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Editorial

In the May issue editorial I indicated that it was time for the letter writers to transform some of their thoughts on paper to action within their clubs and the Association. I felt that the discussion on bureaucracy and pistol regulations had run its course; at least in this magazine.

This issue publishes a further letter on the topic and acknowledges further letters. What concerns me is that I have received only one other letter on any other subject. To me this means that it is still an issue and should be discussed, or else those with views on other topics are illiterate.

Following one theme in the letters for too long, and I don't wish to follow it in the same form past this issue, can be negative, but I do see one of the roles of this magazine, as raising the issues brought forward by the average member of the Association.

I still believe the forum to raise these issues is at VAPA Committee of Management and Club executive level, but it doesn't appear to, or if it does it doesn't go anywhere. These issues need to be discussed at Club and VAPA level and a mechanism put into place so it can be seen that something is being done to follow up the concerns of Victorian pistol shooters. Maybe it could be the principle role of one of the VAPA vice-presidents; to pursue the issues of pistol licensing, EPA, range location requirements, public image and perception of pistol shooting. The long term issues, but those of vital concern to our long term participation in the sport of pistol shooting.

But if there is a role there for the VAPA executive there is a more important role for you and me, the ordinary member; and that is participation. Not just by shooting, but in assisting in the organisation of our sport. It's easy to write a "letter to the editor" (and I'd like more), but it's harder to make a further commitment to do anything else other than "go to the range and fire a few shots". We always find excuses, (hard economic times is a good one, governments even use it) and end up doing nothing.

VAPA elections this year were a classic example, no contested positions and only one new face (and Mick Skerry has been there before, 20 years team management etc.). Referee and Coaching Councils both had executive positions vacant at close of nominations and I'm sure many club elections are the same.

We rely on a few to do the work of many, the "old timers" (Mick again), and too many of us younger one's make minimal commitment. There almost seems to be a generation gap in our sports administration; it's not generally people trying to hang onto "jobs" but the unwillingness of others to be prepared to put themselves forward and do more than talk. It would be nice to see all elections contested for the simple reason that so many people wanted to contribute to their sport .

Next issue I would like to wander down another track, if only the issue of dissatisfaction and lack of contribution would go away. Maybe now is the time for each of us to follow an issue through and actually do something.

Alun Hughson
Ed. Vic. Pistol News

Shooting Snippets

SEVENTH AUSTRALIAN GUN EXPO

On the dates October 24th and 25th the SEVENTH AUSTRALIAN GUN EXPO will be staged at the Royal Exhibition Building in Melbourne.

Being the largest event of its type in the Southern Hemisphere everything to do with firearms and allied fields will be for sale and exhibited with people travelling from every part of Australia (and various overseas countries) to sell, trade and buy at the Expo.

Amongst the many aspects of the Expo is the Safari outfitters area where a person can discuss all aspects of a hunting (fishing) etc, trip face to face with the individual(s) that are involved in the organising of the various trip or trips offered.

Along these same lines a great many items and services that often advertised but not often observed first hand - will be at the Expo.

Whether you spend any money or not - many interesting and informative hours can be spent at an event such as this.

OPEN SHOOTS

Despite it being mentioned often, some clubs still seem to have trouble when applying to host open shoots. If you want to ensure that your Open does not clash with that of another, send your application to Neil Stewart, the Competition Controller.

If you want to make sure that your Open appears in the Shooters' Diary, then let the Pistol News know as far ahead as possible, it's free advertising.

Let anyone else you want to know as well, but these two can help you more than most.

TITLE VENUES

Some whingeing has been heard around the traps, complaining about travelling long distances to country clubs to compete at State Titles and Postal Finals.

A couple points come to mind. Firstly, country shooters travel to city venues all the time, maybe the country clubs are showing enthusiasm to be hosts. Secondly, "did your Club apply to host the event?" They may not have because they did not think that they could count on your enthusiasm.

Big shoots take a lot of work to organise and it seems lately that the country clubs are the ones willing to do the work.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I would like to write a short congratulatory editorial for inclusion in your next Bulletin.

Being comparatively new to UIT of just over 1 year, 1992 is our year for spreading our wings and attending other Club Opens.

The first was 2 days at Warragul held on 16 & 16 February. This Club has a lovely range and although situated in a disused quarry the greenery both natural and planted lends an air of tranquility. A lot of thought has also gone into locating all the relevant buildings due to space limitations. The free pistol or 50 metre range is unusually located where you shoot on one side of the lake and the targets are situated on the other and you walk around the lake via a well laid out path to get to the targets, however on the day of shooting free, the coolness of the lake looked more inviting than the shooting as the temperature slowly but continuously rose.

The members should be very proud of their Club and the effort which was put into running the 2 day shoot. They are a friendly Club and nothing was too much trouble for them if you had any problems at all. They were only too happy and pleased to assist wherever.

Euroa Pistol Club Open held on 29 February and 1 March is an event that no-one should ever contemplate missing out on.

They only have 1 range and therefore limited to the course of fire but the Club members should be extremely proud of their range and the 2 day shoot they held even though a little hiccup occurred regarding the afternoon air pistol comp on Sunday.

