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JANINA TENACE, BRIAN KILPATRICK
Bianchi Cup World beaters.

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Editorial

Again, we the shooting public, are about to suffer an attack on our free participation in our sport. This time it is a combination of "bureaucracy" and lack of finance to our Police Force that will drive in a wedge and further distance us the shooters from those who appear to be forever putting restrictions on the shooting sports.

Closing Pistol Registry to the general public may not sound much, but the implications are that licence issue/renewal could be slowed and information on law disjointed, incomplete, and possibly inaccurate; due to lack of expertise at the local level. Decentralisation of pistol licensing also leaves the law open to "local" interpretation and whim, a problem we had before Central Pistol Registry and a re-occurring problem in the united Kingdom that labors under a decentralised system.

Just because the Police are the ones bringing in this restriction it does not necessarily mean that they believe that it will work satisfactorily. Like most government departments, at the moment, they are working with ever decreasing budgets; their priority is to keep police on the street. So we, like others, who depend on the police for administrative functions such as licensing will suffer.

More work is to be farmed off to the Local Firearms Officers who are already struggling to keep up with the licensing requirements of longarms.

If we wear this without a fight then we must be as apathetic or stupid as some people seem to think. On page 14 and 15 is an outline of what is going on, and your Club Secretary would have received further details with the June V.A.P.A. minutes.

Take up the call and send off the letter on page 15 to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services. But don't leave it at that, he may simply ignore us and a flood of letters. Contact your "local" member of Parliament (whatever political party they are), chase up the local opposition candidates, (get them to declare where they stand on gun laws and take up the fight publically) protest the changes, educate them on pistol ownership if necessary.

It's time to stir the pot, or we will live to regret these changes. For 43 cents and a few minutes of your time, you have the opportunity to act as a pressure group to help preserve your sport in the form we survive in today. Remember as a member, you are the V.A.P.A., it's not somebody else's job to protect your sport.

Alun Hughson
Ed. Vic. Pistol News

Shooting Snippets

N.S.W. GUN LAWS

To "rub in the salt" of how far we have to go in Victoria, to simplify gun laws look, at what N.S.W. has done:-

Lifetime Licences

To simplify procedures, lifetime licences will be issued to successful applicants in all gun ownership categories from July 1st, 1991.

As renewals for existing licences fall due, licence holders will need to apply for a lifetime licence.

Reciprocal Rights for Interstate Target Pistol Shooters

Visitors who hold a Target Pistol Shooter's Licence issued by their home state or territory, can now bring their own pistols into New South Wales for use in competitions.

Target Pistol Licences

Authorises a member of a target pistol club to possess, carry and use a pistol for target shooting on authorised ranges.

- Lifetime licences will cost \$50.
- Target Pistol Licence holders may now possess up to 15 pistols covered by their single licence.
- Must be financial and active members of a target pistol club affiliated with the New South Wales Amateur Pistol Association Incorporated.
- Must provide certificate of proof of membership of a pistol club before application for a licence.
- Yearly inspection of members' weapons will be carried out by a designated officer of the club.

WESTERN REGIONAL GAMES.

M.I.S.C. will host the pistol events for these Games to be held in October. The main event will be Sport Pistol for all (men, ladies and juniors), in all grades, so look out for entry forms.

SIXTH AUSTRALIAN GUN EXPO.

On the dates October 26th and 27th at Centennial Hall, Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton, Melbourne Maurine Albert and Jeff Overington will be staging THE SIXTH AUSTRALIAN GUN EXPO.

As with the past five Expo's this event BEING THE LARGEST OF IT'S TYPE IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE will have something(s) of interest for everybody for not only does it encompass every area relating to firearms but also their allied items and fields such as archery, camping equipment, etc, etc.

Maurie and Jeff are spending a great deal more money and time with regards to their having many more participants than ever at this Expo than past ones - and so far have encountered more inquiries from the United States and New Zealand than on previous occasions.

What commenced as a national event has certainly become an international one.

Maurie and Jeff offer no guarantee that you will purchase anything at the Expo but do so with regards to your having hours of enjoyment and their appreciation for your supporting the firearms and allied fields BY JUST SIMPLY BEING THERE.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I hope you can find a space in your Bulletin for this little article.

On the 25 & 26 May 1991, a group of women from varying Pistol Clubs attended a coaching session held at M.I.S.C. The 2 coaches involved were Eileen Pile and Patti Dench who, in my opinion, taught us more than I personally could have expected.

Being a comparatively new shooter to UIT of 5 months although shooting for 3 years, I learnt a lot as did my other colleagues. One group who shoot IPSC also gained knowledge beyond their expectations and are eagerly looking forward to the next Coaching Course. So whether it be UIT, IPSC or any other discipline, you can always learn. You are never too young, too old or know too much to gain further benefits towards your chosen sport.

Many, many thanks to Eileen, Patti and in particular MISC for opening their range to us and those 2 FULL days of coaching now has to be put into practice.

If any of us can improve by just 5 points each week, I am sure Eileen's job was not wasted.

On behalf of

Marie, Jenny, Annie & Marg of Melton Pistol Club and Sue of Eildon Pistol Club.

V.A.P.A. Executive

At the Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association on 19th of July 1991, the following people were elected as office bearers to run the V.A.P.A. for the ensuing year.

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Bianchi Cup 1991

The Australian team has returned from the 1991 Bianchi Cup in the U.S.A. As Victorians we can be especially proud of the results achieved as three out of the four team members were from Victoria.

To say that we were successful would be something of an understatement and the Team more than deserves all the congratulations we can give them. The Team competed in the Indiana State Championship in Action Pistol as a warm up prior to the Bianchi Cup.

1st - Outright — Brian Kilpatrick 1920 173 X (Possible Score)

1st in all 4 events - World Record at Barricade 480 47 X

6th Outright - Ray Gray 1906 143 X

7th Outright - Bradley Tate 1898 163 X - 1st in Juniors

9th Outright - Janina Tenace 1886 133 X - 1st in Ladies

Janina, Brian and Brad all shot new State, National and World Records.

Bianchi Cup was shot in Columbia Missouri

7th Outright - Brian Kilpatrick 1912 163 X

13th Outright - Bradley Tate 1910 150 X - Also 1st in Junior and new World Record plus award for Best Newcomer and 2nd in Speed Event.

