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# Editorial

Last issue I talked of apathy, the need for everyone to put in and stop relying on the few workers to do everything for them. Since then we have lost another worker, one we can ill afford to lose, in the form of John Gillman as President of our Association. It would probably be a good guess that the demands put on him and the lack of co-operation and effort from those who should be leading our sport had a lot to do with Johns' resignation.

As an Association we have troubles and it's time we pulled our finger out. If we were under serious attack from the anti-gun movement, we wouldn't present the quality fight for our sport we should be capable of, and we can't continue to rely on other shooting bodies to come to the fore all the time. Also are we as an Association providing ourselves with the best service possible?

We need to forget our club and personal loyalties and ensure that the best people are promoted to the top of our Association; the people who will lead and do the job. Many want the job and the title but not the work that goes with it. We as a membership need to have a greater expectation of those we put there to lead us, give them the power, assist and co-operate with them, but most importantly if they don't do the job, replace them and even consider taking on the responsibility ourselves.

We go to great pains with our voting system to be sure it's democratic; weighted votes according to club size, monthly meetings of delegates, and everyone a vote at the annual meeting. But do we deserve such a democracy if we don't have it work to our advantage. We don't go to meetings, few members vote at the AGM, so consequently most decisions are made in default by a small group of people.

Queensland have a system where a Committee of Management of four run their Association on a monthly basis, an executive which meets twice a year consisting of the four COM members plus four Zone representatives (elected at zone meetings, one vote per club), plus Association officials who have a budget (referee & coaching councils, team manager, editor, etc.). Finally they have an Annual General Meeting for all members where clubs still only have a single vote.

It may not be the perfect system but apparently it works, fewer meetings which are better attended (less travel and expense) and more trust and support of the leadership. the zone system sorts things out at the club/zone level and by the time matters reach the higher levels they are taking real form, and not wasting time and having meetings for their own sake.

I'm not particularly advocating the Queensland system, but rather asking you to think. If we stick to our present system, then let's make it work or find an alternative that will, and this will only happen if we all participate in it from club level right to the top. Have expectations of people, be determined to change them if they don't do the job, but most importantly contribute yourself.

Some comment has been made of the need for a full-time administrator for the Association. This is most likely a good idea but it doesn't absolve the rest of us from performing in the jobs we seek or are pushed into.

In every facet of life you usually get the leadership you deserve. If you don't put in yourself you can't realistically complain that others don't put in.

Alun Hughson.  
Ed. Vic. Pistol News

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I am a member of MISC and have been a member of the Victorian pistol movement since 1966.

Having had two sons involved in the movement as juniors I read with interest the article "Juniors - who cares", and then in turn was disappointed in the article on the Action Match Nationals, Canberra, last year.

Bradley Tate, junior shooter from Victoria, is National Junior Champion, but no photo, no interview, disappointing when read or looked at in conjunction with that first article.

I would like to think the Pistol News has plans to remedy this and do an article on this youngster who obviously shows potential to be world class in this discipline.

I'm sure any such article would give added enthusiasm to other junior shooters and give rightful recognition to Bradley Tate's achievement.

Congratulations on your first edition and best wishes for the future.

Kind regards,  
John Burman  
MISC

Dear Alun,

With reference to your December editorial, I have experienced your feeling on many occasions.

The attitude seems to be: we are in a lucky country, I'm okay, if I need help the Government will give it to me.

We are lucky to be in this country and if every able bodied person does not make a change in attitude, make a greater contribution and reduce luxury demands, Australia may not be our country in the future.

Yours faithfully,  
Stan Collins  
Bairnsdale

# V.A.P.A. Executive

## THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE passed on by Kevin McAllison

By the time that you read this the shock of the resignation of our President, Mr John Gillman will have lessened, because a shock it was, particularly to those of us close to John and close to the workings of our Association.

The Executive team that he left behind will do all it can to make sure that this Association continues to be a strong and successful body, as it was under his leadership.

To ensure that this happens, we will, through the pages of this magazine, enlist the help of YOU THE MEMBERS and use this as a forum to "bounce" ideas around that are discussed at our Executive meetings. We are quite serious about this and we trust that you will co-operate and make comment on the ideas that are published.

If you have something to say PLEASE drop a line to me,  
KEVIN McALLISON  
27 MURCHISON ST.  
EAST ST. KILDA. 3182.  
and I will present it to the next Executive meeting.

One of the things that have been discussed for some time and it is also one of the points John made at the time of his resignation is that this Association is overdue in adopting a more PROFESSIONAL front. What we mean by that is, that as has happened with the N.S.W. Association and with the A.P.S.U.A. and with a great many sporting bodies, the time has come for this Association to seriously consider a paid administrator.

Now before you throw your hands in the air and rant and rave about cost, consider this.

IS YOUR SPORT WORTH 30 cents A WEEK TO YOU, is RETAINING YOUR PISTOLS WORTH 30 cents A WEEK TO YOU, because that is all it would cost to have a full time paid administrator.

The benefits to be gained are worth far more than 30 cents a week and in the long run would be of tremendous advantage to our Association.

When we speak of an administrator, we do not mean that we look for a pistol shooter that may have administrative skills, although if there was a shooter with the right credentials, that may be an advantage, but first and foremost we need somebody with the administrative skills and public relations ability that will present to the general public and to the professional people that we need to deal with the persona of the well run organization we MUST be.

This person would be responsible for the day to day running of the Association, would be the one who will deal with police, Press, Government Depts. etc., would be responsible for finding sponsors, perhaps even on a commission basis as an incentive and many other tasks, but at all times will be answerable to and under instruction of the current Executive. The job of V.A.P.A. Administrative Director would be that persons sole job.

Perhaps we could look for a person with a Diploma of Sports Administration, perhaps it could be somebody with a background in this type of work that took early retirement and is looking for a job that he or she could perhaps do from home, there are many possibilities.

WHAT DO YOU THINK - you know the problems that have faced us in the past in relation to firearm ownership and you know that those problems have not gone away - in fact we see the future holding more fights to retain our privileges than we had in the past. At least we are one step ahead with a fairly healthy fighting fund to back us.

Don't you think that we need a person that can keep an eye on protecting our interests.

This is not a "shot" at the people that went before, in fact if you look back over the years we have had, and still have, some very capable people who have worked extremely hard for your rights and we would not be in as good a position as we are without their efforts, but we are past the point of "part-timers", we must look to the future and the future means that we must be more profesional and we must have a person there that has one specific job - LOOK AFTER THE V.A.P.A. AND THE RIGHTS OF THE MEMBERS and this requires a person with the right qualifications.

I for one would be more than happy to pay \$1 a week if I thought that by paying that \$1 I would be assuring the future of the VAPA, I would like to think that all members would be just as willing. We would only be asking for 30 cents - look at it this way, it's not spent, it is an investment in the security of your sports future and you just saved 70 cents a week!