When the participants look back now, we can all laugh and say that was an "EXPERIENCE." The food that was available both on shooting days and at the Saturday night Barby was over whelming and in abundance. Members from our Club that missed out will not, I am sure, be missing out next year as the whole Euroa Club made us welcome and "at home" we felt like part of the family well before the first shot was sounded. Hopefully the Euroa Pistol Club will have many more Opens as I can assure you melton Pistol Club members will once again be in full attendance.

So in conclusion, both Warragul/Drouin and Euroa Pistol Clubs deserve a hearty hand clap for the start of, we believe, a really worthwhile shooting year.

Marg & Max Cleland
and All Members of
Melton Pistol Club

Dear Alun,

It was quite amusing for me to read through the May edition of VP News where, in the letters column, our members were getting all fired up about losing their rights to go shooting, and then find on page thirty one an edict from Pistol Registry stating that they will no longer extend the dates of selection notices, a practice that has been in use for many long years. To add insult to injury this edict was not even put out under the Registrars signature but that of a public servant, with the title of Officer-In-Charge, Pistol Section.

Do we 3,000 pistol shooters meekly lay down and accept this bureaucratic harassment? After all, the 28 day limit on the selection notice was probably just a figure another public servant dreamed up to make things fit into a tidy little box, and could quite as easily have been 60 days, or even 90 days, similar to other official documents. The main point of the matter is that the day that a shooter finalizes the selection notice for a new pistol with the dealer is not within the shooters control. I have had to wait months for a shipment of a particular pistol to arrive while the dealers promised date came and went several times. After all, the point at issue is just a date put on a form which can be quite easily changed to another date. To make an eager would-be owner go through the whole process of re-applying is a nonsense. It certainly won't cut down the workload at the Registry.

Well what do we do? I for one will persuade my club committee to submit a protest through the VAPA committee of management. This should result in discussions between the VAPA executive and the Registrar. What the result will be is anybody's guess but hopefully an improvement on the present ultimatum. I hope all you other clubs out there will do likewise for a united effort towards cutting needless bureaucratic red tape.

I wonder how all the unionists affiliated with the Trades Hall Council would react to similar treatment?

Des Boseley M.I.S.C.

*** Letter were received on the same topic from Sam Carbone of Traralgon, Simon Flanagan of M.I.S.C. and Alan Guthrie of Portland. Space does not allow for all letters to be published but don't let that stop you from writing to the Editor. I will publish a fair representation of what I receive and your letters let me know your concerns and what you think. - Editor**



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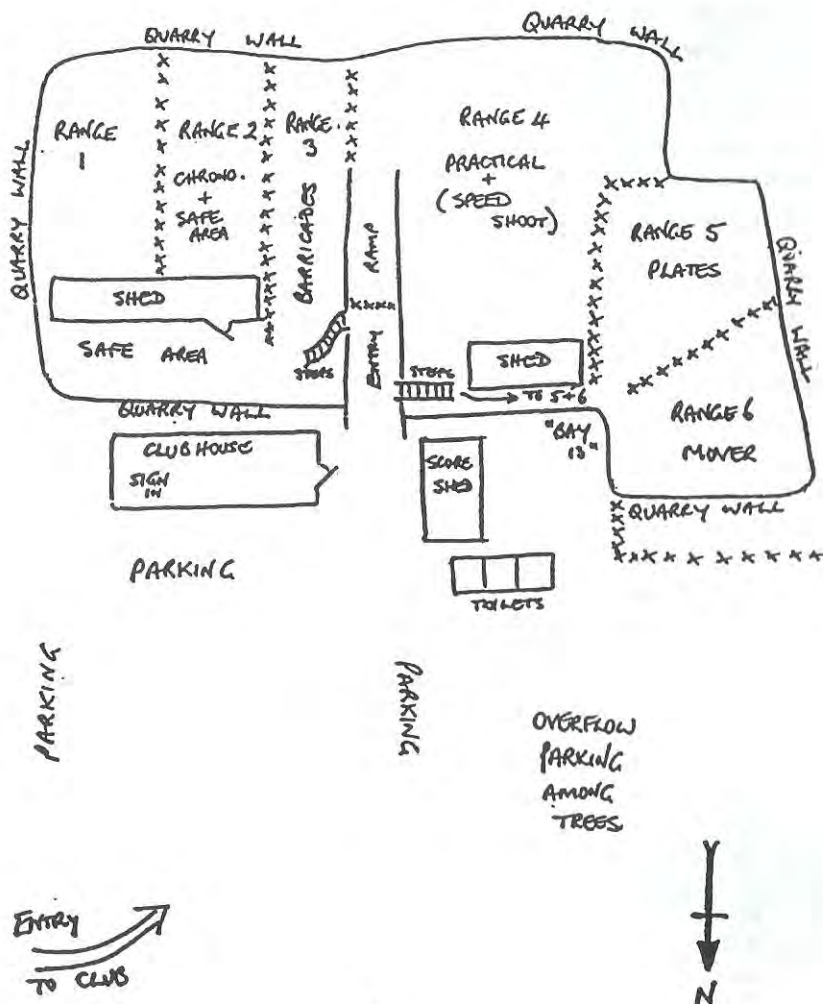
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1992 Action Nationals

Geelong Pistol Club is hosting the 1992 Action Pistol Nationals over the Melbourne Cup weekend of 30th, 31st October and 1st of November. It will be the first Pistol Australia National Titles held in Victoria since 1967 so Geelong deserves to be congratulated on being awarded the right to host a National Titles.