17th Outright - Ray Gray 1906 164 X

1st Outright Ladies - Janina Tenace 1888 134 X, new World Record

Australia 1st in Teams Event

Australia 2nd in Open Teams Event against all the top Trade Teams.

Clive Whelan was the Team Manager, well done by all.



Bradley Tate, Clive Whelan (team manager), Brian Kilpatrick, Janina Tenace on arrival home.

Photo time for

Janina and Brad.



Brian coaching Gus Mercurio.

State Referee Council

SUBJECT: Three year plan for rejuvenation of the Victorian Referee Council.

This document is a guide to implementation of programmes designed to gain more qualified personnel at range officer and national judge levels. Also put in place the necessary administrative mechanisms to carry out the programmes.

YEAR ONE:

1. Restructuring of Council.

The Council Executive will remain with its current configuration but the members will have the following responsibilities.

DIRECTOR: Robert Lester

- Co-ordinate the activities of the council.
- Liaise with the VAPA executive.
- Liaise with the VAPA committee of management.
- Liaise with the National Referees' Council.
- Co-ordinate national judge qualification courses.
- Provide rule interpretations/answers to questions pertaining to rules.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR: Peter McLellan

- Co-ordinate range officer qualification courses.
- Holder of brassards and badges.
- Keep log of clubs requiring referees and co-ordinate national judges to cover these clubs.
- Co-ordinate range officer update papers.

SECRETARY: David Hounan

- Keep minutes of council meetings.
- Keep register of council members and qualifications.
- Supply VAPA secretary with updates of council register as needed.
- Keep a register of council correspondence.

EXECUTIVE No. 1: Peter Davis

- Co-ordinator for UIT shooting discipline.
- Controller of council measuring and testing equipment.
- UIT rule book watch dog.

EXECUTIVE No. 2: Alun Hughson

- Co-ordinator for black powder and service match.
- Keeper of council asset register.
- Black powder and service match rule book watch dog.

EXECUTIVE No. 3: Clive Woods

- Co-ordinator for action match.
- Controller of council library.
- Action match rule book watch dog.

STATE ZONING:

It is proposed to reactivate zoning of the state so that the council can better serve clubs throughout Victoria.

Zones will be as follows: North West, South West, North Central, Central, North East and Gippsland. A zone co-ordinator will be appointed to each zone.

Zone co-ordinators will become the council's spokes person for their zone. They will organize range officer training, bring in the required expertise. Assist local range officers and clubs with rules, range construction and equipment. Estimated annual cost per zone is \$100.00. All range officer training will now be conducted on a zone basis for each of the disciplines. Correspondence courses are to continue but with zone co-ordinator distributing and collecting papers.

Zone co-ordinators would be required to attend council quarterly meetings and furnish reports on the activities of their zone.

The council would continue to provide National judge coverage for club opens in each zone on request.

QUALIFICATION COURSES:

In the first year range officer qualification courses for disciplines. Course format will correspondence for theory section, spread over a six to ten week. Theory and practical examination will be conducted at two day seminar. First day to be taken up with a theory review and written exam. Demonstration of practical range work. Second day, for those who have achieved the 85% pass mark will complete their practical exam.

UIT: It is envisaged there will be 40 candidates spread over the six zones requiring approximately four examinations. Average cost per candidate to examine is \$30.00 or \$1200.00

NRA: Action match is a new discipline recently introduced to our state and there is a great need for qualified personnel. Therefore this match will require more effort in this year. Estimated number of candidates is 80 with possibly six examinations. Average cost per candidate is \$30.00 or \$2400.00.

APSUA MATCHES: It is expected to have ten candidates for each of black powder and service match, with two exams per discipline. Average cost per candidate is \$30.00 or \$600.00

In this first year it is expected to have National Judge B qualification courses for UIT, service match, action match, black powder.

Theory is conducted by correspondence with practical experience gain working as a judge at club open competitions. Cost per candidate \$40.00.

The number of candidates for each discipline will determine where examinations are held. A Melbourne venue will result in the need to import one or possibly two National Judge A examiners from interstate at a cost per person of \$700.00.

If a candidate is sent interstate there would be a cost of \$700.00 per person. Possible first year cost of \$2800.00.

YEAR TWO:

Year two will see the continued building of the zone system with more range officer qualification courses. It is envisaged that the demand for UIT will drop to 30 candidates while service match, black powder and action match will be at the first year level. Cost per candidate is estimated at \$35.00 per person.

There will be further emphasis placed on getting more people qualified as National Judge B. costing per candidate estimated to be \$750.00.

Training of National Judge B personnel for National Judge A will require candidates to travel interstate to gain a balanced experience and knowledge base. Its normal that this person attend the State Championships interstate. Cost estimate is \$800.00 per candidate.

Replacement of council measure and testing equipment. As the majority of this equipment is now ten years old and in need of refurbishment. It is proposed that a second complete set of equipment be purchased and the existing refurbished. Thus the state will then have two sets of equipment for use at open competitions. Estimated cost \$3000.00. Estimated refurbishment cost \$650.00.

Continued updating of council library, estimated cost \$700.00.

YEAR THREE:

Year three it is estimated the same number of candidates will avail themselves of range officer training in all disciplines. At a cost of \$40.00 per person.

National Judge A and B training will continue as required and cost is estimated at \$800.00 and \$850.00 respectively.

Continued upgrading of council library, estimated cost \$700.00


GENERAL:

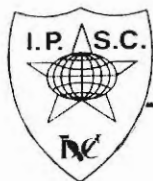
The council would require additional funding when Victoria plays host to National shooting titles. The nature of the titles would determine the costs incurred by the council. Estimates range from \$500.00 to \$1500.00.

All candidates with range officer qualification courses contribute a nominal \$10.00.

ROBERT LESTER

Director - Victorian Referee Council

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WHAT IS PRACTICAL PISTOL SHOOTING

Practical pistol shooting is another arm of the sport that started in the U.S.A. in the 1950's. From there it has progressed into a World Championship sport, the most recent being held in Adelaide last October.

It is a sport in which all competitors, male and female, and firearm types, revolvers and auto's, compete together without handicap. Practical targets are used, both paper and steel, courses of fire are realistic within the confines of safety and the competitions are diverse.

The sport simulates an encounter situation leaving the competitor free, again within the confines of safety, to deal with the situation in the best way possible. He or she continually has to balance the accuracy required against the fastest possible time.