*Next issue — Bi-monthly Committee of Management Meetings?*

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The members of the State Team wish to acknowledge the support of the Official sponsors of the V.A.P.A. State Team.



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The support of companies such as these means a great deal to our Association. It is unfortunate that our exposure in the press and on television is so limited, but if all members let it be known to all their friends and families and work colleagues that our Association attracts the support of these companies it may go some way to make up for the lack of publicity we get.

# State Coaching Council

## IS AN ACCREDITED COACH IN EVERY CLUB THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM ??

The State Coaching Council has planned programs this year aimed at increasing the number and coverage of Level 1 Club Coaches in Victoria.

Although there has been a coach development program since 1982 the results have not been encouraging. A measure of our success (or lack of it) is that Victoria has only 58 Level 1 (Club) and 7 Level 2 (Zone) Coaches. Of these, 36 are concentrated in the Metropolitan area, with 23 of them coming from either Oakleigh Pistol Club or M.I.S.C.

There appear to have been very few requests from Clubs for the training of their own Club Coaches. Perhaps the Coaching Council has been guilty of underselling the value of its Coach Training curriculum. Certainly the contents of its highly useful Coaching Kit remain a mystery to most shooters.

Most of the Level 2 Coaches are heavily into their chosen sport and, understandably, would prefer to stay at their home Clubs maintaining or improving their own skills rather than spending several weekends away from home training a disappointingly small band of aspiring Club Coaches.

In a strategy designed to get the most efficient use of our Zone Coaches, and to train as many Level 1's as possible, it is proposed to hold two Level 1 Training Courses during 1991, at Echuca and at Warragul.

These Training Courses will involve two full weekends of Theory and Practical Training and a subsequent Assessment Weekend where candidates will demonstrate their newly acquired skills.

Coaches trained in earlier Courses report that their shooting improved greatly because of input from the sessions, and that the training in instructional techniques and use of teaching aids such as video cameras, overhead projectors, slide projectors and other devices really helped them develop into economical and effective communicators.

If you believe you would like to put something back into your chosen sport by helping others to learn that which you had to learn by trial and error, then speak to your Club Secretary, as we will shortly be writing to all Clubs within at least a 100 mile radius of these two Centres asking for nominations.

Murray Anderson,  
Deputy Director Coaching - Victoria.

# Bradley Tate

## NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPION — ACTION MATCH

Bradley Tate. Age 18 (just). Completed his Victorian Certificate of Education studies at the end of 1990. 'A' Grade metallic silhouette shooter in unlimited class (recently felled 36 of 40). 'B' Grade service match shooter. Master Grade action match shooter. Australian National Junior Champion in action match. Have you heard of him? You should have if you have been following the progress of pistol shooting in Victoria over the last twelve months.

And if you have not heard of him before, you surely will over the next four months. Brad is competing in the Australian Action Cup at St. Ives in Sydney in February, and then, assuming that he shoots his normal score at that match, he will be the junior competitor of the six-member Australian team going to the Bianchi Cup in the USA in May (the team will consist of a manager, three adult males, a lady, and a junior).

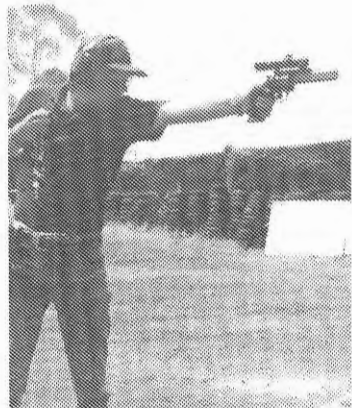
Brad is the oldest of a family of three. He has had the great fortune to be born into an enthusiastic shooting family. His parents (Aileen and John) have been members of Sporting Shooters since well before Brad was born. Brad has been officially a member also since the age of 12, shooting pistols right from the beginning. And, very importantly, it has been apparent over the past year to those involved in action match, that Brad is still very much on his learning curve - his skills and performances have been steadily improving during this time. The culmination to date was his fourth outright and first in the speed shoot at the Action Nationals in Canberra last October.

When asked, Brad stated his ambitions to be (not necessarily in this order):

- to get into a Science course this year;
- to win outright the Australian Action Nationals;
- to become a member of the Victorian Service Match team.

Brad is a quiet, self-contained achiever. One of those youngsters upon whom the future of our sport depends. Does he not deserve your support?

- from Kip Manwaring.



# State Team

All of those shooters involved in the elimination series will be familiar with the system that is being used this year to select the State Team, but for those who were not involved this is a "thumb nail" sketch of what has happened to date.

The shooters that nominated for the elimination series were required to shoot in at least 3 Open Shoots during the nominated period. Early in December a Final Squad was picked which consisted of the top 6 shooters in each event, these shooters must compete in the Victorian Championships in their particular discipline to be eligible for final selection.

The Team Selection Sub-Committee selected a Final Squad of 29 shooters that covered UIT, Service and Black Powder. Of those 29 shooters it is anticipated that we will select approx. 18 to represent Victoria as Team at the forthcoming National Championships in Brisbane, the balance will also go to the Nationals as Squad members. Since that time a small number of shooters have had to resign from the Squad for a number of very legitimate reasons which is very disappointing for us but nowhere near as disappointing as it is for the shooters concerned. One thing that was quite apparent was the lack of Juniors that had been involved throughout the year and as a consequence of that we had only 2 Juniors that were eligible for final team selection.

At the January Committee of Management meeting a recommendation was put forward by the Team Selection Sub-Committee that 4 of the Juniors taking part in the current Junior Camp at Oakleigh be included in the Final Squad, this was of course dependent on those juniors being able to comply with the requirement of a Squad Member. This recommendation was accepted unanimously by the C.O.M. and as a result of that we will now field a full Junior Team to the Nationals. The Final Squad at this time is,

P. Blake	D. Bowron	P. Bowron	L. Clark
F. Danko	L. Edwards*	J. Facey	R. Galt
A. Gonczol	A. Hughson	P. Hutchins	D. Kibell
J. McMillan	K. McMillan	S. McMillan*	T. Marshall
P. Muscat	P. Oliver	B. Redston	K. Stone*
T. Trewern*	S. Turner	A. Whybrow	C. Woods
A. Woodward	J. Wright	G. Young	

\*Junior Camp

On behalf of the Executive and of the Sub-Committee, I congratulate all of these members on being selected and wish them well in the State Titles.

Just as a little aside in relation to Juniors, Bruce Wiles will be starting a Database similar to the one that I run for the eliminators and will be sending out a newsletter to keep Juniors informed of Training Sessions, Open Comps., Team activities etc.

This should go a long way to building up a strong group of Juniors that will nominate for the eliminations next year and see Victoria giving the other states something to chase in the future.

Talking of the future, this is the first year that we have used this Team Selection method and it is obvious from talking to shooters around the traps that there are a lot of members out there who did not fully understand the benefits that were to be gained by being in the eliminations and by making it into the Final Squad.