The club has worked hard to bring its facilities up to the standard required for a National title and will use the State Titles on the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd of August as preparatory run of their facilities.

As there have been many changes on the ranges the following list and diagram will prove a good guide to all you action shooters of what to expect.



RANGES:

- 2 x 25-metre turning target ranges
(one to be used for chronographing, the other as a safe area);
- a Barricades range;
- a 50-metre range to be used for the Practical event,
and for a Speed Shoot;
- a Falling Plates range;
- a Moving Target (modified) range.



*Linda Manwaring "poised"
running the Mover.*



Brian Kilpatrick going prone.

For shooters of all disciplines Geelong provides an opportunity for you to see Australia's best Action Match shooters and, if you've never done it before, experience the atmosphere of a National Title. Geelong will welcome warmly all visitors to this spectacular long weekend of action shooting.

State Referee Council

RULE CHANGES FOR SERVICE PISTOL.

The following Rule changes were approved at the Pistol Australia Annual General Meeting held in Canberra on 21st April, 1992.

These two changes align Service Pistol with Action Match in regard to these two aspects that are common to both matches.

CHRONOGRAPH TESTING - RULE 10.2.a (ii) is changed to read:

Rounds will be tested on a chronograph. If the first round reaches or exceeds the 120,000 power factor rating no more rounds are fired. If the first round fired does not reach the power factor rating then another round is fired, if the average of the two shots reaches or exceeds the power factor has not been reached a third shot is fired, if the average of the three shots does not reach or exceed the power factor the shooter is disqualified from the competition.

RULE 10.2.a (iv) is deleted.

START POSITION - Rule 6.1.a is changed to read:

Start Position:- In the start position the shooter stands with both hands held shoulder high.

TIME CHANGES FOR FREE AND AIR PISTOL.

The U.I.T. has advised that, effective from 1st January 1993, the time allowed in Free Pistol (rule 6.3.c) has been reduced from 2 hours and 30 minutes to 2 hours.

Men's and junior men's Air Pistol (rule 6.11 c.2) has been reduced from 2 hours and 15 minutes to 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Women's and junior women's Air Pistol (rule 6.11 d.2) has been reduced from 1 hour and 30 minutes to 1 hour and 15 minutes.

NEW RANGE OFFICERS.

The Referee Council welcomes the following new members (marked with a *) to our ranks and congratulates those members who have gained additional qualification.

MAY COURSE AT ECHUCA.

UIT - Joe Everitt*, Mike Potter*, John Hewlett, (Echuca)
Service Match - Greg Pay, (Echuca).

JULY COURSE AT BENDIGO

Action Match - Danny Riordan, Steve Schrader*, John Milic*, Mitch Stark*, Linda Pompe*, Ron Oliver, (Bendigo). Jeff Hobbs, Alun Hughson (Castlemaine). Gary Burke, Glenn Flett, Howard Reed*, (Mildura). Byron Court*, Russell Brimacombe*, (Ballarat). Russell Barnes, (Kerang). Joe Everitt, (Echuca).

NOTICE

EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

At the Annual General Meeting of the V.A.P.A. held on the 17th July, 1992 the proposed new Statement of Purpose and Rules as circulated with the AGM notice was not passed for adoption.

The motion was lost by only a narrow margin and because of only a couple of points that can be rectified by amendments.

In an effort to give all members an equal opportunity to comment on, or put forward ideas relating to the proposed new Statement of Purpose and Rules we are inviting members to submit comments to the Secretary by the 30th September, 1992.

All such correspondence will be considered by the Constitution Review Sub-Committee and proposed amendments will be published in the November copy of the Pistol News along with the date for an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting.

The Extra-Ordinary General Meeting will be held on the same evening as a monthly Committee of Management Meeting.

Bianchi Cup

The 1992 NRA Bianchi Cup National Action Pistol Championships were held in Columbia in the U.S.A. in May. Australia's team (Brian Kilpatrick 1906.153x, Max Wary 1887.157x and Adrian Hunter 1905.215X) finished 7th in the open teams event and 1st in the International Teams category. The Tasco Australia team (including Tom Whitehead 1916.156x) finished 5th in the open teams event, ahead of our National team.

Brad Tate 1911.167x, finished top Junior, Tom Whitehead top Newcomer and Janina Tenace 1895.144x, 2nd in the womens category. In the individual open category, Tom Whitehead was 9th, Brad Tate 17th, Brian Kilpatrick 27th, and Janina Tenace 51st of a total of 201 competitors. In the International category, Tom was 3rd, Brad 5th, Brian 6th and Janina 13th.

Top 20 finishes in the individual matches, included Brian 18th in Practical; Brad 5th, Tom and Brian equal 11th in the Barricade; Brad 16th and Tom 19th in the Moving Target, Brad 16th in the Falling Plate.

Congratulations to all on your performances, we are proud of your achievements and dedication.

