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PETER MUSCAT

National Champion 1991
Service Pistol - Unrestricted

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Editorial

May could be seen as the end of one shooting year and the beginning of the next.

State and National Titles are now behind us and with the onset of winter we can plan the next 12 months. Congratulations to all our 1991 State Champions and the effort of those who represented us in Brisbane at the Nationals — especially Peter Muscat with his win in Service Pistol - Unrestricted and the the Centre Fire team with their team title.

With a new year comes new endeavour. Plan your own shooting development and enjoyment to get the most out of your sport. Draw up a plan, get some coaching, try for State Team; do something extra you haven't done before.

Also coming up is the V.A.P.A. Annual Meeting so you're bound to be asked to vote for somebody. Think about it - most don't, as it's usual for 400 or less to vote out of a 3,700 membership. You can't complain about those who represent you if you don't even vote. Seriously though, DO think about it. Consider what those who wish to represent you have done in the past, not just what they promise. A worthwhile candidate will have a past. They will have made a contribution to shooting either through their club or the Association before - elect a worker.

An important issue for our Association this year should be our licence system and visitors permits. N.S.W. have put in the effort after the introduction of new restrictions and now visiting N.S.W. is easier than before.

We should follow their example. It will take hard work from our Committee of Management and pressure from you, the members, on the politicians and beaurocracy. It can be done and should as it will have long term effects on pistol shooting in Victoria.

Alun Hughson
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SPONSORING THE VICTORIAN
STATE TEAM AT THE
1991 NATIONALS

1991 National Champions



*PETER MUSCAT
1991 National Champion
Service Pistol - Unrestricted*



*1991 National Team Champions
Centre Fire - Victoria
Frank Danko, Peter Oliver,
Jon McMillan with team manager Kevin
McAllison and Mick Skerry.*

1991 National Championships

Brisbane 26th March - 1st April

After the long haul of team selection shoots, training and final selection, 21 shooters were chosen to represent Victoria (as well as a further 6 squad members) at the 1991 National Pistol in Brisbane over Easter in U.I.T., Service Pistol and Black Powder.

Overall results may not have been all we would have wished for, 5th in the Manton Shield, but a few points at the Nationals make all the difference - just more effort required.

Peter Muscat covered himself in glory by taking out the Service Pistol - Unrestricted individual National title which was most creditable due to the pressure of having been penalised 10 points the previous day. The penalty (technical) cost him the title in Service Pistol, a National record and put him into second place. A most careful Peter came out the next day to take the Service Pistol - Unrestricted title; a most deserved title after 5 years of ever so close.

Service Pistol team members took 3rd place and 2nd place in Service Pistol -Unrestricted in the teams events to illustrate Victoria's strength in the Service events.

Centre Fire team members Frank Danko, Jon McMillan and Peter Oliver gave Victoria a second title on the last day by taking out the Centre Fire team title and gave everyone a positive outlook for Canberra next year.

Our junior team performed very well taking second place in both Air Pistol and Sport Pistol team events. Juniors took seven individual top ten places between them which is a big boost after not fielding a full team last year. This is a credit to Bruce Wiles and others who are putting in a big effort with the juniors. Brisbane saw the exit of Andrew Gonczol from the junior ranks but the new crew look like following in his footsteps.

Kevin McAllison and Mick Skerry again guided the team through another year and I'm sure get as much enjoyment out of it as the rest of the team, despite the worries and hard work. Also those other Victorians who go to shoot and support the team members and give Victoria a presence.

With John Gillman becoming involved in the State Team Training Squad, next year in Canberra looks promising.

Finally, all team members appreciate and thank the work put in by Team Managers Mick Skerry and Kevin McAllison as well as the support of sponsors B.P. and F.A.I. Insurance and the year round work of the Fund Raising Sub-Committee.



Ladies Team & Squad Members.

*A happy team line-up
for the sponsors.*



Junior Team & Squad.

*Queensland Premier,
Wayne Goss at the
opening.*



Results — 1991 Nationals

Individual	Junior Sport Pistol
Service Pistol	5th Andrew Gonczol..... 567
2nd Peter Muscat 872	6th Leon Edwards..... 561
4th Paul Hutchins 868	10th Terry Trewern 556
Service Pistol - Unrestricted	Womens Sport Pistol
1st Peter Muscat 886	8th Annette Woodward..... 566
6th Paul Hutchins 881	Mens Air Pistol
Black Powder 50m	9th Jon McMillan..... 567
6th Les Clark	Centre Fire
Junior Mens Air Pistol	2nd Peter Oliver..... 580
5th Andrew Gonczol..... 556	Team
6th Terry Trewern 552	Service Pistol 3rd
7th Leon Edwards..... 550	Service Pistol - Unrestricted 2nd
Junior Womens Air Pistol	Centre Fire 1st
2nd Shelley Turner..... 372	Junior Sport Pistol 2nd
	Junior Air Pistol 2nd
	Manton Shield (Grand Team Aggregate) 5th

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State Team - Brisbane 1991

NAME	FP	RF	CF	SP	AP	LM	LA	JM	JA	SM	SO	50	25
BLAKE											*		
BOWRON.D						*	*						
BOWRON.P	*												
CLARK.L	*				*							*	*
DANKO.F		*	*	*	*								
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FACEY.J										*			
GALT.R		*											
GONCZOLA								*	*				
HUGHSON.A												*	*
HUTCHINS.P										*	*		
LESTER.D						*	*						
MARSHALL.T	*				*								
McMILLAN.J		*	*										
MUSCAT.P										*	*		
OLIVER.P		*	*	*									
REDSTON.B												*	
TREWERN.T									*				
TURNER.S								*	*				
WOODS.C												*	
WOODWARD.A						*	*						

TEAM MANAGERS - KEVIN McALLISON & MICK SKERRY

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1991 Victorian U.I.T. Championships at Horsham 9, 10 & 11th March.