The full details of the Team Selection Method and a Nomination Form were circulated to ALL members along with the notice for the Annual General Meeting of the Association, as they are each year. It is surprising the number of members who, at a later date, do not even remember getting that information.

The funding of our State Team activities would be one of our major expenditure items for the year, and so it should be, for that is what we are all about, competitive pistol shooting. I am not suggesting for a moment that we expect ALL members to be involved in Team activities because that is quite unrealistic.

Different people look for different things in their sport and not all aspire to State Team and that is understood, but it is a little hard to stay "cool" when you hear comments like "I didn't know what was going on with the Team because I wasn't told" or even worse to be told that the "elims" are a clique and you can't get in.

To any shooter who feels that way I suggest that they, first of all, read their correspondence properly or if they have questions, ask the RIGHT PEOPLE. The eliminations are open to ALL shooters of B Grade and above and the more shooters involved the more pressure there is on those shooters to produce better scores so that THEY will be part of that Final Squad and with sufficient work will in fact make the TEAM. So when the notice for the AGM comes around in June of this year, look for that nomination form and fill it in. Remember that our State Team is only as strong as the members of that Team and if you feel you are strong enough to be part of that Team then we need you.

### **ACTION PISTOL MATCH**

To those members interested in the Action Pistol Match, we are accepting nominations NOW for the Elimination Series that will start in April or May and conclude in August/September.

Any member wishing to eliminate for the State Team should direct inquiries to Neil Jones or myself. The 1991 Action Pistol Nationals will be held on the Mangalore Range of the Tasmanian Pistol & Revolver Club during October.

Kevin McAllinson,  
State Team Manager.

# A Gun for Action Match

Peter Muscat is one of Victorias' top shooters in both Service and Action Match as well as being a Gunsmith of such ability that his custom guns are being used by our top shooters in these matches. Peter offers some advice to new shooters of Action Match and reveals the work involved in producing his own product the MUSCRAT CUSTOM.

When I am asked by people who are thinking of shooting Action Match what advice I can give, I say "it's good fun, you really want to get into it and do it". Next question is usually to do with equipment needs but my advice is not to go out and buy a lot of expensive gear you may not really need.

You can spend \$2,000 - \$3,000 on a custom gun or you can buy yourself a basic 6" barrel S & W L frame. To that you add a barrel underweight, a B square scope mount and a XI power or red dot scope and you're shooting Action Match for \$1,000 or less; especially if you already have the basic gun.

You will need leather gear, but it must be the right sort. I don't believe in using just any sort. Look at the construction. If it isn't made solidly with steel lining it may collapse when you go prone and you'll have to re-adjust it and could be back doing a holster jump test. Worse still it may drop the gun and then it's home time.

All you want to do at the start is get the basic equipment up and running, go in there and start practicing and shooting the match. The only way you are going to get better is by going to the Opens, asking questions and a lot of practice. Once you do that and start to enjoy yourself and think "this is the way to go"; as you get better and see yourself maybe going all the way, then it's the time to look further as regards your equipment.

You can have either a basic of full trigger job done, it makes no difference as whatever work you do to your gun that same gun can be used for rebarreling. You start off slowly and you can always add to it as you go along.

Start with as basic a gun as you need for the match, then learn how to shoot and learn how to load. Loading is very important, as if you are not loading it can not only end up expensive but you are dependant on other people, it's an area of your shooting you don't have control of. When you do have a "tripped up" gun made for you, you've got to feed it the right sort of ammunition or you can still go backwards.

## START WITH AN ACCURATE GUN

If you decide eventually to part with the money and get a custom made Action gun there are many Gunsmiths out there and they all have their own idea of the way to go, the choice is up to you.

Whatever money you decide to spend, make sure you buy an accurate revolver. If the revolver hasn't been checked before you start and the chambers don't line up properly with the bore of the barrel, you won't get a gun that will shoot wadcutter

over 50 yards accurately. When I say accurately, I mean a 6 shot 2 inch group at 50 yards or else you have wasted your money.

Most revolvers marketed are for a general market and competitive price and not specifically for extreme accuracy in target shooting, especially over 50 yards. I check the cylinder alignment by passing a range rod down the barrel and if it doesn't touch the sides of the chamber (with rifling, the barrel diameter is less than the cylinder chamber), then it is reasonably well lined up. All six chambers are checked, as most often it is only one or two that are not aligned to the required standard.

To have an accurate pistol the projectile has to be stabilised long before it hits the target. If the projectile hits the forcing cone at some obscure angle, which means it hasn't gone in straight, then it shaves lead from the back end of the bullet as it leaves the chamber; it's now deformed as it rattles along the barrel and the gasses don't leave the muzzle face concentrically all around the projectile. The projectile starts to fly untrue, at 25 yards it won't be critical, but at 50 yards it's really off the mark.

I will either supply the gun for customising or build on your own gun, but in either case the alignment is checked; I may advise you not to persist with the gun you have if you are looking for that 2 inch 6 shot group at 50 yards.

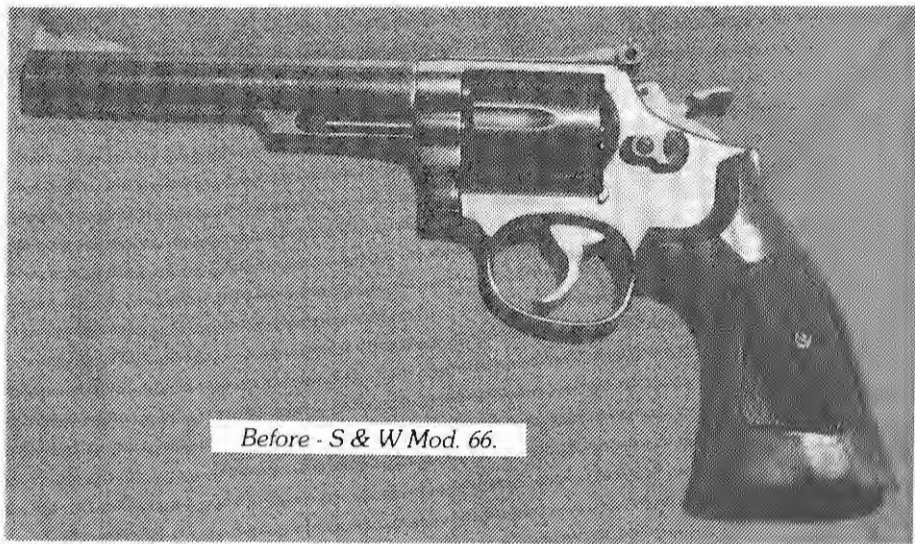
If you don't have a gun, my advice is start with a S & W .38 K frame. In my opinion the K frames are the best as they have the best action going and they fit most hands. The grip on an L frame and a K frame is the same, but the K frames are cheaper and the adjustable sights and 6 inch barrel are coming off anyway. I have built guns from scratch on L frames as people have been set up for them (reloading etc.) and rather than change, it can be better to stick to one calibre.