The Short Barrel Pistol Competition

by Mark Behan

By now you should of heard via your club Secretary, or at least someone, that there is a new event that can be shot by V.A.P.A. members. Titled the "Short Barrel Pistol Competition" it is as the name suggests something very different to what we have been used to (i.e. 4" minimum barrel) since the inception of our organisation.

The net effect is that we can now shoot guns with barrel lengths as short as ... well as short as you like. Now this did not come about without some misgivings by many and hard work by others, so perhaps a brief recap on how it all took place before we look at the match.

Three years back (don't quote me but it was about then) Eddie Evans (now our V.A.P.A. Secretary) mentioned that he was interested in doing something about shooting a "snubby" type match similar to those shot in England. I suggested that this was impossible as the Victorian Police would not allow us to own a short barrel pistol. Not so said Eddie. This was a restriction imposed by V.A.P.A. and so long as there was a match and a set of rules passed by the committee of management, then we were free to own and shoot the pistols. Intrigued I offered to chase up the rules used in England.

This I did and must admit that I received a little bit of a shock. The Poms (I can use that term because I am one) are cowboys of the first order. Their tartets in this match are "bad guys" and their "no shoot" targets are women, children and the like. The match has more in common with I.P.S.C. than any style I was used too. Anyway at about that point in time my interest was diverted or waned or whatever (to be truthful I can't remember exactly what happened, but work commitments were very heavy then so that was most likely the reason). Either way what little I had in the way of information at the time I gave to Eddie and wished him luck in writing the rules.

There was a delay of about a year or so then about six months back Eddie produced a set of rules, handed a copy to me and also circulated them to clubs for comment. My enthusiasm was rekindled (after all, the hard work was done) and I offered to put them up to the committee of management for approval. We received many suggestions from clubs and thought hard and long on each one before deciding to put the rules up as originally circulated with some minor amendments.

The idea behind this was two fold. First of all we were unsure until the match had been shot whether or not the rules would be OK and we definitely wanted a match different to say, just shooting Service Match with short barrels, which had been one of the suggestions. Secondly, we wanted it to be cheap! In a time of recession when money is tight we wanted people to be able to get into it as cheaply as possible. For example if you already shoot a .38 then all you need do is outlay for perhaps a 'J' frame and that's it. No leather, speed loaders, dies, etc.

The motion was put forward on the 21st February and "lay on the table" for two months. On the 24th April the motion was moved and discussion ensued. The arguments for acceptance were that the new event would be fun, would give us new challenges, short barrellled guns were already owned by I.P.S.C. shooters and people should be free to shoot what every styles, pistols or matches they like. those against the match argued that the shooting calendar was already too full, that short barrels brough shooting into disrepute and that they were too dangerous (inaccurate?) and rough on frames etc.

I mentioned the discussion and arguments against for the simple reason that these are genuinely held concerns and if you intend to shoot the match it's up to you to allay the fears of those who have doubts and show how ill hounded their misgivings are. At the very least discuss with your fellow shooters any concerns they might have and take their thoughts on board. Needless to say the new match was passed (easily) on the vote and you are now free to shoot the match.

So what is the match? Well roughly - you can get the complete rules from your Secretary, it's a mixture of Service, Centrefire and ... well other bits. The gun is limited to production models .30" (7.62mm) up to .455" (11.56mm) with a power factor of 60,000. The barrel length is 70mm revolver (from face of cylinder) and 90mm for automatics (including breech). You start from 25 yards and load from rounds loose in your pocket. Auto's are only allowed one magazine. The target is the international rapidfire target.

So at 25 yards, five shots on each target. You start prone on target 5 then sitting on target 4, kneeling on target 3, right hand/right barricade target 2, left hand/left hand barricade target 1 all in 3 minutes 30 seconds. Remember all loaded without any mechanical aid of any sort.

Also at 25 yards we then have, standing clear of the barricades, 3 shots target 1, 2 shots target 2 in 6 seconds. Then 1 shot target 2, 2 shots target 3 and 2 shots target 4 in 6 seconds. Now we have a bit of duelling. On target 5 five shots as the target faces 5 times and 3 seconds (both hands are allowed).

At 10 yards we have three strings of 5 shots. The first 5 shots target 5 in 4 seconds. The second string is 5 shots target 4 in 6 seconds with the weak hand only. The final string is 3 shots target 1 and 2 shots target 2 in 4 seconds.

Finally at 7 yards 5 shots target 1 and 5 shots target 2 in 35 seconds in crouch or unsighted position. That's it!! A total of 65 shots. As I said this will give you the idea but please check with you Secretary for the complete rules.

So there you have it. the rules are up for revision in October 1993 when we'll have a better sense of how the match is paced. In the meantime keep in mind that the match is designed to be FUN, not cost a packet to shoot, and be open to everyone regardless of skill levels etc. And remember holster qualifications aren't needed as the match is shot from the ready position.

Can you help? Sure. We are going to need some ideas on gradings, so let Eddie or I know how your shooting is going and what sort of scores are being shot. Also if some club has time on it's calendar to hold an open ...

V.A.P.A. Life Members

At the VAPA Annual General Meeting on 17th July, 1992, MARVEN SYER and BRUCE WILES were awarded the 14th and 15th Life Memberships of the Association, in recognition of their many years of outstanding service.