The Wimmera turned on a full selection of weather conditions for the championships ranging from a lightning display with later rain on Friday evening, a damp-drying-to-hot Saturday, a fine cloudless Sunday followed by a drizzling-finally-fine Monday. Competitors made the best of all these conditions to put together some fine scores and break two state records.

The Horsham club members, led by President Bob Ballinger and Secretary Frank, and his wife Lynn Margetts had ably prepared the ranges for all the competitions while the organizing sub-committee under Ian Ross and Bob Lester of C.O.P.C. looked after the competition details. John Bennett V.A.P.A. Vice President, did yeoman service organizing range staff and filling in himself when needed. One helper, Jennifer Finn, of Dandenong was so keen she tried to put the patches on with her nose as the targets turned (accidentally). Hope you are feeling better by now Jennifer.

The Championships were opened under clear blue skies by the Wimmera Shire President Bob Mibus, who warmly welcomed all visiting shooters to the district. The distinctive Wimmera Shire flag showing three crossed ears of wheat, was flown over the proceedings on all three days.

Saturday event presentations were given out by the Horsham Lady Mayoress Cr. Gail Crooke. The council was very helpful to the Horsham club by loaning them an electric generator with fuel, trestle tables for the clubhouse and also presenting a trophy for the largest break of grade. This was won by Ken Bird of the Warracknabeal Club for his 40 point break of grade in Rapid Fire. Other generous donations to the Championships were Bullzi Projectiles for 4th, 5th and 6th in the Centre Fire match grades. Paul Taylor Firearms, two pistol cases for the best break of grade performances. Ken Bird also won the first for his outstanding 520 score in Rapid Fire "D" grade while Don Gardiner of Ararat took the other for his 536 in Standard Pistol. The day was rounded off with a sit-down, eat-as-much-as-you-can barbeque in the friendly clubhouse atmosphere.

The winners on Sunday had their trophies presented to them by the local MLA the Hon. Bill McGrath. Bill praised the club for attaining the status of running a state championship and welcomed all shooters to return to Horsham for future events. One competitor to receive his trophy for highest centre fire score after a shoot off with Jon McMillan was Peter Edgecumbe from South Australia. Peter thanked the V.A.P.A. for the fine interstate trophy and lamented the fact that the firearm laws were keeping many S.A. shooters away from Victorian events. Once again the evening finished off with a delightful meal of selected Chinese dishes that left no pistol shooter hungry at bed time.



Mens Air Pistol.

Peter Oliver - Standard Pistol.



Andrew Gonczol and Annette Woodward cleansweep in Junior and Ladies events.

*Frank Danko -
Air Pistol and Rapid Fire.*



Senior Constable Laurie Thomas, the local D.F.L., made the presentations at the close of shooting on Monday. He praised the dedication of the shooters who he was seeing in competition for the first time, saying we were a different breed to the boxers and footballers he was used to moving amongst. The performances of John Gray were somewhat dampened all weekend after he was followed right into the range by the D.F.O's police car.

The Horsham Apex Club's fishing contest with a \$21,000 first prize was outdone by the pistol shooters; their winning fish was just 1.25 kg., while pistol shooter Ron Parfitt of Warracknabeal caught a tench in the nearby dam that weighed at least 1.5 kg. by the least optimistic estimate. Other part time fishermen caught fish too, but only in the "D" grade category.

New V.A.P.A. President Kevin McAllison was in his element handing out the perpetual Championship trophies and he made the announcements of the State Team members to contest the coming Australian Nationals in Brisbane. There are seven "Virgin" members in the teams for the first time this year, which indicates Victoria is on the rise again.

Overall the championships were a resounding success. The Horsham Club is to be congratulated for hosting the events the way they did (and say they will do again in a few years time). The Organizing Committee deserves lots of praise for getting it all to go as planned without any hitches. The competitors who helped run things have their own reward in knowing they were part of a successful event that would not have occurred without them. Congratulations to all the winners, you are the Champions for this year. Shooters who did not win - there is always "Next Year".

DES BOSELEY

1991 State Champions

Free Pistol	Les Clark
Rapid Fire	Frank Danko
Standard Pistol	Peter Oliver
Centre Fire	John McMillan
Air Pistol 60	Frank Danko
Sport Pistol (Women)	Annette Woodward
Air Pistol 40	Annette Woodward
Sport Pistol (Junior)	Andrew Gonczol
Air Pistol (Junior Men)	Andrew Gonczol
Air Pistol (Junior Women)	Shelley Turner
Service Pistol	Peter Muscat
Service Pistol - Unrestricted	Peter Muscat
Blackpowder 50	Les Clark
Blackpowder 25	Trevor Oram

1991 Black Powder State Titles

Echuca 2nd & 3rd March.