## MUSCRAT CUSTOM

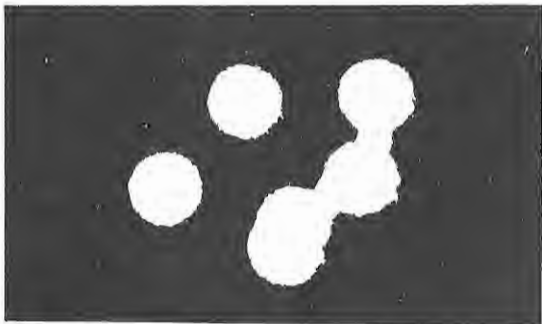
Once I've got an accurate gun to work with I start working on the action. I take the barrel off the gun and check the head space. Head space is set at 6 thou. over a fired case (Winchester). You want a light double action trigger pull where all the inertia created by the hammer is utilised as the firing pin hits the primer. You waste inertia if the case is too far forward due to excessive head space.

When the headspace is set I make sure that there is no play in the cylinder so there is no end shake (so it doesn't move back and forth), and I know that when I fit the barrel and get the cylinder gap right, everything will be spot on.

Now the action. I virtually blue print the gun, eliminate any play in the hammer by re-machining and bushing it. Once I've bushed it I make a little hardened bush that I grind fit to the hammer and fit the hammer thus eliminating all side movement. The hammer sears, hammer foot, rebound slide and all areas where the rebound slide will operate are polished. I make sure the cylinder runs true and the crane lines up with the hole in the front or else you'll have a tight spot you can feel in your trigger finger. When the action is done it comes out at around 5½ to 6 pound double action and strikes hard.



*Before - S & W Mod. 66.*



*The result - 6 shots at 50 yards.*



*After - A MUSCRAT CUSTOM gun.*

Once the actions done I then machine up the barrel. I use Apex, Shilon (stainless) or Douglas barrels with a 1 in 14 inch twist. All are of good quality and after testing I couldn't put one before the others. The barrels, always 1 inch diameter with a K frame, are machined so they are slab sided and the ejector rod won't touch the barrel. So the barrel is then fitted and the cylinder gap set to about 6 thou. to avoid the cylinder binding or dragging as shooting makes it dirty.

A tapered underweight (to keep the weight back) is fitted and this is the same thickness as the barrel.

I make a scope mount that takes only the Tasco rotary dove-tail rings (which lock, are thin and strong) and I incorporate a T-bar in the scope mount. The positioning of the T-bar is critical in order to keep the scope from touching the barricade.

Finally a set of Davis grips straight from the box. They grip well and absorb the felt recoil and are made an inch longer so when you go prone you have that extra to rest on the ground.

All guns I build I test to make sure they have the accuracy I expect myself. Choice of scope and rings is the customers but I fit them so that all they have to do is sight it in and shoot it.

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# Bendigo Pistol Club

The Golden City Pistol Club was inaugurated in November 1960 on a 15 acre property in the Wellsford forest just out of Bendigo. Previously used by the Army as a testing range it still had a caretaker living on the premises, but with the Army vacating the site, the pistol club moved in.

The requirement from V.A.P.A. and the Police at the time to start the club was for 20 members. The late Ruebe Hartley (first President of the Club) had a gunshop in town, so finding the required members was no problem.

At the time the club members could only shoot into one of the old bunkers, out in the open, mainly at 25 metres. Rapid Fire was shot using a farm breaking lever connected to a rope to turn the targets and a stopwatch for timing.

In 1965 the name was changed to the Bendigo Pistol Club. Even with limited facilities and membership a high standard was achieved. Bryan Milne and Kevin Pentland from 1969-71 achieved between them State Titles and State Team membership in Air and Free Pistol, receiving help and encouragement from Rod Johnson and Tibor Gonczol.

Eric Gregory joined Bendigo from Kerang Pistol Club in the early 1970's and he really knew where he was going, shooting mainly standard, air and free pistol. Eric worked himself into the State Team and then progressed, shooting for Australia both here and overseas. Twice National Champion in Air Pistol, twelve times 2nd place and twelve times 3rd place; along the way bettering the National record five times in six years.

In 1976 Eric was a member of the Australian team in the Mayleigh Cup competing against the USA, Britain, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa. Using his "modified" Hi-Standard free pistol, he set out to achieve a big score in the 30 shot Free Pistol event scoring 98 - 99 - 100 and claimed to "messed up a bit in the first series". Australia won the 1976 Mayleigh Cup.

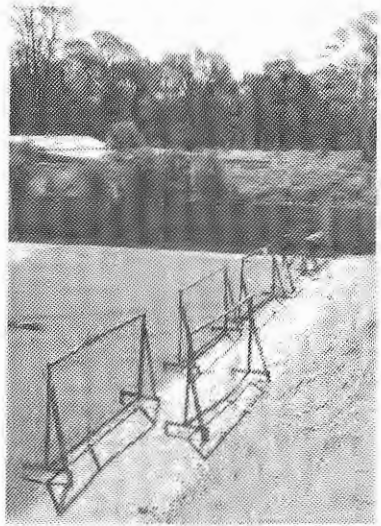
Recent high achievers have been a bit thin on the ground until Michelle Grinter picked up the 1989 State Title in Junior Ladies Air Pistol, but the rest of us are keen and rumour has it that Eric still occasionally has a rush of blood.

Recent times have seen a rise in membership, from 27 in 1978 to 95 at present which isn't too bad for a country club.

Range facilities have been dramatically upgraded in the last five years with the range approved for UIT, Service Match, Blackpowder, IPSC and Action Match.



*Rapid fire in the early 1960's.*



*Today's range in the Wellstord Forest.*



*Danny Riordan, John Cramer,  
the "action attraction".*



*Danny on "how to dress cool".*

# Gradings

AS AT 1-6-89

GRADE	M	A	B	C	D
FREE PISTOL	555	540	510	465	465
RAPID FIRE	582	565	535	480	480
CENTRE FIRE	583	565	540	500	500
STANDARD PISTOL	570	555	530	500	500
AIR PISTOL — MENS — 60 SHOT	575	560	540	500	500
LADIES SPORT PISTOL	580	555	520	480	480
LADIES AIR PISTOL — 40 SHOT	380	365	350	320	320
JUNIOR SPORT PISTOL	580	550	510	465	465
JUNIOR MENS AIR — 60 SHOT	570	540	510	450	450
JUNIOR LADIES AIR — 40 SHOT	380	360	340	300	300
SERVICE PISTOL MATCH	880	855	820	780	780
SERVICE PISTOL UNRESTRICTED	885	870	840	800	800
BLACK POWDER 25mt	380	360	340	300	300
BLACK POWDER 50mt	355	320	290	260	260
ACTION MATCH	1844	1728	1536	1536	

# Shooters Diary

**1991**

**FEBRUARY**

23rd  
23rd & 24th

POSTALS  
BALLARAT

ROUND 1 - WEEK 1  
STATE TITLES — SERVICE

**MARCH**

2nd & 3rd  
9th - 11th  
23rd - 1st Apr.  
29th - 6th Apr.