Bruce Wiles

Joined Melbourne Pistol Club, 6th August 1960.

Resigned from Melbourne club in 1965 to concentrate on his Scouting activities which took him through Scouting to Venturers and on to Rovers where he organised a great deal of activities at all levels and eventually became Leader for the 1st Victorian Sea Scouts.

This experience was to prove invaluable in his activities in pistol shooting further down the track.

He rejoined pistol shooting in 1972, this time as a member of Yarra Pistol Club, where he is still a member.

He was one of the people responsible for the establishment back in 1980 of what has become a major part of the VAPA calendar, the Junior Training Camp.

This concept developed beyond the local camp that we run into the Tri-State competition. Both of these activities continue and over the years have produced many top junior shooters. His involvement in junior training has been one of his main activities over the years and no doubt will continue well into the future.

He became State Coaching Director in 1983 and held that position for 6 years. During this time he organised coach training seminars that produced many of the club coaches that we have today.

He was President of the VAPA from 1983 to 1985. He is still very involved with the Coaching Council, and is also involved with the State Team Training Squad.

He has attended the last 9 National Championships, not to shoot, but to work on the range and help support the Victorian shooters with a course special attention to the juniors.

He has been a great ambassador for Victoria and is well known all around Australia as being a willing worker and someone who has put his heart and soul into pistol shooting.

As well as his efforts for the Association, Bruce has been on the Committee of Yarra for many years and is one of the most willing workers in his club.

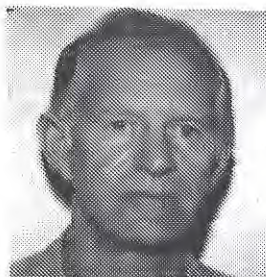


Joined Melbourne Pistol Club 5th Sept, 1959.

Took on job as Target Secretary 1967.

Team Management 1971 - 1974.

Resigned from Melbourne Pistol Club 1976
but continued in the job of Target Secretary.



Marvin Syer

Rejoined Melbourne in 1987.

Resigned as Target Secretary 1992.

In the 25 years he spent as Target Secretary, a job that started out as basically our storeman, he developed into a career. He not only took care of the storage and distribution of our targets and patches but he became the person responsible for keeping check on the stock, he was the person that found the sources of the best paper, he was the person that dealt with the printer and made sure the quality of both the paper and the printing was acceptable.

He was the person that got phone calls at all hours from clubs wanting targets yesterday, particularly when they suddenly realized that they had a comp on that weekend and were fresh out of one type of target or another.

He was the person that had people drop in at odd times to pick up some targets, you know, "just happened to be going by, though I would drop in".

He was the person that extended his garage so that he would be able to fit his car in as well as the stock and then went and bought targets by the ton and filled the damned thing up again.

He was the person that finally got a look at that, what was then a new garage floor, a few weeks ago when our new Target Secretary picked up the stock - of course it was so virginal that when his wife suggested moving some gear out of the house on to his nice clean floor he said "like hell you will".

He was also the guy that kept extremely accurate records and made the life of our various Treasurers that much easier when it came to the end of the financial year.

Marvin has always been the sort of person that gets involved and as well as what he has done for this Association, he spent many years on the committee of Melbourne Club and has always been the sort of person you can rely on to help when help is required.

Congratulations to them both, a small honour for a large contribution so freely given.

A Letter To Fred

(With apologies to John Hindle of Radio 3AW who each day reads out a "letter" that he has written to his friend Mike in England relating the latest on in Australia. My friend will be Fred.)

Dear Fred,

Hello from the antipodes and from VAPA land.

Well Fred here we are into the 1992/93 year and our AGM behind us.

AGM's are wondrous occasions Fred, they are the annual opportunity for a mass display of total disinterest.

This years AGM saw an effort being made to rationalise the amount of disinterest that would be displayed at future AGM's by changing the Constitution so that it would be the clubs that will be represented as opposed to the individual member.

It was felt Fred, that instead of putting the burden of registering disinterest on 3,900 members it would be easier all around if that burden was only placed onto 72 clubs, to say nothing of the savings to be gained by only having to print and send out 72 notices instead of 3,900.

After all Fred it is the Club Delegates that represent their members for the rest of the year and they are the ones that best know the workings of the Association.

I know Fred that you are thinking to yourself that this appears to be a very cynical view of the interest shown by our members that it is quite obvious that being the middle of winter the reason for non-attendance at AGM's in the past has been that 3,800 of our members have the flu!

Well Fred I am afraid to say that the new Constitution was not approved by the meeting but the migration from being incorporated under the Companies Act to incorporation under the Associations Incorporation Act was.

Total despair Fred, here we are approved to migrate from one Act to the other but of course we can't do that because we do not have a Constitution to submit to Corporate Affairs.

Solution 1, amend the sections that prevented the new constitution going through. So Fred that is what we will be doing. We will hold an Extra Ordinary General Meeting later in the year to coincide with our monthly meeting and hopefully this time it will go through.

As far as the elections were concerned there is only one change on the Executive from last years team and that is that John Bennett did not stand this year due to heavy commitments both at work and at him home club.

Neil Jones moved up to Senior Vice President and Mick Skerry came in as Junior Vice President.