This is best summed up by the principles of the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC), that is Diligenta - Vis - Celeritas (DVC) or in English, Accuracy - Power - Speed.

Although there are moves to introduce a third, there are two power factors available in IPS; the lower, minor calibre being 125 (bullet weight x velocity 1000) and major calibre, 175 and above. The IPSC target is scored on two levels depending on this power factor, and major calibre rates a bonus score on the outer scoring zones.

This has seen large calibre, high magazine capacity semi-autos being the most popular choice of pistol. The flavour of the month, in Victoria at least, is customized Para - Ordinance (Colt 1991 clones with enlarged magazine capacity) .45's and .38 supers, although interest is being shown in .40 S & W and 10mm.

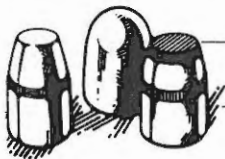
In summary, practical shooting challenges the competitor like no other shooting sport.

Fast, tactical decision making and the ability to shoot accurately and quickly whilst under pressure are just some of the requirements of the practical shooter.

Practical shooting is not all good news, there is a down side, that being it happens to be a very labour intensive sport as those actively involved will attest to. Unfortunately that 10 second match usually takes hours to design, set up and fault find.

Next issue we will discuss the equipment required to become a competitor in this exciting form of pistol shooting.

D.V.C.
LEIGH SHEILDS



Handloader

RELOADING FOR THE TOZ 36 & 49

by Jon McMillan

I shoot a TOZ 36. So the information on reloading the 36 is first hand.

The reloading of the 36 seems to be very much more forgiving than the 49. My dies, a three die set, were made by Ron Glew for the small Simplex press. One is a full length resize/de-cap, the second is a neck expand, and the third is a bullet seat and tapered crimp. I have sleeves that enable me to use these dies in a R.C.B.S. automatic press (mainly to use the automatic primer feed), but have yet to set it up.

Also to be set up is my bench rest, but on a day that I am shooting well, the combination of me and the gun will put the group in a single enlarged hole. So I think that the grouping ability of the gun is about half the X-ring and that gives me enough confidence to know whether the reloads are accurate or not.

I have used Winchester and Feral primers, Winchester 231 and 452AA, and Bullseye powder without any noticeable difference in accuracy.

I have only used Bullzi projectiles and from what I have learnt, these are what I would recommend that you start with. Although it is difficult to get a specific diameter. My Barrel measures 311 so I try to buy projectiles at 313 to 314. At present I am still using thin wall cases which are starting to fatigue. I have bought thick wall cases, but haven't done any experimenting at this stage to find out how I will be able to use them, it is possible that the difference in wall thickness of the cases will mean that the projectiles could be undersized, having been compressed in the loading process. The shells protrude out the front of the cylinder by 1mm and it would be advisable to put them through a case trimmer, this is acceptable for both the 36 and the 49. I am now using 1.6 grains of Bullseye, which I have increased from 1.5 grains. At 1.5 after storage I have had an occasional soft recoil which coincided with a low placed shot on the Target. This has not occurred with 1.6 grains. The projectile is set .8mm from the top of the case for th 36.

Accuracy is a problem with some of the TOZ 49's. There are various ways to overcome this. Les Clarke has re-pined the trigger assembly and the pivot pin for the Cylinder. Other shooters have altered their loads to obtain an accurate group. However, once the gun is set up, they are as good as the 36.

When I was asked to write this article, I contacted both Les Clarke and Peter Bowron. Two shooters who shoot TOZ 49's.

Reloading for the 49 is best carried out with a four Die set, so the Bullet Seating and the Tapered Crimp can be done seperately.

Les is using Winchester 452AA Powder at 1.55 grains. Bullzi Projectiles which he re-sizes and doesn't have a particular preference for Primers. The Projectile is seated so that it is the same distance from the bottom of the case as the S.&W. long.

On talking to Peter Bowron, he has just changed over to thick wall cases and has reamed the front of the Cylinders on his gun to accommodate the thicker wall case. Peter also uses Winchester 452AA at 1.5 grains and Taipan Projectiles at 312 diameter set level with the end of the case and also has no particular preference for primers.



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RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS TO THE CENTRAL PISTOL REGISTRY.

As from 1 July 1991, the general public will not have access, either by phone or in person, to the Central Pistol Registry. It is proposed by the Registry that, with the exception of pistol disposal authorisations, all enquires and paperwork will be dealt with by your local Police station or your local District Firearms Officer (DFO).

Those who have been a member of the VAPA for some time will remember that this "decentralisation", and the local interpretations placed on the rules which accompanied it, was one of the main reasons for the establishment of Central Pistol Registry. We have already witnessed local rules being enforced by certain District Firearms Officers as regards longarms. It can be expected that the "local rules" system will soon apply to pistols as well.

What ever the savings that would result from the restrictions on access to the Central Pistol Registry, if there are any, you can be sure that it will result in a significantly lower level of service to the members of the VAPA.

In order to change this situation it is essential that all members of the VAPA write to the Minister of Police and Emergency Services, and their local Member of Parliament. A suitable letter is attached.

PLEASE FILL IN THE ATTACHED LETTER AND FORWARD IT TO THE ADDRESS INDICATED.

John Bennett & Rod Johnson.

Minister for Police & Emergency Services
Floor 17
222 Lonsdale Street
Melbourne 3000

Dear Mr. Minister,

I, as a member of a pistol shooting club in Victoria, wish to protest at the reduction of service which will be available to myself and members of my club and the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association in general at the Firearms Registry located in Jolimont Road, East Melbourne as a result of proposed changes in staffing arrangements and the restriction of access to me either in person or by telephone, which are the direct consequence of the cost cutting decisions resulting from the budgetary limitations placed upon the Victoria Police by the government.

We have been advised that, amongst other measures, it is proposed that the duties now undertaken by the Central Pistol Registry (CPR) is to be relocated to the District Firearms Officers (DFO) located throughout Victoria. I consider this proposal to be unsatisfactory and detrimental to the uniform approach in the processing of pistol licence procedures available through a centralised system as now exists.

Whilst it is appreciated the control of the Victoria Police lies with the Chief Commissioner, my concern is address to yourself as the Minister responsible for the provision of adequate resources for the *efficient* conduct or that police responsibility, with the request that every endeavour be made to ensure the functions carried out by the CPR in relation to pistol licencing of pistol club and pistol club member should remain under the *central uniform control* of the Registrar of Firearms and that any intention to place this function under the control of DFO's be abandoned.