ECHUCA  
HORSHAM  
BRISBANE  
ALICE SPRINGS

STATE TITLES — BLACKPOWDER  
STATE TITLES — UIT  
NATIONALS — APSUA & UIT  
NATIONALS — IPSC

**APRIL**

27th & 28th

HAMILTON UIT

**MAY**

5th  
11th & 12th  
18th & 19th

PENINSULA  
KERANG  
MISC

DOUBLE CENTREFIRE/STANDARD  
ACTION  
UIT

**JUNE**

1st & 2nd  
8th - 10th

MELTON  
MID-MURRAY

ACTION  
UIT

**JULY**

6th & 7th  
20th & 21st

GEELONG  
KERANG

UIT  
ACTION

**AUGUST**

10th & 11th  
18th  
24th & 25th  
31st & 1st Sept.

MELTON  
MISC  
GEELONG

SERVICE  
RECORDS DAY — CENTRE/SPORTS  
STATE TITLES — ACTION  
POSTAL FINALS — UIT

**SEPTEMBER**

7th  
8th  
14th & 15th  
21st & 22nd

SHEPPARTON

POSTAL FINALS — SERVICE  
POSTAL FINALS — BLACKPOWDER  
POSTAL FINALS — ACTION  
UIT

**OCTOBER**

5th & 6th  
12th & 13th  
19th  
19th & 20th

YARRA  
MELTON  
PENINSULA  
HAMILTON

UIT  
UIT  
DOUBLE CENTRE FIRE  
UIT

**NOVEMBER**

2nd & 3rd  
9th  
16th & 17th  
23rd & 24th

HORSHAM  
YARRA  
OAKLEIGH  
YARRA

UIT  
BLACKPOWDER  
UIT  
SERVICE



## PROFILE ON A PRESIDENT

At the January Committee of Management meeting Mr John Gillman tendered his resignation as President of the V.A.P.A.

Although John had indicated to people close to him that he had given consideration to this move for some time it still came as a shock because John is not the type of person who walks away from a responsibility.

Certainly in this case he gave a great deal of thought to when he would actually hand his resignation to the Secretary and he chose the time he did to make a point and that point was to "shock". He stated at the time that the Association did not hold the interest for him that it once did and that the situation had come about because of the lack of cooperation and support he was receiving from some quarters, because of that he thought an unexpected resignation mid way through his term may stir the pot and cause things to happen.

In losing the active participation of John Gillman we have lost the expertise of a man who in 22 years in pistol shooting has spent 11 of those years as President of the V.A.P.A.

John joined Yarra Pistol Club in July 1968 and within 21 months had not only won a place in the Victorian State Team for the 1970 National Championships in Adelaide but during those Nationals he earned his place in the Australian Team to shoot Centre Fire at the 40th World Shooting Championships in Phoenix, Arizona later that year.

That was the first of the 3 occasions that John represented Australia overseas, he was picked in the Free Pistol Team in 1974 for the 41st World Championships to be shot in Thun, Switserland and in 1976 realised the ambition of all serious pistol shooters and that is to be chosen for an Olympic Team, that year to be held in Montreal, Canada.

A regular State Team member between 1968 - 1981, representing the State in Free Pistol, Centre Fire, Standard Pistol and Air Pistol.

State Champion in Free Pistol, Standard Pistol and Service Pistol.

National Champion in Standard Pistol at the 1978 Nationals. Broke National Record in Free Pistol with 555 in 1976.

Shot 564 in Free pistol at the Olympic Trials.

During all of those years he found time for things other than just shooting, committee of Yarra Pistol Club from 1969 to the present time, including the office of President.

Yarra delegate to the V.A.P.A.

Member of the Firearms Consultative Committee.

Delegate to the Shooting Sports Council and involvement in other committees too numerous to mention.

He was also Ex-officio on all sub-committees during his 2 terms as President of the V.A.P.A., the first for 7 years from 1975 - 1982 and then from 1987 - 1990.

In 1983 John Gillman was made an Honorary Life Member of the V.A.P.A., an honour accorded to only 12 people in the 36 year history of the Association.

John Gillman was not just a good administrator, he was also a shooter who had "been there - done that" and John Gillmans are hard to find!!

Good luck for the future John - your involvement will be missed.



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# State Referee Council

## **ACTION PISTOL SEMINAR, CANBERRA 22/10/90 (PART 2)**

### **START POSITION**

Unless the ready position is stated for the particular match, the competitor may utilise any of the start positions as described in the rule book.

### **LOS ALAMITOS (25 YARD SERIES)**

If the competitor shoots a left hand side of the barricade first, he receives a 10 point penalty for procedural error. The range official must then advise the competitor to shoot the next string on the right hand side of the barricade. The targets will be scored normally. The second string is not a procedural error as it is being done under your instruction.

### **USED TARGETS**

When conducting an open competition part of the entry form must show that all fired targets will remain the property of the organising club.

### **STARTING POSITION**

Unless specified the start position is in the standing position.

### **PLATES**

Where a locking device is used on the plate (to prevent same from falling after time has expired), any shot fired after the time has expired will not incur a penalty.

### **OTHER EVENTS USING TURNING TARGETS**

Any shot fired after the targets have turned away will not be penalised for late shots.

### **FALLING PLATE EVENT (NON LOCKING SYSTEM)**

Any round fired over the specified time will incur a 10 point penalty per shot fired after time. Any plate which is felled after time has expired does not count.

### **CARDBOARD/PAPER TARGET EVENTS (STATIC, ie. NON TURNING)**

Any round fired after the time has lapsed will incur a 10 point penalty per round. The competitor will also lose the highest scoring hit/s on the target and if it is an X he will lose one X from his total count per shot fired over time. Example is competitor has two late shots and only one X on the target. He will lose a score of a 10 and of the next highest scoring hit on the target. He will also lose the X from the X count in total for that match but may only be penalised one X as there is only one on that particular target. It is stressed that the X is used as a figure in a total X count for the match as opposed to the loss of a 10 point penalty. We have had people suggesting that if a competitor fires two late shots and has three Xs on the target in his total score, he would be penalised 20 points for the two shots fired over time and the deduction of two Xs which has been termed as a possible 40 point penalty. This is not so. It is a 20 point penalty only, however, two Xs will be deducted from

his total X score for the match. It is quite simple to work out, however, people are being confused between the terminology of loss of an X or loss of 10 points. It is also to be noted obviously that any shot fired after time cannot be scored and on the static target the competitor would lose the highest scoring hit/s on the target as well as incurring the penalties.