To me though Fred, the highlight of the AGM was being able to present Honorary Life Membership badges to Marvin Syer and Bruce Wiles.

You remember good'ol Marv, been around forever, spent a few years in Team Management but his main claim to fame is of course that he was VAPA Target Secretary for 25 years,, well 24 years and 9 months if you want to be exact. As you know Fred during that time he not only handled the sale of targets but was the buy who sourced out paper supplies and organised the printing and kept records that could not be faulted, a great effort and well deserving of the honour.

Then there is Bruce, well Fred what can you say about Wilesy, also been around forever, they will get me for that for sure, has been a terrific worker for the movement, past President, past Director of Coaching, has been the strength behind the Junior Camp and Tri-State since their formation, goes to Nationals and spends all his time working on the range, once again well deserving of the honour, congrats to both of them.

It's a good feeling Fred to know that we have people like that, that have given so much of their time over so many years, but Fred, it also makes one stop and think that sooner or later all of those people that have given so much over the years must eventually stand down. I trust that we can find replacements that have the same sort of dedication to pistol shooting that has been displayed by the likes of Bruce and Marvin.

So what else has been going on I hear you ask, I did hear you ask that didn't I?

As I have mentioned before we have the National Championships in Action Pistol coming up in October at Geelong and preparations are going along quite well. We expect a full field of 150 competitors with Teams representing all States.

This would be a great opportunity for those who have not seen Action Pistol being shot to come along and support the shoot and to see the top shooters competing for the National Title. For those who just can't wait that long we have the Victorian Championships being shot in August at Geelong and that will be a full dress rehearsal for the Nationals.

I mean to say Fred, it's OK for me to rave on in a letter to you because you understand my ramblings but writing for the magazine is a different thing altogether.

Like my old Uncle Ernie used to say, you remember him Fred he's the one that led such a full and interesting life. He used to say "it is better to let people think that you are illiterate than to put pen to paper and prove them correct".

All the best for now Fred and give some though to those of us fighting off the icy chills and the colds of a Melbourne winter while you luxuriate in the tropical warmth of the London summer.

Will write again soon.

Regards
Kevin McAllison

Metallic Silhouette Shooting

by Robert McMartin

PART 2

Welcome to the second part of the three part series on Handgun Metallic Silhouette. In this edition we will discuss some of the different type of handguns that are used in the competition. Next Issue we will look at some of the load used in a normal competition.

The Metallic Handgun competitions run in Victoria are split into two types of competitions for each type of handgun, the Production and Unlimited competitions.

The Production Competition is limited to production handguns only. These handguns must be standard as they are out of the box from the factory with only minor modifications, such as changing the grips and honing a few of the internal surfaces.

The Unlimited Competition means just that, any type of handgun may be used provided that the barrel isn't longer than 15 inches and doesn't weight more than 4.5 points. The targets may be shot with any type of pistol, the catch is that you can only use open sights.

With target ranges of 200 metres, only the most powerful types of cartridges can be used. The .44 magnum is probably the most common type of cartridge used in Metallic Silhouette.

Although .357 magnums appear at most competitions and compete with the other hand cannons, but under the rules the Ram target must be knocked down, and while a .357 can hit the target knocking down the Ram can sometimes be an iffy proposition.

The types of pistols used in the competition vary from single shot pistol through to semi-automatics.

Of the single shot pistols, by far the most numerous at any competition are the Thompson/Center Contenders. The Thompson/Center Contenders are a pistol that have grown up alongside the Metallic Silhouette competitions in the U.S. with the company making quite a number of changes to the pistol's design by listening to the Metallic Silhouette shooters and incorporating changes when needed.

A Thompson/Center Contender can be chambered for any calibre from the .22 rimfire right through to the .445 SuperMag cartridge. The use of a Thompson/Center Contender allows a rifle cartridge to be used giving a competitor a power factor edge. If the competitor can hit the target it will invariably fall after a hit from one of these cartridges.

The next type of pistol found is the revolver. These are generally .44 Magnums. Of the revolvers found at a normal competition the vast majority of these will be a Smith & Wesson or Ruger Super Blackhawks or Super Redhawks. Although the occasional Dan Wesson SuperMag does make an appearance.

In the Semi-Automatic we find only one pistol that makes an appearance, this is invariably a Desert Eagle. This large and powerful handgun is available in .357, .41 magnum, .44 magnum or the .50 Action Express (although the .50 Action Express is not available in Australia yet and may never be).

The advantage of using a pistol like the Desert Eagle is that, a maximum power .44 magnum can be used and the operating system of the Desert Eagle will absorb some of the recoil, making the pistol recoil tame when compared to the recoil from a .44 magnum revolver of Thompson/Center Contender.

Another semi-auto that may start making an appearance over the next few years is the Wildey Survivor. This pistol is a semi-automatic available in .45 Winchester Magnum, .475 Wildey Magnum or .357 Peterbuilt. As this pistol is expensive in the United States, then the price would be exorbitant here in Australia.



Little River Range - it's a long walk to the targets.

One prediction for the future of Metallic Silhouette shooting will be the emergence of the 10mm Magnum cartridge into the competitions. This cartridge fulfils most of the requirements for the perfect Metallic Silhouette cartridge. A large case for powder, use of a 150 to 200 grain bullet and a small cross section which would allow high velocity while still retaining enough weight to drop the Ram at 200 metres.