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A Scope For Action Match

One of the first choices new shooters have to make when they decide to take up Action Match, is the choice of a scope. Phil Blake is one of our thoughts and advice to those about to make a decision on what scope they will need for Action Match.

So you want to start shooting Action Match, and you are confused as to which scope to buy. Well like everything else in this world, it comes down to personal likes and dislikes. The array of scopes available in the market today all perform as advertised; but which one suits you the best?

Basically, there are three types to choose from:-

1. "Red Dot" (lithium battery)
2. "Cross Hair" (non electronic)
3. "Tasco" ER2x22P, which incorporates both systems.

1. RED DOT SCOPES

Power for this type of scope is supplied by one, or in some cases two, lithium batteries. A handy feature is that the intensity of the red dot can be adjusted by a rheostat to suit the ambient light conditions. A bright day will require up to full power and low light requires a minimum setting.

I have however, suffered two problems with this type of scope. Shooting "Plates" (white background), on a bright morning or with an afternoon sun, beaming from behind and straight down the rear end of the scope, making the dot difficult to see against the brilliance of the plates.

Secondly, we all know to keep spare batteries, Don't we! But the importance of preparation is forgotten. Half way through a shoot the dot gets weaker, or fades out; most embarrassing.

2. CROSS HAIR VARIETY (Pro Class)

Becoming very popular with a lot of shooters because it does not suffer the problems of the former.

Once you adjust the focus to suit your individual eyesight, you're in business.

Some shooters have experienced problems in picking the black cross-hair against a black target, or shooting plates with dark foliage in the background. But, in general, they are very good. Like all aspects of shooting, the more practice you do, the easier it gets.

3. TASCOS Model ER2x22P

For the shooters who want both; this is the one. Select the red dot and the intensity required, or simply turn the dot off, and you are left with the cross-hair.

The red dot is actually a small triangle, with the apex at the centre. Some shooters don't like to illuminated dot below the centre, as they tend to shoot a tad too high.

All scopes have both windage and elevation adjustment, and are generally available in black or chrome finishes. Also included in most models are scope rings, batteries, dust caps, extension tubes (to shade the lens from direct sunlight), allen key, and a "polarizing lens".

A word of caution, regarding the polarizer. If you ever need to use one, be sure that it is securely attached and cannot easily turn around in the thread. Recoil will sometimes cause it to unwind, and all of a sudden you will be looking into a black scope with a red dot in it; Doesn't help.

MOUNTS

Basically there are two types:-

1. Those that you can fit yourself within minutes, and
2. Those which require fitting by a competent tradesman or gunsmith.

The most common commercial variety are "AIMTECH" which attaches to the side plate of most revolvers and still allows the use of open sights, as they remain attached.

"B SQUARE and Weaver", these require the removal of the rear sight and attach in their place.

For those who do little practice and may require the use of open sights for the faster portion of some matches, "AIMTECH" seems to be the way to go.

As mentioned earlier, universal bases and custom models require correct fitment by a tradesman, as drilling and tapping the barrel or frame is necessary.

To go into the peculiarities of what mount suits which Auto or Revolver is too lengthy to go into here, hence my comments are based on S.&W. only.

MY ADVICE: Try them all; see which one suits you. I don't mind allowing someone to have a shot, as I'm sure most people wouldn't. I use a "Pro Class" scope, high rings and a custom mount.

APPROXIMATE PRICES:

SCOPES:

Red Dot	One V	4250
	Oakshore	\$250
	Tasco	\$310
Aimpoint	2000 short	\$280
	2000 long	\$290
	3000	\$450
	5000	\$525
Tasco	ER2x22P	\$330
Pro Class		\$210

MOUNTS:

Aimtech	\$90
B Square	\$90
Weaver	\$90
Universal from	\$30
Custom	???

Safe Shooting
PHIL BLAKE

Shooters Diary

AUGUST

24th & 25th
31st
31st & 1st Sept.

GEELONG
BENDIGO
MISC

STATE TITLES - ACTION
IPSC - ELIMINATION
POSTAL FINALS - UIT

SEPTEMBER

7th
8th
14th & 15th
21st & 22nd
28th & 29th

BENDIGO
BENDIGO
Mt. DISTRICT
SHEPPARTON
MELB. AIRPORT

POSTAL FINALS - SERVICE
POSTAL FINALS - BLACKPOWDER
POSTAL FINALS - ACTION
UIT
SERVICE - ELIMINATION

OCTOBER

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

YARRA
MELTON
PENINSULA
HAMILTON
C.P.S.A.

UIT
UIT
DOUBLE CENTRE FIRE
SERVICE
IPSC - ELIMINATION

NOVEMBER

2nd & 3rd
2nd & 3rd
9th
16th & 17th
23rd & 24th
24th
30th & 1st Dec.

HORSHAM
MILDURA
YARRA
OAKLEIGH
YARRA
GEELONG
ECHUCA

UIT
ACTION
BLACKPOWDER
UIT
SERVICE
IPSC - ELIMINATION
BLACKPOWDER

1992

JANUARY

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

*
*GEELONG
*MISC

JUNIOR CAMP
ACTION
UIT

FEBRUARY

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

*CASTLEMAINE
*ARARAT
SALE
*WARRAGUL
YARRA
ECHUCA

UIT
UIT
STATE TITLES - IPSC
UIT
STATE TITLES - SERVICE
STATE TITLES - BLACKPOWDER

MARCH

7th - 9th

MISC

STATE TITLES - UIT

11th - 20th
17th - 25th
25th & 26th

CANBERRA
BLACKTOWN
*HAMILTON

NATIONALS - APSUA & UIT
NATIONALS - IPSC
UIT

MAY

16th & 17th

*MISC

UIT

* Unconfirmed

State Coaching Council

CLUB COACH QUALIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION PROGRAMS

Congratulations to the following successful Candidates who Level One Accreditation has been recommended to the N.C.C. Peter Arden and Daryl Barton, Cohuna C.S.C.; Alan Musgrove, Greg Pay and Ann Skerry, Echuca P.C.; Kate Rogers and Gary Tolhurst, Shepparton P.C.; and David Adams and Bruce Malcolm, Waranga Pistol Club.