It is the first time that the State Bank Powder Titles have been staged at the Echuca range and it was a great success.

Weather conditions although warm were favorable and 40 shooters from all over Victoria and N.S.W. attended.

The Echuca Pistol Club also held an international event in conjunction with the other events. It was not a State title event but it created much interest. It was an open event and 24 shooters competed; only 13 shots were fired and the best 10 shots counted.

Results were: R. Loveday, Wagga, 95, (1); I. Butland, MISC, 94, (2); R. Ainscow, Yarra, 94, (3). I. Butland won on a countback over R. Ainsow.

N.S.W. again carried off the "trophy" that is contested each year between Victoria and N.S.W.

There were four members in the teams on both sides and the 50 metre and 25 metre scores are added together. (The trophy is a miniature old cannon, actually N.S.W. is still working on it, by the Victorian team members said that they wanted it to be finished before they "carried it off" and would only give N.S.W. one more year to finish it.)

The newly elected president of the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association, Kevin McAllison, presented the trophies and complimented the club on its achievement in the smooth running of the State titles which had attracted a record entry.

The 50 Metre Black Powder title went to Les Clark from the Melbourne International Shooting Club, with a score of 347 out of a possible 400.

Results of the 50 Metre Black Powder event: Master grade — L. Clarke, MISC, 347, (1); B. Tutty, Wagga, 342, (2); J. Ingold, Illawarra, 340, (3). A grade — R. Redston, Latrobe Valley, 340, (1); J. Marsden, Moruya, Batemans Bay, 339, (2); I. Butland, MISC, 332, (3). B grade — G. Morgan, Geelong, 326, (1); A. Van Veen, Mountain District, 318, (2); B. Higgins, Mount District, 309, (3). C grade — H. Huon, Echuca, 266, (1); G. Smith, Echuca, 246 (2). D grade — F. Danko, Melbourne Airport, 315, (1); D. Joyce, MISC, 300, (2); G. Vincent, Echuca, 294, (3).

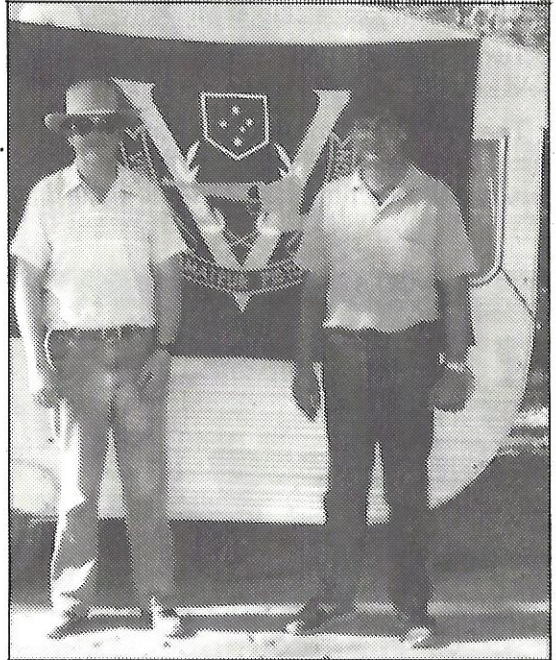
The 25 Metre Black Powder Aggregate State Title winner was Trevor Oram of Kerang with a score of 370 out of a possible 400.

A grade — J. Ingold, Illawarra, 371, (1); T. Oram, Kerang, 370, (2); J. Marsden, Morua, Batemans Bay, 369, (3). B grade — G. Smith, Echuca, 352, (1); C. Woods, MISC, 349 (2); G. Ewing, Castlemaine, 347, (3). C Grade — P. Wolf, Mount District, 333, (1); D. Hastie, Cohuna, 320, (2); D. Vincent, Echuca, 318, (3). D grade — F. Danko, Melbourne Airport, 366, (1); D. Joyce, MISC, 320, (2); G. Hanson, Echuca, 284, (3).

Also during the weekend six shooters qualified as Blackpowder Range Officers; Glen Hanson, John Hewlett, Greg Pay and Greg Vincent from Echuca, Tim Ewing (Castlemaine) and Wayne Davis (Bendigo). Congratulations to all six for the work they put in.

1992 Black Powder Titles — Echuca (again).

*Les Clark 50 metre Champion.
Trevor Oram 25 metre Champion.*



*Six happy new Black Powder
Range Officers.*



Victorian Service Pistol Championships — 1991 Ballarat - February, 23rd & 24th

Forty-seven shooters took part in the 1991 State Service Pistol Championships at the Ballarat Pistol Club at Mr. Rowan.

Two championship events, Service Pistol and Service Pistol Unrestricted, were held in five grades with courses of fire of 90 shots each.

The new Victorian champion (and State representative) is Melbourne Airport Pistol Club shooter Peter Muscat who shot 887 points out of a possible 900 in the service pistol section and 882 points in the unrestricted section to clinch the title.