If you know of a club that shoots a Metallic Silhouette competition then I suggest that you make the journey down to the range on the next competition date. This sport is pure magic. The main joy is not only in shooting the competition, but watching it. When the shot hits the target, each target behaves differently and at times the falling of the targets is comical to watch. This is one type of competition where it can be relaxing and amusing just watching the competition.

The Victorian Metallic Silhouette Competition is held on the third Sunday of each month at the S.S.A.A. Little River Range, Jefkins Lane, Little River. The competitions start at 10:00 a.m. entries for the competition close at 11:00 a.m. on the day.



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AUGUST

29th & 30th	MID-MURRAY	POSTAL FINALS — UIT
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SEPTEMBER

5th & 6th	MILDURA	POSTAL FINALS ACTION/SERVICE
12th	OAKLEIGH	POSTAL FINALS — BLACKPOWDER
19th & 20th	SHEPPARTON	UIT
19th & 20th	KERANG	ACTION

OCTOBER

3rd & 4th	YARRA	UIT
10th & 11th	MELTON	UIT
10th & 11th	MILDURA	ACTION
17th	PENINSULA	DOUBLE CENTREFIRE
17th & 18th	HAMILTON	SERVICE
18th	MISC	SPORT PISTOL
31st—3rd Nov	GEELONG	NATIONALS — ACTION
31st & 1st Nov	HORSHAM	UIT

NOVEMBER

7th	YARRA	BLACKPOWDER
14th & 15th	Mt. DISTRICT	ACTION
21st & 22nd	OAKLEIGH	UIT
21st & 22nd	YARRA	SERVICE
28th & 29th	ECHUCA	BLACKPOWDER

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JANUARY

23rd-25th	*MISC	UIT
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FEBRUARY

6th	*CASTLEMAINE	UIT
13th & 14th	ARARAT	UIT
20th & 21st	WARRAGUL	UIT
20th & 21st	*	STATE TITLES - SERVICE
27th & 28th	ECHUCA	STATE TITLES - BLACKPOWDER

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Dangerous Goods Regulations and the Victorian Shooter

RELATING TO AMMUNITION AND PROPELLANTS

Propellants, primers, primed cases and cartridges are all classified as explosives. They are controlled by provisions of the Dangerous Goods Act 1985 and the Dangerous Goods (Explosives) Regulations made under that Act. This Act is administered by the Department of Labour and enquiries regarding these laws should be directed to your nearest Departmental Office.

APPROVED AMMUNITION AND PROPELLANTS

All shooters (and collectors) are bound by the legislative provisions prohibiting the import, manufacture, transport, storage, sale or use of any cartridge which contains incendiary, tracer, explosives, lachrymatory (tear gas) or noxious composition or any non-authorised explosive. They are permitted to import from interstate or overseas, subject to various conditions and restrictions, only non-prohibited cartridges, and those powders and primers which have been authorised by the Department. Authorisation is concerned with ensuring that the appropriate safety controls are applied to the transport of any explosive, for which it is to be used. A list of authorised primers and propellants may be obtained from the Department. Please note that explosives sold in other States may not be authorised in Victoria and may not conform with local requirements.

PURCHASE

In order to purchase explosives the buyer must not be younger than 18 years of age. In addition to this, the Firearm Act stipulates that "fixed ammunition" (safety cartridges) may only be purchased or otherwise obtained by the holder of a current Shooter's Licence or some other legitimate authority to possess a gun. This does not apply to acquisitions made by licensed sellers.

CONDITIONS OF STORAGE

Cartridges, primers and propellants must be stored in a cool dry place at a safe distance, but not closer than 2 metres, from:

- (a) Sources of ignition (ie. naked flames);
- (b) Flammable liquids and gases (e.g. butane pressure packs, oxy-acetylene cylinders and solvents);
- (c) Combustible liquids (e.g. oils); and
- (d) Other materials capable of easily being ignited and burning strongly (e.g. oily rags).

An exemption to this requirement is that sources of ignition may be closer than 2 metres to properly packaged cartridges and primers.

QUANTITIES PERMITTED FOR STORAGE

Shooters and other persons who store small quantities of ammunition and propellants must observe the following conditions:

- (i) Ammunition supplies must be limited to 10,000 round of completed cartridges and primed cases;
- (ii) Not more than 5,000 primers may be kept; and
- (iii) (a) Up to 10 kg NEQ* of propellants may be stored provided that not more than 5 kg of this quantity may be gunpowder.

*(Note: NEQ means Net Explosive Quantity)

- (b) If more than 5 kg of propellant are stored then that is excess of this quantity must be kept in 1 kg containers.

Propellants must be kept in a receptacle or store made or lined with plywood or close-joined wood with no exposed iron or steel. Merely painting over exposed iron or steel is not acceptable. Any screws or nails should be counter sunk and the cavities filled with a suitable filler. The receptacle or store must be of sturdy spark proof construction fitted with a lock. No other materials may be kept with the explosives, who receptacle or store must be kept clean and free from grit.

A safe or refrigerator is not acceptable as a storage for propellants since in a fire they may rupture or explode with considerable violence due to their confining effects.