John ioualitene, C.P.S.A., and Lorraine Wesley, Vic. Prisons; have almost completed their Programs, and will then be recommended. A further eleven candidates have attended the first weekend, so they will need to complete their Programs later.

The next C.C.Q.&A. Programs will be in the Metropolitan Area starting in September, west of the Hume Highway February 1992.

Candidates should have at least one year's membership; and should be nominated, and be paid for by their Clubs. The cost of the Program will be \$75 per head. This is for TWO WEEKENDS spent in class instruction in the Theory and Practice of Basic Techniques of Pistol Shooting, and how to teach and analyse them. Candidates are required to run a Program (preferably in their own Club), and submit a written Report on it to the Director. Each of these three areas are assessed by practical or written examination.

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Your State Coaching Director,
EILEEN PILE



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Ladies Training Weekend

On the weekend of the 25th and 26th of May, Melbourne International Shooting club was invaded by women, twenty four of them in fact. There were beginners and experienced, U.I.T. and practical shooters and they came from all over Victoria, with country shooters being billeted by city shooters. If you're thinking "glad I wasn't there among all those cackling women", you have the wrong picture. Every person was there to improve her shooting and took the weekend as a chance to do some serious learning. And they had an excellent teacher, Pattie Dench, bronze medallist at the 1984 Olympics. Here is a women with whom we could all identify. She had overcome the problems that females face and achieved her goal.

The program was ably organized by Eileen Pile and she shared the coaching with Pattie. Saturday saw Eileen taking the newer shooters through safety and basics while the experienced shooters had one line coaching in precision and duelling with Pattie Dench. Both groups then converged to hear more of Pattie's motivational stories. Sunday, and Eileen went through some of the stress reactions we all suffer and what to do about them. Pattie passed around her Olympic medal for all to hold while she told us about the shoot-off she had to win it. Then, back outside for more shooting and putting the basics into practice. Eileen finished the day with a discussion about the problems related specifically to women.

By the end of the two days all of us had written pages, gained more knowledge about shooting, and were motivated to improve our scores.

Some of the points made during the weekend by Pattie were:

1. Make basics strong, so that when you get into trouble you can fall back onto them.
2. Use your daily time efficiently, so that you make time to practice.
3. There is always a solution to any obstacle.
4. Believe in yourself.
5. "Boldness and Determination".

From the lady shooters of Victoria, thank-you Pattie for sharing your knowledge and experience and we hope you return soon. Our gratitude also goes to Eileen for organizing the weekend without a hiccup and Melbourne International for hosting us.

ANNETTE WOODWARD

Service Match

USING THE 45 AUTO 1911A1

I am writing this based on my own experiences with the 1911A1 frame. While some shooters would recommend a revolver for service pistol events the following is for those who have thought about using the Auto of which I am sure there are a few.

I first used the 45 auto when service pistol started and certainly had a lot of fun in those days especially working out loads and experiencing mal functions etc. My first gun was a Clark custom (second hand) building gun with match grade 5" barrel/bushing, and Bomar sight rib and was certainly a most accurate gun. I later disposed of this when everyone started using custom worked revolvers for both service matches.

I used a revolver for a number of years achieving "A" grade scores in both service match events. It was not until 2 years ago my interest in the 45 Auto was raised again when I started shooting IPSC style shooting. I decided to building up a gun which would be dedicated to IPSC shooting. The gun started out with a springfield slide fitted with Lissner Bull barrel and P. Murphy compensator, the top system (slide and barrel) was built by Peter Murphy. This top section was purchased from another club member and the frame and other parts where purchased and fitted by myself.

This gun was a little different from my first, being built up from parts. I used a Federal frame with all the other parts being either Wilson or Chip McCormack. It was at this stage I decided the 45 Auto would make an ideal gun for shooting the service pistol event from the holster. So I had Peter Murphy fit a six inch Lissner bull barrel (an excellent made Australian barrel) with wight mounted weight on the from of the barrel to the existing slide so this gave me one gun which could be used for two different types of events by just changing the barrels and recoil springs.

I have been using the gun in service match for some time now and at club level I find it very competitive as for open shoots well in service pistol they are certainly few and far apart these days. The scores I shoot do not seem to vary much from ready position as from the holster my average score would be in the mid 850's, which is a reasonable A grade score in Service Pistol. The highest score being 868 but that was certainly a one of, but the fact remains the 45 Auto is quite capable of shooting the scores.

I find with 50 yard shooting and 25 yard barricades are not a problem as long as you concentrate on the sights and have goo trigger control. The short crips trigger is not forgiving when firing fast.

Where I feel the fun is perfect for Service Pistol, is in the 25 yard multiples and short distances, the recovery of the gun is excellent.

What I found to help achieve these scores are a number of points as follows:

1. 6" heavy Bull Barrel with full profile weight.
2. Bomar adjustable sights.
3. Good quality hammer and sears. (Wilson or Chip McCormack)
4. Lock up of barrel to slide. My gun uses a tapered cone type lock-up to the front of the slide. No bushing. (The taper is turned on the barrel)
5. Loading. I used projectiles which I cast myself and these are a 165gn projectile from cast bullet engineering. When cast with the mix I use they come out at approximately 160gns.

I load behind these projectiles 4.2gns of WIN 452AA powder. This achieves a power factor of about 144. Some may think this is high but what I am really interested in, is the Velocity and the recovery of the sights, because i find with a velocity of around 900 feet per sec I find the gun handles and recovers well. I have had loads in a gun where the Recoil is a lot less but the recovery seems to be quite slow. I also feel the heavy bull barrel and weight help with the recovery as well most likely a combination of things as mentioned.

I hope I have been a help to others who may have considered using a 45 Auto for service pistol. (A lot of fun).

Currently these 160gn projectiles will group from a ransom rest 1.5" at 50 metres. Should anyone have an questions please feel free to contact me.

Regards IAN BOND



*"You don't
take 10 paces
in a sword
duel".*

Ballarat Pistol Club

The club was formed some 28 years ago with shooting being conducted on the old RAAF small arms range at the Ballarat airport. In 1966 members decided for a number of reasons to purchase their own land. And twenty five years ago the club purchased this piece of land at the Mt. Rowan area. This at the time would have been quite a huge undertaking with only a small membership but with a lot of hard work the range was finally completed in 1967 in time for the first Victorian Titles to be held outside a metropolitan area. The first ranges were initially without power and water was provided by tank/rain water as it is still today.