Many reading this article will say that this is a double penalty and is too severe. It was a wide felt feeling at Canberra that this was the case and we are hopeful that the present ruling may be interpreted differently, which would make the penalty more in keeping with the match.

## HOLSTER POSITIONS

Holsters must remain in the same position throughout the entire competition. It is not permissible to wear the holster, say, slightly forward of the pelvic bone whilst standing and then to slide it to the rear of the pelvic bone (for comfort) when going prone.

## STANDING POSITION

This position does not permit the competitor to lean forward on such an angle that he has an unfair advantage if going prone. He must be upright in stance and if the range officer is of the opinion that the competitor is crouching forward to an extent where he has adopted a ready position which gives him an unfair advantage, the range officer must ensure that the competitor adopts the correct ready position.

Roger Hawkins indicated that the easiest method to prevent the crouching position from becoming a problem was that all competitors should have their legs in a normal standing position without the knees being bent.

**The Victorian Amateur Pistol Association congratulates the APSUA and the National Referee Council for conducting this seminar. Special mention must be made of Mr. Roger Hawkins (USA Referee) who enlightened all participants with respect to the rules. (We are sure that Roger has returned home with considerably more paperwork than with which he came).**

We are hopeful that Roger will be able to clarify points with respect to the rules, particularly the penalty for the late shots.

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# Standard Pistol

- a conversation with Ron Glew.

**Editor:** What do you see as important in shooting Standard Pistol well?

**Ron:** Preparation mainly, getting the muscles and mental reflexes tuned up to shoot it. You can do that for a fortnight before a match. In my opinion, and I could be wrong, but I don't like watching television very much a couple of nights before a match because I feel it tires my eyes out. When you've got to sight quickly and shoot quicker. If you walk in with tired muscles and tired eyes you can't compete to the peak you want to.

**Editor:** Preparation is important in any match?

**Ron:** Yes. Dry fire, muscle preparation, it's physically and mentally an attitude to the shoot. Sitting down imagining the shots, imagining the gun, the sights and squeezing the trigger off in the times you've got to do it. Sometimes when you're a little bit edgy you might find it's better to shoot your slow fire a little faster so that there's not so much of a jump between it and your 20 second runs. If you slow your 150 second runs to the full 150 seconds sometimes the adjustment is a bit severe. You may need to bridge into your 20's and 10's.

**Editor:** In the 150 seconds do you treat it as 5 separate shots and come up 5 times?

**Ron:** No. I fire 2 in a row, 1 shot, then 2 shots, then down. Most times that is, as this leads into the 20 second run.

**Editor:** How does your preparation vary in Standard Pistol to other matches?

**Ron:** You've got to take each match as it is. Free Pistol is more of an endurance test, you require a lot more physical exercise for that one because it's longer, your concentration's held a lot longer and so you can tire quicker. Preparation is a big thing. If you walk into a shed and have forgotten something and have to rush around then you can take points off. Thinking you've forgotten something can weedle away at your concentration.

**Editor:** So equipment preparation is important?

**Ron:** Have a countdown before you go on a range and make sure you have everything there. Make a list if you're in doubt, because once you get to say State or National level you are expected to achieve something. Check off the list before you take off to a shoot. Some people have even left their guns at home because they've thought that much about the shoot. You may overlook something and the shock of doing something wrong can follow on into your shoot.

**Editor:** What sort of lead up to a major competition did you have?

**Ron:** Three weeks of exercises every night, a short time of dry firing. Doesn't matter much which match you pick to dry fire. Mainly dry firing and physical exercise, concentration, breathing. Dry firing for trigger control and sight picture.

**Editor:** What about holding exercises?

**Ron:** Holding varies from shoot to shoot depending how stable you are. How well your body has conditioned itself to accomplish what you want it to do. If you're wobbling around a bit, the more you fight a wobble the worse it gets sometimes, so you're best to go with it and try to synchronise your shots with your wobble.

**Editor:** You put a lot of emphasis on physical conditioning as well as dry firing. Do you think that overcomes any holding problem?

**Ron:** It should minimise the problem. Everybody will tell you pistol shooting is easy. All you've got to do is hold the gun still, hold the sight picture in the sighting area and squeeze the shot off and you've got a 10. It's supposed to be easy.

**Editor:** What are the major problems you've seen people have in Standard Pistol?

**Ron:** I think the main problem could be termed hypertension or nerves. Because you start off slowly and build up to the 10 seconds you can panic and fire the 10 second run in 5 seconds. Hypertension builds up and you think you're not going to get them off in time. Where you take too long to get the first shot off, you've timed it wrong, you rush the next 4 shots. Most shooters have had the same problem, it's mainly timing.

**Editor:** How do you work on your timing?

**Ron:** With an audible stop watch so you can dry fire at home and just make believe you are squeezing the shots off in that time. An audible beep at either end of the time so that you know how you're going. But that doesn't stop you going down to the range and making the same mistake because of the different environment and having people around.

**Editor:** Do you practice all time periods?

**Ron:** No, only 10 seconds, you have plenty of time in 20 and 150 seconds.

**Editor:** Do you vary your stance in Standard Pistol?

**Ron:** No. Rapid Fire is the only time I change. Free, Centre, Standard are all about the same. In Rapid Fire it's all based on the 4 seconds, as you've got to move faster.

**Editor:** What advice do you have with sighting?

**Ron:** With sighting it is most important to keep your concentration on the front sight. You're looking at an area below the target but putting your concentration focal point out where the sighting radius is of your gun, a point in mid air where the guns going to come up.

**Editor:** What of trigger control?

**Ron:** Everything is trigger control. If you have a good sight picture and no trigger control then you can forget your match. You must co-ordinate the two, know when you've hung on too long. But there's no time for error in Standard Pistol with trigger control in the 20's and 10's.

**Ron Glew has been Victorian Standard Pistol Champion four times and has won a further three State titles in Free and Air Pistol representing Australia overseas; including the 1970 World Titles in Air Pistol.**



# Handloader

## LOADING FOR ACTION MATCH by Brian Kilpatrick

For many, loading ammunition for the Action Match discipline will be the first time they have had to load ammunition to meet a "power factor" criteria.

The minimum power factor for Action Match 120,000 which is obtained by the equation - bullet weight (in grains) multiplied by velocity. eg. 148 gn X 811 fps = 120,000.

To load ammunition that meets the power factor requirements one needs to keep a tight control on actual bullet weight and requires access to a chronograph to constantly monitor velocity.

So one does not fail to meet the requirements, ammunition should have a reasonable "fudge" factor built into the loading data. I set up to load to 128,000. This gives me a good safety buffer in case my ammunition sample bullet is low or the day is colder than normal (lower velocity) or chronography arrangements are different etc.

An example is:

Set up	134 gn	X	955 fps	=	128,000
Competition	131 gn	X	930 fps	=	121,830
	(low bullet weight)		(cold day)		

Phew! — I still pass.

The consequences of failing the chronograph is disqualification - and that is embarrassment plus!