*1991 State Team Service Pistol and Service Pistol - Unrestricted.
Phil Blake, Jim Facey, Paul Hutchins, Peter Muscat
with Mick Skerry & Kevin McAllison.*

Victorian Service Pistol Championships 1991

Service Pistol Unrestricted

Master:
Peter Muscat - MAPC 882
Paul Hutchins - Mildura 877
Phil Blake - Melton 876

"A" Grade:
Colin Hancock - Ballarat 876
Sid Pattison - MAPC 864
Graeme Flett - Mildura 857

"B" Grade:
Neville Malley - Yarra 866
John DeBrevi - Melton 862
Bradley Tate - SSPC 854

"C" Grade:
Ian Bond - Melton 822
G. Burke - Mildura 812
Jeff Hobbs - Castlemaine 806

"D" Grade:
L. Mallia - MAPC 829
Byron Court - Ballarat 806
Ian Shedden - Ballarat 792

Service Pistol

Master:
Peter Muscat - MAPC 887
Paul Hutchins - Mildura 872
Phil Blake - Melton 869

"A" Grade:
Neville Malley - Yarra 859
Rob Barrie - MAPC 846
Graeme Fleet - Mildura 845

"B" Grade:
Bradley Tate - SSPC 838
F. Gamalonghi - COPC 826
Kaelene Blake - Melton 824

"C" Grade:
Jeff Hobbs - Castlemaine 826
Tony Watson - 816
Denis Cain - MAPC 771

"D" Grade:
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K. Parkinson - COPC 764
Byron Court - Ballarat 763

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The program will run in conjunction with the State Team Selection method yet to be circulated by the Team Manager.

YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE TRAINING SQUAD TO GAIN SELECTION.

I cannot accommodate Action Match, Service and Practical Pistol shooters, but may be able to assist in some way.

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8th - 10th
22nd & 23rd

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BALLARAT

ACTION
UIT
ACTION

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

BENDIGO
BENDIGO
Mt. DISTRICT
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
30th & 1st Dec.

HORSHAM
YARRA
OAKLEIGH
YARRA
ECHUCA

UIT
BLACKPOWDER
UIT
SERVICE
BLACKPOWDER

1992

JANUARY

13th - 18th
11th & 12th
25th - 27th

*
*GEELONG
*MISC

JUNIOR CAMP
ACTION
UIT

FEBRUARY

1st
8th & 9th
9th & 9th
15th & 16th
22nd & 23rd
29th - 1st March

*CASTLEMAINE
*ARARAT
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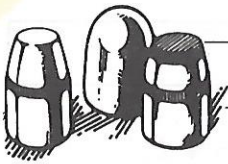
MARCH

7th - 9th

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STATE TITLES - UIT

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Handloader

LOADING FOR ACTION MATCH by Brian Kilpatrick

STEP 3 — Loading

LOADING PRESS — The type of reloading press does not matter, however when you get hooked on Action shooting your ammunition usage will increase dramatically and perhaps thought should be given to the purchase of a progressive press.

All my ammunition is loaded on a Dillon 550 and after loading over 250,000 rounds on it the press still gives reliable service and I have never double charged a cartridge.

Adjust your reloading dies so the bell station flares the case just enough to allow smooth entry of the bullet, set the seating die to give correct overall length for the bullet you are using. Bullets seated too deeply will increase pressures. Set final crimp die to give a medium crimp. The primer seater has been adjusted to seat primers below flush - hasn't it!

POWDER MEASURE — Set to give the desired charge for the powder being used and check several times on a correctly adjusted set of scales.

Powder scales are generally only accurate to one tenth of a grain. When dealing with small charges it is often difficult to be very accurate so I throw ten charges of powder into the pan and divide the result by ten to give an average individual charge weight. I find this more accurate and much easier to reset my powder thrower if I need to duplicate a previous load.

After I am satisfied the powder thrower is correctly adjusted I give the adjustment nut on the Dillon powder thrower a touch of Tarzans Grip prior to use.

CHECKING LOADS — Now that we have assembled our trial ammunition it's time to check for accuracy and power factor.

My accuracy testing is done at 50 yards - the longest distance used in the Action Match.

After adjusting my scope to shoot centre of mass on the Bianchi target at 50 yards I take the normal Action Match start position and on the beep from the timer, draw and go prone and shoot a six shot group in 10-12 seconds. If all rounds group consistently within the four inch X ring centre I'm happy. If not, slight adjustments to overall length and crimp may be necessary to gain the desired results.

THE FINISH — Once accuracy and power factor are established I usually load a large batch of competition ammunition (about 1200 rounds) and after rechecking put this aside for the next 3 or 4 months of competition shooting.

When you finish your loading session don't forget to empty the power reservoir of your p pwer thrower as powder left in powder reservoirs may be subject to contamination by sunlight and various vapours from household items such as soap powder and pool chlorine. Replace powder into original tin and securely seal the lid to prevent contamination.

Handloading for any type of shooting requires a high degree of care and patience, it is an art not a task. Care should be taken when working with explosives and work within powder manufacturers specifications.

Having said that, you can have the most beautiful and technical superior ammunition at the competition but still shoot like a dog.

Apply the same care to detail with your equipment and most of all your shooting technique. Plenty of coaching, training, practice and competition but don't forget to enjoy yourself.

