo

Colin Repacholi,
Ray Swinnerton,
Lyn Swinnerton



The Bairnsdale Mob

Club History—Orbost

Nestled in amongst the trees on the outskirts of a small country town named Newmerella is located the Orbost Pistol Club.

The club was founded in 1967 and currently has 17 members. They are able to shoot four of the UIT events at present and will shortly be increasing the range to include a 50 metre Free Pistol range.

Orbost Pistol Club obtained permission to set up the present range which is shared on a site with the Show Society. It is unusual to see a pistol club next to such a group which also includes a local football oval. I wonder if it has anything to do with the fact that one of the members (together with wife and father-in-law) just happens to be a member of the society.

The club also shoots Air Pistol indoors (inside the club house) during the week and their most recent addition to the club, which is a generator and compressor, now gives the club the opportunity of having both power in turning targets and the ability to now shoot Air Pistol at night time.

The Secretary of the Orbost Pistol Club is Mr Kevin Morcombe who has been a member of the Association for many years and some of the older Oakleigh members would know Kevin as he was a member of the City of Oakleigh Pistol Club in 1975 and 1976.

Kevin recently attended the Warragul-Drouin Open Competition and won first place in D Grade Centre Fire and third place in D Grade Free Pistol. (Not a bad effort in Free Pistol considering he was using a Smith & Wesson Model 422 semi-automatic pistol).

Another member of the club is Jim Metcalfe who oddly enough was a class mate of Kevin's when they both attended Hyde Street State School in Footscray and were both in the same class throughout the years at this school. It was a very pleasing experience when Kevin moved to Orbost as once again he rekindled his boyhood friendship with Jim.

Kevin is noted as being the club's best shooter and Jim has been quite keen to knock Kevin off his perch. Jim eventually had his way when, during the Centre Fire competition last week, he pipped Kevin by two points.

The founding member of the club was Don Mehlert who was very instrumental in ensuring that the club continued. Unfortunately Don passed away in 1989. He is survived by his wife and son who are still members of the club.

Although small in number the competition is quite fierce every Saturday afternoon when the members attend the range and the keenness displayed by these members is obviously the reason for this small club's success.



Kevin—Jim



Orbost Shooting Shed



Orbost Air Pistol

Hamilton Pistol Club

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B Grade

Sharman E. Traralgon 537

C Grade

Lavazanian A. M.I.S.C. 501

D Grade

Mercieca F. Melton 468

Outright

Sharman E. Traralgon 537

Rapid Fire

A Grade

Horton G. A.N.Z. 521

B Grade

Wright J. M.I.S.C. 534

C Grade

Lee C. A.N.Z. 514

D Grade

Hurley M. Hamilton 498

Outright

Wright J. M.I.S.C. 534

Centre Fire

A Grade

Horton G. A.N.Z. 562

B Grade

Sharman E. Traralgon 545

C Grade

Logan J. Portland 515

D Grade

Barker H. A.N.Z.

Outright

Horton G. A.N.Z. 562

Ladies Sport Pistol

A Grade

Lee. C. A.N.Z. 519

B Grade

Manwaring L. Geelong 511

C Grade

Henry S. Warrnambool 368

Outright

Lee. C. A.N.Z. 519

Junior Sport Pistol

A Grade

Cumberland N. Yarra 553

Standard Pistol

M Grade

Horton G. A.N.Z. 565

A Grade

Rowe S. Sturt 545

B Grade

Wurfel W. Sturt 534

C Grade

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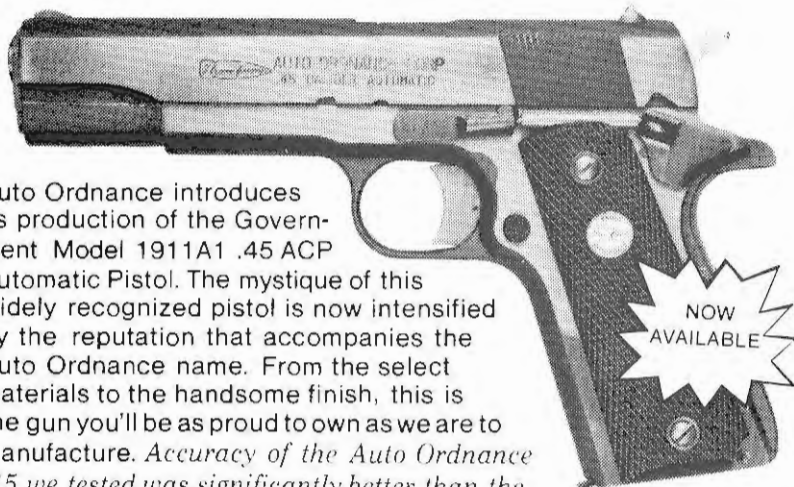
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The Last Page A Time For Reflection

1990 The Future

The beginning of a decade in pistol shooting. What does it have in store for us, on the negative side tighter gun controls? E.P.A. involvement in our sport? Government rental charges sky rocketing on leases and shooter's licence fees? These are not fiction they are fact. On the brighter side, possible Olympics for Melbourne? A government with some understanding and at least a small amount of sympathy to the shooting sports of Victoria?

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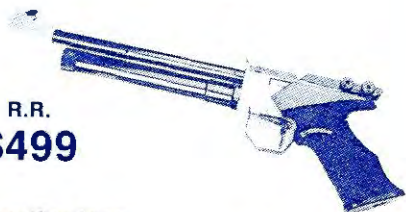
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