What should you look for when setting up to load Action Match ammunition?

My criteria is:-

1. Ammunition makes power factor under all conditions.
2. Reliable and consistent.
3. Produces acceptable accuracy.
4. Allows me to use the black border of the Action Match target as my aiming

So, to accomplish my criteria where do I start?

### STEP 1 — Choosing components.

Choose quality components that are always readily available.

There is nothing more frustrating than having to change a load a week before a major match because your normal components cannot be obtained.

The componentry mentioned here is for the .38 special cartridge.

**BULLETS** — Hard cast lead bullets are available from a variety of manufacturers at reasonable prices. Popular styles are the 125 grain (9mm) pointed round nose, 134 and 140 grain wadcutter and the old faithful 148 grain wadcutter.

Some hollow base wadcutter bullets are also available but take care as some brands may split skirts at the higher velocities required for Action Match. Reloading data for hard cast solid base wadcutters is not interchangeable for use with the softer swaged hollow base wadcutter bullets.

My preference is the 134 grain wadcutter manufactured by Clive Williams.

I chose this bullet as it allows fulfillment of my 4th criteria of being able to use the black border of the Action Match target as my aiming point at the 25 yard section of the Moving Target event when my ammunition is loaded to my set up power factor of 128,000.

This bullet also conforms to my accuracy criteria and bullets from the same batch rarely vary more than half a grain in weight.

**POWDER** — Powders commonly available are Winchester 231 and 452AA and sometimes Hercules Bullseye.

My choice is Winchester 231 as it is generally available, meters in powder measures well and is stable in varying temperature conditions. Ammunition may be left loaded for long periods without noticeable deterioration.

**CASES** — All brands are good, however the most commonly available are Winchester and PMC. If you have a mixture of cases they should be segregated by manufacturer. If you are using normal .38 special brass any +P cases should be discarded as they will give higher than average velocity readings and may cause accuracy problems when using wadcutter bullets.

**PRIMERS** — The two most common primers used in Victoria are Winchester and Federal. As a general rule Winchester are the most easily obtainable and the cheapest. Care must be taken to ensure primers are seated correctly or reliability will be effected.

Now that we have carefully chosen our components we may proceed to step two.

## **STEP 2 — Checking components**

**BULLETS** — Spot check for weight consistency. Bullets from batch to batch may vary slightly from the manufacturers nominal weight.

**POWDER** — Check tin for any obvious contamination. Powder colour varies depending on type and manufacturer, however all brands of powder should have the distinctive nitroglycerine aroma.

**CASES** — Sort by manufacturer, discard +P and split and worn cases. Case cleaning - I don't bother, but if you consider it necessary a quality tumbler using crushed walnut shells gives good results. Additives such as Brasso etc. should not be added to prolong the life of the media. Some additives may have a chemical reaction with the brass case and may shorten case life (splitting) or mildly contaminate ammunition when stored for long periods of time.

For best results only one brand of case should be used for competition loads and your revolver headspaced for this brand of case.

**PRIMERS** — Visually check for any contamination. They are small pistol primers - aren't they?

Don't get small rifle or small pistol magnum primers mixed with your normal small pistol primers.

There is quite often a performance difference between different brands of primers, therefore one brand of primer should not be substituted for another brand unless loads are checked on the chronograph for conformance to making power factor.

*Continued next issue.*

## Geelong Pistol Club

### ACTION MATCH OPEN 12th & 13th JANUARY 1991

#### MASTER GRADE

B. Kilpatrick - Geelong	1920	x173
J. Facey - Yarra	1904	x145
P. Muscat - MAPC	1897	x142

#### EXPERT

A. Sutherland - Adelaide	1820	x101
K. Simister - Norlunga	1815	x104
J. Hobbs - Castlemaine	1771	x104

#### SHARPSHOOTER

R. Jenkins - SSPC	1710	x81
J. Milic - Bendigo	1580	x77
R. Thomas - Yarra	1549	x81

#### MARKSMAN

C. Fauser - Berri	1670	x76
E. Härt - Norlunga	1476	x58
M. Butler - Castlemaine	1462	x55

1. Brian Kilpatrick's aggregate is equal to the World Record for this match (1920/1920).
2. A shooter who is really coming good and fulfilling his potential is Jim Facey of Yarra PC. He shot 1900 at Canberra Nationals, and improved on that (1904) at our shoot. I think he will (should) be a member of the Victorian team this year.
3. It is interesting to see how the grades are shaking out in Action. There was only one grade break (a South Australian lady) at our shoot. It would seem that most people shooting the match are finding their correct grade.
4. In developing our range for the Nationals in 1992, we had a trial run of our prototype turning targets on the Barricade range. They were very successful, except for some vibration before they settled down. The design will need some minor modification. The intention is to have a set also for the Practical event by the State Titles in August.
5. More complaints about the "double penalty" for late shots (refer Australian Pistol Shooters Bulletin, January 1991, article by Joan Tremelling).
6. "Lynda's latrine" on the Moving Target range has been dismantled, to be replaced by a salubrious Operator's Station (under construction - roofless and wall-less at the moment, but with a floor and steps).