The toilets were two small outhouses with the old pans in full use, no-one would volunteer for the monthly or when ever full emptying except Don McGaffin. Well this was a job in which at the time carried out with reason. Where Don emptied the contents is unknown at this stage as no-one would volunteer to help him. (We do have a excellent septic system now.)

The SEC power was eventually connected some years later to the range, but in the meantime turning targets were activated by lever and wires. (Seems a great way to shoot on turning targets). The first ranges built consisted of two rapid fire (25 metres) and free pistol range (50 metres). These ranges were not baffled as there was not the same requirement then as there is now. It was til 1980 that the club was closed down during a open shoot on the Sunday morning and was told to baffle all the ranges before any further shooting could take place. This certainly was a shock to members at the time, as all of a sudden there was no where for members to shoot. But with members working each weekend one 25 metre range was ready to use within a very short time and within 6 months all three ranges were baffled and ready to use.

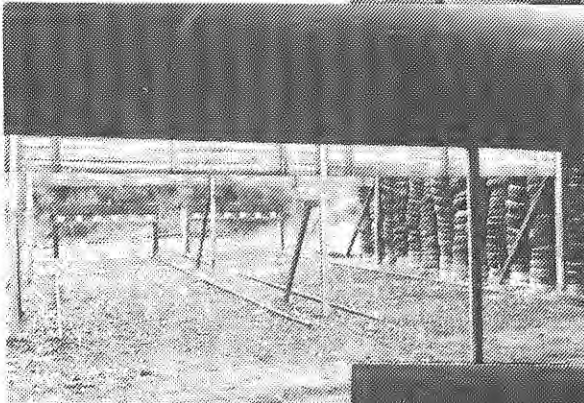
The existing air pistol shed was constructed during 1978/79 with the east side wall constructed so the walls could be lifted up to allow shooting to take place on a 50 metre range allowing various events to be conducted. But due to the requirement to baffle the other ranges this range was put on hold for some years and the shed was only used for air pistol. It was not until after the introduction of service pistol to the state did the club decide to continue the development of the air pistol multi purpose range idea. The range was again bulldozed, mound height raised and baffles where constructed. The turning target frames were built on a rail system so distances from 7 yards to 50 metres could be shot. This turning target system runs on RHS rails and consists of two main frames of two banks each making up 16 targets.

During the years we have seen other changes to the other ranges especially the top 50 metre range which over the last fifteen years has been bulldozed three times to level the range. The early days saw shooters shooting uphill and the range has been levelled by over 2 metres at the 50 metre end. The most recent changes are



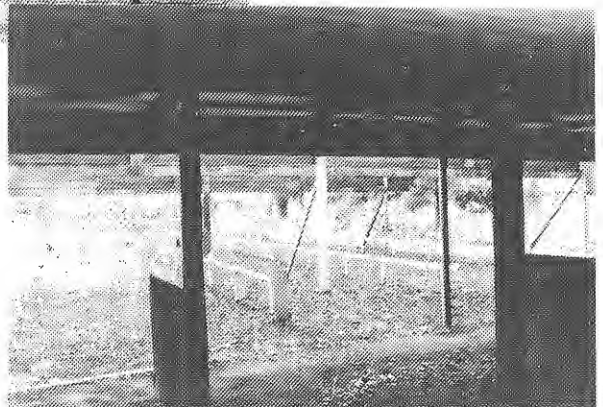
*Entrance to the
Mt. Rowan range.*

*Shooting on the
25 metre range.*



*"Plates on rails"
on the Action range.*

*Multi-purpose 50m range
with moveable targets.*



the formation of a falling plate range and the changes to the top 50 metre range to make this a mutli purpose range with two banks of turning targets suitable for Rapid fire, Standard pistol or centre/sports pistol duelling and can pivot out of the way to allow for free pistol shooting.

MEMBERS:

Initial membership hovered between 20 to 35 during the early days and it was not till about 1975/76 did the membership increase drastically and rose to about 62 in 1981 and current membership is around 50 to 55. One of the original foundation members Colin Hancock is still an active member. Colin represented the state some years ago in rapid fire and has taken out various state championships in various grades and events over the years which include service pistol. Another member from the early club days to represent the state is Christine Hynd. Chris who with late husband Gordon were very competative members over the years.

Over the years Ballarat club members have been very competitive in open competitions and have enjoyed success. Now with all the different styles of shooting the membership is well spread out with members concentrating on certain events ie. Action matches, Service pistol and IPSC.

EVENTS SHOT:

At Ballarat we pride ourselves on being a club which attempts to cater for most styles of shooting, whenever possible. The events that we conduct at the Mt. Rowan complex are all UIT events, Action Matches, Blackpower and Service Matches events. As with all these events the shooter is under cover at all times and the targets are moved up and down the ranges as required. this is certainly most beneficial during the winter months when raining or during hot sunny days (no sunburn).

The other style of shooting that Ballarat members are involved in is IPSC shooting with a small hard core group travelling regularly to shoot with Geelong members at the Geelong range. With this happening on a regular basis there has formed a good friendship between the members of both clubs. A good example of this was when the 1990 IPSC Australia Titles were held at the Geelong club, the two club combined to run two stages on the moving target range. Over the years the club has been heavily involved with interclub postal shooting and has been quite successful some years back especially with rapid fire. But it is a few years now since we have been involved with the postals and hopefully next year will see an interest in these revived.

Best of shooting,
Regards,
IAN BOND
President

LADIES SPORT PISTOL

— a conversation with Annette Woodward

Editor: When did you start shooting?

Annette: 5 years ago, when I was 37.

Editor: It's well known that you have six kids. How old were they then?

Annette: My eldest would have been about 13 and the youngest 3.

Editor: What inspired you to take up shooting at that time?

Annette: It was Pattie Dench, she won a bronze at Los Angeles and she was a mother with four children, including twins. I could identify with that; I wasn't a has-been.

Editor: What was your sporting background?

Annette: Athletics, netball, basketball, squash, tennis, you name it, I've done it.

Editor: So many people give up sport to have a family, what happened to you?

Annette: Never, I've always done something. I'm a competitive sort of person. It's what I feel that I can do well at and everybody has to do something well.