WHO'S USING WHAT.

Brian Kilpatrick

Muscrat Custom (S & W Model 10) 6" Apex barrel. .38 Win. case, Win. small pistol primer, 4.2 grains Win. 231 powder, Clive Williams 134 gn button nose solid base wadcutter. (950 fps, power factor 128,000).

Ercole Anastasi

Muscrat Custom (S & W Model 686) 6" Apex barrel. .357 Win. case, Federal SP primer, 4.1 gn Bullseye powder, Williams 134 gn WC.

John Debrevi

S & W Model 686, 6" barrel & barrel weight. .38 Norma case, Federal SP primer, 5.2 gn Win. 452AA powder, RCBS 124gn conical. (1100 fps, PF 140,000).

Jim Facey

S & W Model 586, 6" barrel & barrel weight. .38 Win. case, Federal SP primer, 4.8 gn Win. 231 powder, Williams 134 gn WC. (950 fps, PF 129,000).

Paul Hutchins

Muscrat Custom (S & W Model 15) 6" Apex barrel. .38 PMC case, Federal SP primer, 3.7 gn Win. 452AA powder, Williams 134 gn WC. (940 fps, PF 126,000).

Peter Muscat

Muscrat Custom (S & W Model 64) 6" Apex barrel. .38 Win. case, Federal SP primer, 3.7 gn Win. 452AA powder, Williams 134 gn WC. (930 fps, PF 125,000).

Top Action Performance

At the Geelong Pistol Club's Action Pistol Open (12/13 Feb. 1991), Brian Kilpatrick's winning score was 1920-173X.

Congratulations must be accorded to this dedicated Victorian, and as you will see from the following analysis this was not only a magnificent winning score but of World Class standing surpassing the current World Record Score of 1920-157X, set at the 1990 Bianchi Cup in Columbia Missouri, U.S.A.

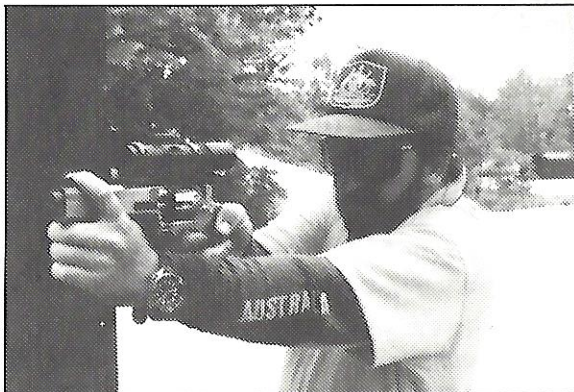
The four match aggregate was the standard Bianchi Cup format consisting of the following matches:-

- Match 1 — The Practical Event
- Match 2 — The Barricade Event
- Match 3 — The Moving Target (modified) Event
- Match 4 — The Falling Plate Event

MATCH	B. Kilpatrick (Geelong)	Doug Koenig, 1990 Bianchi Champ	Individual Match World Records (all set in 1990)
1.	480-40X (final event)	480-38X	480-45X (Curtis Shipley - USA)
2.	480-48X	480-46X (final event)	480-47X (Ed Duda - USA)
3.	480-37X	480-25X	480-39X (Andrew Shrode - USA)
4.	480-48X (total plates 107X) 1920-173X	480-48X (total plates 116X) 1920-157X (World Record)	480-48X (Phil. Waterson - USA) Total Plates (154X)

The above table compares Brian's performance with that of Doug. Keonig (1990 Bianchi Champion and World IPSC champion) and a further comparison with the Current World Records in the individual matches.

It is worthy of note that both competitors knew before their final event that they were heading for a possible and record score but continued on and did not falter.



Brian's match pressure cannot be directly compared with Doug's in a World Championship event, but never the less it was an excellent performance. Our top Action shooters are definitely of world standard now, after only two years of competition.

CLIVE WHELAN

Bianchi Cup 1991

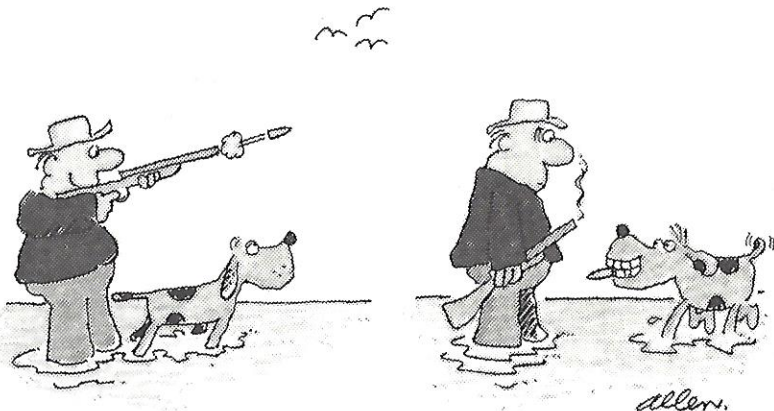
Once again the NRA - National Action Pistol Championships - "The Bianchi Cup", will be held at the Chapman Academy - Columbia - Missouri, U.S.A.