# Melbourne International Shooting Club

AUSTRALIA DAY OPEN  
26th - 28th JANUARY 1991

## FREE PISTOL

### A GRADE

L. Clark - MISC	533
R. Redston - Lat. Valley	521
R. Julian - Geelong	519

### B GRADE

J. Iglesias - MISC	524
D. Bowron - Warrnambool	517
I. Butland - MISC	514

### C GRADE

J. DeBruijne - COPC	506
M. Whyte - Watsonia	504
L. Schultz - Echuca	495

### D GRADE

J. O'Sullivan - MISC	468
S. Stefanakos - MISC	460
N. Facey - MISC	451

## RAPID FIRE

### A GRADE

P. Oliver - Warragul	578
I. Butland - MISC	554
L. Clark - MISC	550

### B GRADE

G. Young - MISC	552
T. Berry - MAPC	537
R. Galt - Yarra	533

### C GRADE

G. Evans - Bairnsdale	538
I. Wright - COPC	524
N. Edwards - Mt. District	515

### D GRADE

B. Clark - Watsonia	478
L. Wright - COPC	469
A. Joyce - MISC	430

## CENTRE FIRE

### A GRADE

P. Oliver - Warragul	581
J. McMillan - Ararat	569
R. Galt - Yarra	563

### B GRADE

K. Parkinson - COPC	552
W. Elmslie - MISC	542
T. Berry - MAPC	534

### C GRADE

D. Andrews - Mildura	527
M. Syer - MISC	527
D. Joyce - MISC	525

### D GRADE

I. Castles - Melton	489
B. Clark - Watsonia	486
B. Johns - Mt. District	470

## LADIES SPORT PISTOL

### A GRADE

D. Bowron - Warrnambool	554
D. Kibell - COPC	544
V. Turner - MISC	517

### B GRADE

R. Spark - MISC	525
S. Rath - COPC	522
D. Lee - Yarra	520

### C GRADE

A. Morgan - COPC	488
J. Finn - Dandenong	445
C. Long - Yarra	432

### D GRADE

H. Blandford - Bairnsdale	479
S. Bodno - Yarra	446

**JUNIOR SPORT PISTOL****A GRADE**

T. Trewern - Warragul	554
L. Edwards - Mt. District	542

**B GRADE**

K. Stone - Euroa	537
S. McMillan - Ararat	533
C. Cavanagh - Geelong	521

**C GRADE**

B. Tanian - MISC	482
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**D GRADE**

K. Morgan - COPC	442
D. Kelly - MISC	427

**AIR PISTOL 60****MASTER GRADE**

J. McMillan - Ararat	551
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**A GRADE**

P. Oliver - Warragul	559
P. Bowron - Warrnambool	551
J. Wright - MISC	551

**B GRADE**

R. Galt - Yarra	547
G. Evans - Bairnsdale	544
J. DeBruijne - COPC	526

**C GRADE**

A. VanVeen - MISC	523
D. Andrews - Mildura	522
P. Mayman - Beaconsfield	520

**D GRADE**

S. Stefankos - MISC	494
I. Castles - Melton	480
K. Noy - MISC	477

**LADIES AIR PISTOL****A GRADE**

D. Bowron - Warrnambool	358
V. Turner - MISC	350
K. Trewern - Warragul	349

**B GRADE**

S. Rath - COPC	347
D. Lee - Yarra	332
R. Spark - MISC	326

**C GRADE**

A. Morgan - COPC	330
J. Finn - Dandenong	304
C. Long - Yarra	302

**D GRADE**

H. Blandford - Bairnsdale	315
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**JUNIOR LADIES****SPORT PISTOL****A GRADE**

S. Turner - MISC	356
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**D GRADE**

K. Morgan - COPC	289
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**JUNIOR MENS AIR PISTOL****A GRADE**

T. Trewern - Warragul	540
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**B GRADE**

S. McMillan - Ararat	551
L. Edwards - Mt. District	535
K. Stone - Euroa	503

**STANDARD PISTOL****A GRADE**

P. Oliver - Warragul	550
K. Parkinson - COPC	550
I. Butland - MISC	547

**B GRADE**

R. Galt - Yarra	546
D. Bowron - Warrnambool	543
F. Flynn - COPC	537

**C GRADE**

G. Morgan - Geelong	524
L. Edwards - Mt. District	523
P. Waugh - Castlemaine	518

**D GRADE**

A. VanVeen - MISC	490
B. Clark - Watsonia	479
K. Noy - MISC	477

# Castlemaine Pistol Club

GOLDFIELDS OPEN — 2nd FEBRUARY, 1991

## STANDARD PISTOL

### MASTER GRADE

F. Danko - MAPC 571

### A GRADE

A. Woodward - MAPC 555

P. Oliver - Warragul 554

R. Glew - Castlemaine 551

### B GRADE

J. Taylor - COPC 540

F. Flynn - COPC 535

R. Galt - Yarra 531

### C GRADE

T. Rath - COPC 529

G. Evans - Bairnsdale 525

T. Watson - COPC 525

### D GRADE

N. Edwards - Mt. District 506

F. Mercieca - Melton 502

R. James - COPC 498

## CENTRE FIRE

### MASTER GRADE

F. Danko - MAPC 572

### A GRADE

J. McMillan - Ararat 566

P. Oliver - Warragul 558

R. Galt - Yarra 558

### B GRADE

P. Laragy - Castlemaine 554

W. Davis - Bendigo 548

K. Parkinson - COPC 546

### C GRADE

P. Meehan - Mansfield 515

D. Shaw - COPC 508

M. Syer - MISC 503

### D GRADE

P. Waugh - Castlemaine 511

P. Davis - Bendigo 489

S. O'Neil - MISC 471

## LADIES SPORT PISTOL

### A GRADE

A. Woodward - MISC 575

### B GRADE

S. Rath - COPC 527

R. Spark - MISC 512

### C GRADE

C. Long - Yarra 484

### D GRADE

S. Bodno - Yarra 491

M. Hurley - Hamilton 420

J. James - COPC 396

## JUNIOR SPORT PISTOL

### A GRADE

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### B GRADE

S. McMillan - Ararat 535

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Won by Mr Hawksworth. Ballarat Pistol Club.

## RAFFLE RESULTS

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S & W Mod. 16 32 Magnum with Lee 1000 progressive loader.

Won by Chris Finch. Homewood Pistol Club.

# 1991 Postal Competition

As this issue appears the Postal Competition will have just commenced. 26 Clubs have entered 178 teams this year which is 1 Club and 8 teams down on last year but still above prior years.

New to the competition matches this year is Junior Air Pistol 40 shot match in which 4 Clubs have entered. Pleasing is the increase in entries in Ladies Air Pistol 40 shot match from 6 to 11 teams, even with the introduction of the Junior Air Match.

To those Clubs who have never entered the Postal Competition, think about it for next year. Several Clubs have only one team in the competition while others compete in 14 matches, several having A and B teams. One of the greatest benefits of this competition, and its' aim, is the provision of team shooting within the Club and the competitive spirit between Clubs. This can be a very positive influence in your members shooting development and enjoyment.

A general reminder to all Club Captains, make sure you plan your Clubs shooting program and get your teams scores in on time. The latest scores will be received is the Friday mail after the due date of the match.

Below is a list of the matches in each round and the date of each round. (The date given is the Saturday).

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- WEEK 1. FREE PISTOL & BLACKPOWDER 25**
  - WEEK 2. RAPID FIRE & AIR PISTOL**
  - WEEK 3. CENTRE FIRE & SPORT PISTOL (LADIES & JUNIOR)**
  - WEEK 4. STANDARD PISTOL & BLACKPOWDER 50**
  - WEEK 5. SERVICE MATCH, SERVICE MATCH (unrestricted)  
& ACTION MATCH**
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## **DATES FOR ROUNDS**

Round 1	23 Feb	2 March	9 March	16 March	23 March
Round 2	30 March	6 April	13 April	20 April	27 April
Round 3	4 May	11 May	18 May	25 May	1 June
Round 4	8 June	15 June	22 June	29 June	6 July
Round 5	13 July	20 July	27 July	3 Aug	10 Aug

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## **FINALS**

U.I.T.	31st August & 1st September
Service & Blackpowder	7th & 8th September
Action Match	14th & 15th September



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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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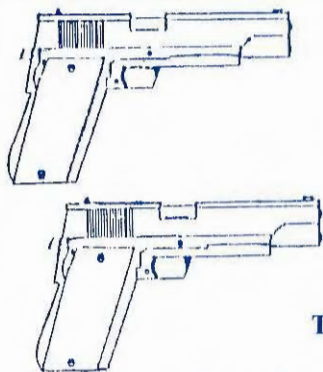
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