Editor: Pattie gave you the inspiration, what then?

Annette: She brought my attention to the sport, a mother with kids, and she was doing something well. So I thought I'd have a go. I went and stood behind the cowboys at the club and drooled; and they turned around and said, "do you want to have a go", so I had a go with a .45 at a skittle and first shot down it goes. So that was it.

Editor: How did you decide where your interest lay?

Annette: I had a Derrell Salathiel in my club who was a good shooter and I looked up to her. So anything she did I did, that's how it worked.

Editor: You joined the Melbourne Airport Club straight away?

Annette: That was the first club I went to, because it was the closest. Derrell ran coaching seminars at our club and I went to everything, I was hungry and I read everything I could.

Editor: As a new shooter you were lucky to have a good coach!

Annette: Exactly, and she took me to Opens, she said "I think you're ready to come", she was the one who said to eliminate.

Annette: I don't think I've been in D grade in anything except Free Pistol. I just broke into C and B the first score I shot. I didn't have my own pistol for eight long months, so by the time I got mine, I was eager, I'd listened a lot.

Editor: In that time you'd had a lot of training and practice?

Annette: Well, not a lot, but I just listened. I could hear Derrells' voice saying "watch the sights and squeeze the trigger, it's easy", and that's all I did, it just happened.

Editor: For some of us it takes a long time to learn that?

Annette: Yes I was lucky. I had my own gun for a few months and she said "you'd better come to a few Opens." I broke into A grade at the Postal Finals. I was put straight into the Ladies team as they didn't have anyone else, and I shot a 573, which was probably 20 more than I'd ever shot; just because I wanted to do well for the team. Just purely watching the front sight and squeezing the trigger. I knew nothing about grips, psychological training, only a bit about stance and breathing. Just watching the front sight and squeezing the trigger.

Editor: And being keen!

Annette: Yes.

Editor: How did you respond to pressure, as a new shooter and doing well?

Annette: For the first twelve months I shot, I was sick for every Open and shook in my seat. Everybody frightened me and Derrell used to say "you're having fun". She gave me a few hints like; you shouldn't be here to shoot for other people, it shouldn't be an ego trip. It should be just for yourself You are the same person whether you shoot a lousy score or a good score. Nobody's going to think you're any better or any worse. That was it.

Editor: What do you think when you shoot a lousy score?

Annette: Well, I react by immediately wanting to go down to the range for five hours and train, I feel really sick.

Editor: You were into the State Team in twelve months!

Annette: Virtually. I couldn't cope with it at all, I wasn't ready for it. I lost a stone and a half in weight through it. I let that go as I was overweight anyway.

Editor: So that was a positive result.

Annette: Yes, I just didn't feel like eating.

Editor: When were your first Nationals?

Annette: Brisbane 1987, and my first event was Air Pistol. My knee caps went up and down for an hour and a half and then I shot my personal best (368), and I still haven't equalled it. I've just managed the low 360's ever since.

Editor: You went through the whole of the Nationals feeling nervous.

Annette: Yes, even this year, but now I expect it. In my first Nationals I held it together for the first event and then lost it. Now I can hold it together for five days, that's the difference.

Editor: It's a familiar feeling and everyone else has it!

that'll be it perhaps because your arm gets pretty tired. Or if I'm doing precision, I do the same warm-up, perhaps dry fire a few extra shots and live fire. Perhaps I'm working on the initial trigger pressure. I'm thinking about one aspect of the match.

Editor: So you work on one aspect of your shooting at a time?

Annette: Yes and then I progress to the next one on the training program. What I'm intending to do is already written out; it doesn't mean I can't change it, I do, but it's there.

Editor: How far ahead does your program go.

Annette: From Nationals to Nationals. So you hope that it all comes together at the Nationals, at the right time.

Editor: With travel, do you find it important to plan for comfort?

Annette: Well I've camped and don't find that a problem as long as I've got a comfortable bed. I think it's important to be by yourself, you can control what's happening; and it's important to have your own transport.

Editor: Do you find pistol shooting overly male dominated?

Annette: Well it is, it's obvious by the numbers, even our State Team uniform is a male uniform. I would be nice to get in a bit of a feminine touch for the ladies. It is dominated by males, but you have to get on with it. The biggest problem is that there aren't the numbers of women, so it's very hard to find another woman with the same aspirations as you do in shooting. There's probably eight or ten in Australia. At club level you don't get the same lift. I'm it at the Club and State level. Other women are not able to do the same amount of training that I can do. They have work or family commitments. Shooting is second only to my family. I don't watch television or go visiting. I do nothing else but look after my family and shoot. I treat it as a necessity. I feel sick if I've missed out on my weights for the day and have gone to bed. I have to get up if I remember, and make up.

Editor: You have to give things up if your committed!

Annette: That wasn't hard for me to do because my husband has that commitment in his work. I would have been a lonely wife had I not an equal commitment to something.

Editor: You still have the family to look after?

Annette: I do the housework, if it's not done by ten a.m. it's not done. After three p.m. it's the kids, other things that have to be done wait until after Easter. You still have to make a commitment, there's still twenty four hours in the day. Also, some women feel 100% responsible for the children, whereas we have an equal responsibility. I'm responsible totally when Rays not there, and he's prepared to be totally responsible when I go to the Nationals or if I go away for the weekend. I don't write my program without consulting him.

Editor: If you are determined to do something you can, it's easy to make excuses!

Annette: Yes I could do that but I just wouldn't be the same person and I think they all know that. The pursuit of excellence is, I think, a great example for the kids because I think the education system is starting to get wishy washy. You look around and it's very hard to find anybody doing anything in the pursuit of excellence. It can be anything, it doesn't have to be agony, it doesn't have to be study that the kids don't like, you can find something you like. It's the pursuit of excellence that keeps me going. Because I get glimpses of the excellence I can do, I want to do it over and over again, and that's the driving force.

Editor: One ten and you wonder where the other fifty nine are!

Annette: I'm not talking about a lucky ten, but about a series of fifteen tens, where you know you're in control and you are doing it beautifully and you want to do it again.

Editor: Where to from here?

Annette: I'm just going to hang in there and hope I'm a bit higher up the top ten next year and a bit higher and eventually I'm up there at number one. I'm hoping to get into the National Squad, that's what I want to do. You can't shoot for Australia if you're not in the National Squad and that's what my goal is. Anything for Australia, Olympics, World Titles, Oceania Games.