This year the team consists of Ray Gray (N.S.W.), Brian Kilpatrick (VIC.), Brad Tate (VIC.) and Janina Tenace (VIC.), with Clive Whelan (VIC.) as Manager. Bradley qualified as a senior mens team member and will also shoot as a junior.

The team leaves on May 12, travelling via Los Angeles to Indianapolis, Indiana. The first week will be spent training prior to the "Cup", and then drive 8 hours to Columbia.

This years Australian team is a very strong one indeed and will do very well on behalf of their country.

A complete report will be published on our return and daily updates will be sent to our National office during the Championship.



IPSC Victorian Handgun Championships Sale 9th & 10th February, 1991.

Although the numbers were slightly down on last year 84 competitors converged on Sale for the State Handgun Titles, including several from Sydney and Canberra.

Nine stages were shot over the two days with a minimum of 174 rounds fired by each competitor.

The stages ranged from a relatively simple 6 round speed match to a complex and difficult 24 round comstock events that saw a lot of top names slide toward the lower end of the score sheet.

John Loualitene from Melbourne is the new IPSC State Handgun Champion, defeating his nearest rival Roy Bannister by 18 points, other notable achievements were Damian Hegarty retaining his top revolver title and Suzy Ballantyne from Geelong not only beating her old man, but many others and winning both top lady and top junior titles. A great effort.

Once again the titles ran like clockwork although there was a slight bottle-neck on one range both days, (no-one wants to shoot first it seems) this is a credit to the members of the Sale Pistol Club who are few in numbers compared to the work required to design, build, stage and cater for an event such as this, unlike action or service match every IPSC match is different requiring new props etc. for every event.

LEIGH SHEILDS

*Sales Gary Tueno and Suzanne Ryan
comparing equipment in Safety Area.*





Peter Gamble reloading during Saturday's Comstock event. (from Ballarat).

Final Results

POS.	TOTAL POINTS	COMPETITOR # NAME	AFFILIATION	GRADE
1	751.	76 John Ioualitene	C.P.S.A.	M
2	733	14 Roy Bannister	C.P.S.A.	A
3	729	79 Trevor Roper	M.D.P.C.	B
4	723	72 Kevin Brooke	C.P.S.A.	C
5	711	84 Greg Williams	Sale Pistol Club	B
6	708	71 Greg Moon	C.P.S.A.	A
7	706	66 Leigh Shields	Sale Pistol Club	A
8	704	24 Ivan Rehlicki	C.P.S.A.	B
9	689	65 Gary Tueno	Sale Pistol Club	C
10	686	57 Simon Dash	Sale Pistol Club	A
11	681	80 Bob Wilhelm	C.P.S.A.	B
12	677	68 Andrew Moss	C.P.S.A.	C
13	670	3 Jeff Grey	N.S.W.	A
14	668	6 Jason Anderson	N.S.W.	B
15	666	32 Tom Whitehead	C.P.S.A.	A
16	663	40 Ken Paddison	N.S.W.	M
17	657	53 Bruce Terrill	BALLARAT	C
18	657	25 Ian Bond	BALLARAT	C
19	656	58 Brian Hurrell	Sale Pistol Club	C
20	653	19 Simon Whitfield	C.P.S.A.	B

A Reliable Backing Target System

The need for a troublefree backing target system for clubs conducting open shoots has been a problem since backing targets were first introduced. The need for backing targets in the first place can be vouched for by many range officers and scorers who have had to sort out cases of cross fires, doubles and late shots. Without a backing target finding the true answer was well nigh impossible. We need backing targets and if we are to have backing targets then the system should be as troublefree as possible.

Systems that have been tried used backings of brown paper, cartridge paper, corrugated paper, old rapid fire targets and a few other variations. They each have their faults as the main requirements of the backing target is that it should show the shots clearly, resist the wind and rain, take standard patches readily and be easy to put up and take down when needed.

Our club had tried all the forementioned and was still looking for a better systems when an unlimited supply of cardboard pallet separator boards was offered to us, at the "right" price. These were about 1200 mm square and 1.5 mm thick. A quick test soon showed that they gave well defined shot holes and patches stuck to them reliably. To get the right sized backing a pile of boards could be cut with a power saw to a length of 900 mm and then sawn up the middle to five two backings from each board with adequate coverage of the target width. Enquire at your nearest warehouse or delivery depot for a supply of boards as they may be glad to get rid of what otherwise is industrial rubbish.

A suspension system to hold the backings one metre behind the target proper was the next problem. It was found that two strands of number eight fencing wire spaced about 600 mm apart and tensioned up with a couple of galvanized turnbuckles would hold around seven backings if vertical supports were provided for the wires at that interval.

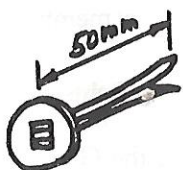
Fixing the backing target to the fencing wire was the most difficult problem of all. Numerous clips were tried but they all took time to make, were probably expensive and faced the prospect of being thrown away when the backing was discarded after use. Then the use of paper binders, with 50 mm legs was hit upon. All the binders need is a 6 mm hole in each corner of the backing, correctly spaced to match the suspension wires, then the binder is pushed through the hole to straddle the wire and one leg of the binder is wound around the wire as shown in the sketch. If the support wire centre distance is known the clip holes can be made in one operation by drilling through a stack of backings with a power drill. If the wire spacing is variable the holes can be made on site by using a set of eyelet pliers to punch the holes at the correct position as each backing is put up. By the time each backing is secured on the wires with four binders it is very stable, and should withstand medium gale force winds. Binders come in boxes of one hundred which is enough to hold 25 backings.