Editor: You hold both State records, which for you is only a personal best, how do you now go about bettering them?

Annette: That's it, I've got to beat my own record. Put that in print, that'll make me work. Every Open my minimum score should be at least equal to the State record.

Editor: That now gives you a new goal.

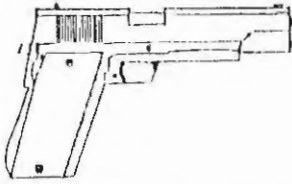
Annette: Tibor will love that, that's what he says I have to do. Publically announce that I'm planning to shoot such and such a score today. (Annette is now coached by Tibor Gonczol)

Annette Woodward is the current Victorian Champion and State record holder in both Ladies Sport Pistol and Ladies Air Pistol.

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Ballarat Pistol Club

ACTION OPEN - 22nd & 23rd JUNE 1991

On the weekend of June 22th & 23rd the Ballarat conducted an Action Match Open consisting of five Action Match events and a special sixth event.

Action Match events were: Barricades, Practical, Falling Plates, Los Alamitos and Falling Plates Ambidextrous. All of these events were closely contested by the top shooters being Brian Kilpatrick, Peter Muscat, and Brad Tate. Brian ended up the winner with a total of 2308 x 280 x,s.

Weather was normal for this time of the year with Saturday cold and Sunday wet, but the one advantage of the Ballarat range is the shooter is under cover at all times and during winter this is a plus.

The sixth event was run separately and this was a special event called Ballarat Reloader. This event consisted of 48 shots and was shot over distances of 10, 15, 25 and 3 yards. Any centre fire pistol could be used. Basically the event involved draw and fire six round at target one, reload and fire a further six shots at target two. Repeat same at all distances with times set at 10, 12, 14 and 18 seconds. Start position hands high and all shots fired standing no barricades.

This event proved very successful with Graeme Palmer of Ballarat using a highly modified 38 super. Most shooters using revolvers ran foul with reloading but there were those who carried out this smoothly and found they had plenty of time.

RESULTS AGGREGATE:

MASTERS: 1st Brian Kilpatrick (Geelong) 2308, 2nd Peter Muscat (M.A.P.C.) 2296, 3rd Brad Tate (S.S.P.C.) 2290.

EXPERT: 1st Ivan Rehlieki (C.P.S.A.) 2260, 2nd Jeff Hobbs (Castlemaine) 2198, 3rd Ian Bond (Ballarat) 2162.

SHARPSHOOTER: 1st Mark Watkins (Geelong) 2130, 2nd P. Gamble (Ballarat) 2102, 3rd Mal Bulter (Castlemaine) 2086.

MARKSMAN: 1st Russell Brimacombe (Ballarat) 2093, 2nd D. Bell (S.S.P.C.) 1901, 3rd M. Bortolloto (Kerang) 1818.

GRADE BREAKERS: Ivan Rehlieki - Expert to Masters. M. Watkins - Marksman to Expert. Russell Brimacombe and D. Bell - Marksman to Sharpshooter.

RELOADER EVENT:

MASTERS: E. Anastasi (Yarra) 457 x 19 x,s. (Revolver -scope -38 cal)

EXPERT: I. Bond (Ballarat) 415 x 14 x,s. (Auto-iron sights - 45 cal.)

SHARPSHOOTER: G. Palmer (Ballarat) 461 x 20 x,s. (Auto-scope-38 super)

MARKSMAN: R. Brimacombe (Ballarat) 364 x 17 x,s. (revolver-scope-38/357)

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served with food, we should now reflect on the amount of time and effort put into all of our competitions and, in particular, to those who not only give up their shooting time, but also to those wives and family members who do not shoot but give up their weekends to ensure that not only is our stay at their Club pleasant, but also that the food consumed is of the highest quality.

Now to the unsavoury part of the weekend — ‘COMPETITIONS’.

The five match aggregate winner this year was an old ex Ararat boy (now Ballarat), Peter Tail (commonly known as ‘Wingy’). Peter’s effort in winning this trophy is more than creditable as most competition shooters would know. Peter lost an arm many years ago in an accident and this weekend he has shown that not only does he have natural talent, but also possesses that extra determination to succeed.

Another competitor Sam Sims of Beechworth Pistol Club, is disadvantaged in that he must stand on tin legs whilst shooting. He’s 9th outright in the aggregate total was highlighted with an individual performance of 524 in free pistol (team selectors take note), and in fact was 2nd outright in this event losing to Peter Tait by 2 points.

The husband and wife competition was once again won by Peter and Doreen Bowron from Warrnambool Pistol Club with an aggregate score of 1102. Neil and Annie Whybrow from Melton Pistol Club were 2nd with 1060. I was surprised that they were able to wake Neil up for the competition as his favourite position at Mid Murray is the reclining armchair located near the fire in the clubhouse.

This year the husband and wife competition saw 8 families compete and amongst those shooters were Ian and Margaret Hurley from Hamilton Pistol Club, and an ex C.O.P.C. couple, Bob and Julie Milsom now shooting for the Beechworth Pistol Club.

Centre Fire competition was won by Peter Bowron from Warrnambool with a score of 561.

Sport Pistol — Annette Woodward of Melbourne Airport — 566.

Junior Sports Pistol — P. Constable of Yarra — 448.

Free Pistol — Peter Tait — 526.

Rapid Fire — Rod Galt of Yarra — 522.

Standard Pistol — T. Slattery of Bendigo — 548.

Mens Air Pistol — A. Walters of Melton — 550.

Junior Mens Air Pistol — S. Teeken of Melton — 411.

Ladies Air Pistol — Annette Woodward of Melbourne Airport — 369.

Bev Alden of Dandenong shot an excellent score in C Grade Ladies Air Pistol of 347.

Junior Ladies Air Pistol — Kaye Morgan of C.O.P.C. — 291.

Service Pistol Restricted — Phil Blake of Melton — 843.

Service Pistol U¹ restricted — Sid Pattison of Melton — 862.

Practical Event — Ian Bond of Ballarat — 446.

Falling Plates — Will Eastmure of M.D.P.C. — 450.

The Club wishes to thank the V.A.P.A. officials who attended and assisted at this year’s Open. Appreciation is also extended to all members who attended the Open and for assistance given.

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