Patching is best done with white patches on the grey cardboard as then there is no great distraction to the rapid fire stage shooter when the target is edge on. (A tip with patches is to keep them in a sealed container with a water seeped sponge. This will humidify the whole container and the patches will not lose their adhesive tack.

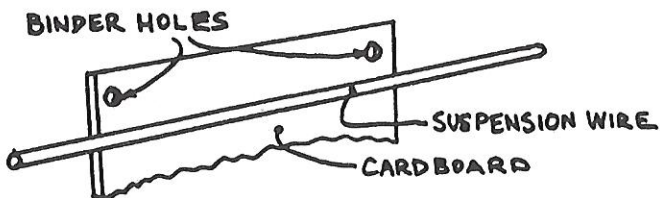
Removing the backings after use is accomplished by just grasping the board at each side near the wire and giving a quick tug. The binders being quite soft will straighten out and release off the wire. The binders may be salvaged for further use if time permits or just thrown away as they are an inexpensive item.

I hope this information may be of some use to clubs using backing targets at club championships or open shoots, it has certainly solved a lot of problems for my club and we will stick with it until something even better comes along.

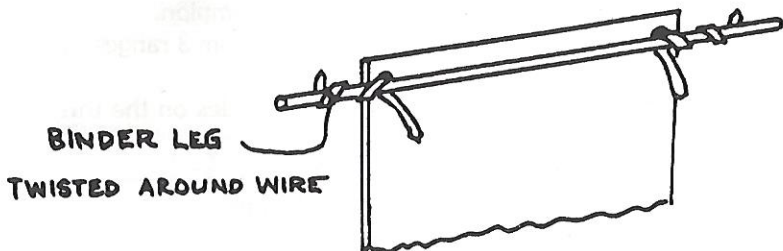
DES BOSELEY,
Melbourne International Shooting Club.



(a) PAPER BINDER



(b) BACKING TARGET



(c) BACKING SECURED

Geelong Pistol Club Inc.

The year 1990 was 30th Anniversary of the Geelong Pistol Club. Its inaugural meeting was on the 25th January, 1960. Shooting initially was in the limestone quarry of Australian Cement Ltd at Fyansford, from which it moved to the Army .303 range in 1961, then to a quarry at Mt. Duneed in 1963.

Development proceeded steadily through the 1960's:- uncovered 25m range only to start; clubhouse and watertank in 1964; toilet, access steps and 50m range in 1965; a shooting shed on the 25m range in 1966; 50m shooting shed in 1968; air compressor and rams for turning targets in 1970. By 1971, Club membership had risen to 33 shooters, and in 1972 Eileen Pile won the Victorian Ladies Match Championship.

In July 1974 the first Geelong V.I.T. Open was conducted. Roma Julian represented Australia in Korea in air pistol in 1978; in 1979 she won the Victorian Championship in Ladies Match, and John Kennedy the Grand Aggregate at the Championships. The quarry and surrounding land was finally bought from Mrs White in 1980. Town water was connected to the range in 1984, electricity in 1987, and the telephone in 1989.

In 1986, the Geelong Practical Pistol Club obtained use of the range on two Sundays per month for the conducting of I.P.S.C. matches. A number of members of the Geelong Club were also members of the Practical Club.

1989 and 1990 were years of intense development and the Club Highlights are:-

- The Practical Club's first Open.
- Amalgamation of the Geelong club and the Practical club into the Geelong Pistol Club Inc.
- Construction of the new all-weather access road (the difficulties of the old track in wet weather were notorious among visitors in the 1970's and 1980's).
- Brian Kilpatrick was inaugural Australian Action Match champion.
- Major earthworks to extend the use of quarry floor area, from 3 ranges to 6 ranges.
- Construction of Moving Target, Falling Plates and Barricades on the three new ranges to enable Action match to happen.
- Inaugural Geelong Action Match Open, January 1990.
- The 1990 Australian I.P.S.C. Nationals at Geelong at Easter.
- Action Match Victorian State Titles 1990.
- Brian Kilpatrick, Janina Tenace and Bradley Tate chosen in the Australian team to the Bianchi Cup 1991.
- Club membership exceeded 100 for the first time.

Currently the club conducts matches as follows:

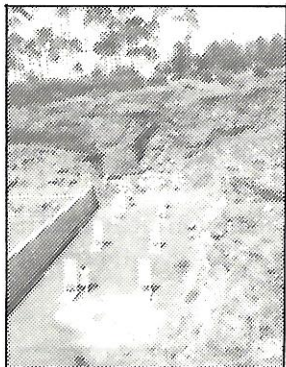
- on Saturdays, the match-of-the-day follows the Postal Match schedule: Free Pistol, Rapid Fire, Centre Fire/Ladies Match/Junior Match, Standard Pistol, Service Pistol.

- on Sundays, I.P.S.C. Matches, Action Match and Black Powder are conducted in rotation.
- Air Pistol is conducted on two Tuesday evenings a month.

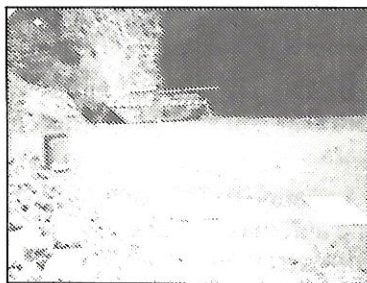
Major events planned are:

- The Victorian State Titles in Action Match in August 1991.
- The Australian Nationals in Action Match in October 1992.

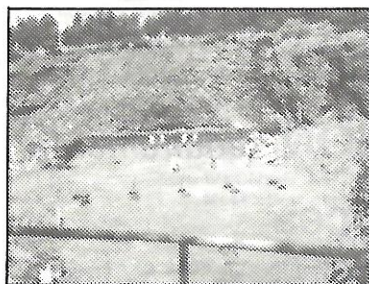
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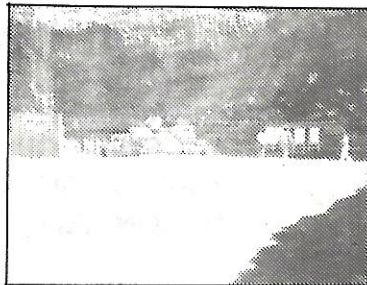
Barricades Range, with the 25m ranges to the left.



The Falling Plates range.



The 50m range, which is also used for Practical events.



The Moving Target range.

Tom Newton

A large percentage of pistol shooters, especially those in the Melbourne area, but also throughout Australia knew Tom Newton. I say knew because Tom passed away on the 21st March.

Tom finally retired and moved to Perth to live near one of his daughters (Pauline) on the 14th March, just in time for his 71st birthday (17th March). On the following Thursday he died of a heart attack, mercifully it was very quick.

Melton Pistol Club especially has a lot to be grateful for in having had Tom as a member (later life member). He joined in the very early days and in one way or another was involved in most of the building, and indeed was generally the prime mover in this respect.

Building was not his only contribution, he planted and hand watered most of the flora that you see today whilst also performing excellently as secretary for many years.

The annual U.I.T. open at Melton (Pat Newton Open) is named in memory of his wife and I hope that in future both may be remembered at this event, none are more deserving.



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Ladies Interstate Team Competition

1990 - 1991

I am elated that not only the scores in this competition have progressively improved throughout the year, but also the competitiveness and enthusiasm between team members. I was deeply moved at the response received which was more than I had hoped for and by 1992 I anticipate that all states will be competing in this event.

Though ACT was in front by 9 points at the commencement of the Nationals where the final scores count, W.A.'s high scores in Ladies Air Pistol placed them in front and that is where they stayed.

Congratulations to Western Australia being the first state to win this event and to the following ladies who made up the team of six.

Carol Tomcala
Mary Klansjeck

Jan Broun
Valarie Powel

Anna-Marie Smit
Sue Norville (organiser)

I wish to sincerely thank Lyn Gilligan, President of QAPSA and Trevor Matheson, Organising Secretary of the 1991 Nationals for their support in allowing me to present the trophies to the winning team at the presentation ceremony.

I believe that this is another step in bringing about team competitiveness and friendship between states. I am honoured to have been associated with all those involved and look forward to seeing you all again at the 1992 Nations.



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Ladies Interstate Team Competition 1990 - 1991

FINAL RESULTS

NEW SOUTH WALES

Manilla Open	2699
State Champ	2767
State Champs	2747
Nationals	<u>2767</u>
Total	<u>10980</u>

VICTORIA

Shepparton Open	2767
Oakleigh Open	2760
State Champ	2752
Nationals	<u>2752</u>
Total	<u>11031</u>

TASMANIA

VD PC Open	2562
TP & RC Open	2660
State Champ	2589
Nationals	<u>2556</u>
Total	<u>10367</u>

QUEENSLAND

Brisbane Open	2735
Len Luke Open	2735
State Champ	2807
Nationals	<u>2808</u>
Total	<u>11085</u>

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Kalgoorlie Open	2728
Northampton Open	2788
State Champs	2792
Nationals	<u>2837</u>
Total	<u>11145</u>

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Hunter Zone	2774
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State Champs	2785
Nationals	<u>2778</u>
Total	<u>11097</u>

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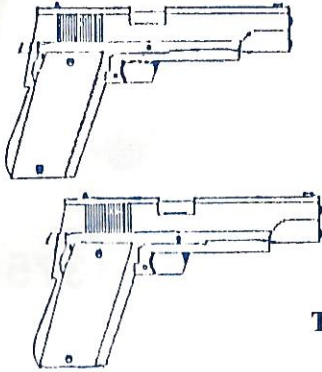
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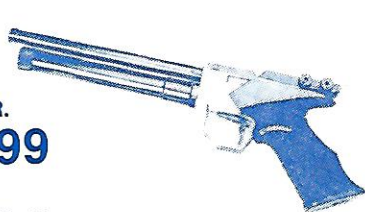


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