It is important that the propellants are kept in cool dry conditions. Moisture and heat, in particular temperatures above 40°C, have been shown to significantly accelerate degradation of certain smokeless propellant powders.

With age the ballistic properties of smokeless powders can alter, this typically manifests itself as a progressive increase in muzzle velocity with time. In extreme cases, in particular after aging for many years, some propellants have been known to dangerously degrade. In several instances they have spontaneously ignited. For this reason it is recommended that only quantities of propellants for use within a reasonable period of time (eg. preferably within several years but not more than 10 years) should be purchased.

Gunpowder can be stored indefinitely without undergoing perceptible deterioration provided it is kept dry.

Larger quantities of explosives must be kept in a licenced magazine. However, for retail premises licenced to keep and sell explosives different restrictions are applied to the storage of explosives.

TRANSPORT

In a private vehicle a person may carry for their own use unlimited quantities of cartridges and primers, up to 25 kg NEQ of propellants other than gunpowder, and not more than 1 kg of gunpowder for small arms. Larger quantities must be transported by a licenced vehicle.

RELOADING AMMUNITION

Shooters who reload ammunition in small quantities must observe the following conditions:

- (i) The person reloading ammunition must be at least 18 years of age.
- (ii) Only authorised propellants and primers can be used to reload cartridges.
- (iii) Children under the age of 16 years must not be present in the room where cartridges are being filled or capped unless supervised by an adult at least 21 years of age.

The should observe the following requirements:

- (i) The reloading area should be clean, free from grit and clear of exposed iron and steel. The reloading bench or table should have a smooth surface without holes, cracks or joints.
- (ii) The reloading room should be clear of possible sources of ignition, such as matches or lighters, gas or electric heaters etc. It should be adequately lit by lights positioned so that hot spots do not occur near the reloading operation.
- (iii) During reloading, no unrelated activity should be permitted in the room.
- (iv) All necessary measures should be taken to prevent accidents. Some appropriate measures are: a systematic approach should be adopted, to reduce the risk of errors; primers should be kept in their original trays until required; powder supplies in the reloading room should be kept to the minimum required for that reloading session; completed batches should be packed away before another batch is commenced; the bench and surrounds should be left clear of all traces of powder; advice given in reloading manuals as to loads and loading procedures should be followed carefully.

If it is desired to sell reloaded cartridges, or to reload or cap more than 2000 cartridges on any day, the following additional conditions will apply:

- (i) The person who reloads the ammunition for sale must also hold a licence to fill safety cartridges.
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- (ii) Ammunition can only be sold by the holder of a "Licence to Keep and Sell Explosives".
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Tri-State

What is Tri-State?

Tri-State is a competition set up by Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia for juniors to participate in and to experience competition at a level similar to being at the Nationals. This competition is open to all States, the only criteria being that the hosts be Vic., N.S.W. and S.A.

This competition serves several purposes, being:-

1. Allows Juniors from all states to shoot along side each other irrespective whether they went to the Nationals or not.
2. The comradery that is developed is very evident when a Junior goes to a competition and meets another Junior from Tri-State or any other competition.
3. Being in a group with the same interest helps Juniors who sometimes are a little introvert to being more out going from their experience of Tri-State.

All of the above was considered when Tri-State was formed and in hindsight, we the senior members of the shooting fraternity are now starting to see some benefit to the shooting sport from our Juniors of the past.

As usual Tri-State is held on Queen's Birthday weekend each year, and here in Victoria the team plus reserves are chosen after the Junior Competition held on the first Sunday in May.

This year presented some problems because of the poor number of juniors who shot at the May Junior open. I would have thought that a competition run especially for juniors and being a means to try to gain entry to Tri-State should have seen more than 20 entrants. This is not the only way to gain entry to the Tri-State team, shooting at other opens and sending in the scores would help, last year I received 2!!!

Not to worry a team was selected and duly notified. As usual, it was pandemonium at 42 Jackson Street on the Friday night that we were due to go away. The mini bus which was hired from Warragul duly arrived and so did the juniors with all their gear which had to be packed into the trailer. I did not think that one small junior could carry that much stuff. In due course we finally packed the trailer and even managed to get away on time to travel to the Sydney P/C in N.S.W. We had to pick up three of the juniors on the way at Wangaratta, which we managed without a hitch.

Travelling all night in a mini bus sure puts corns on your bottom, along with numerous pit stops made it a very long night. We arrived at the Sydney Airport about 7:00 a.m. just in time to pick up our final team member. Just a short trip from the airport and there we were, Sydney P/C in La Perouse in time for breakfast. La Perouse was a war time army fort which has long since been abandoned on the head land of Botany Bay, the view and the weather were magnificent, though I would not like to play Golf there as some of the course runs along and across the ocean part of the coast.

After a short rest, weary as they were some of our juniors elected to do some practice in both Air and Sport Pistol, others just slept on the grass in the sun. Saturday afternoon saw some of the juniors shoot Air Pistol. After evening meal a 45 seater bus arrived to transport all the juniors and helpers into Sydney, where we were taken to Darling Harbour.

Darling Harbour is a fairly new renovated area which has everything, from shops to entertainment, a hive of activity. If you could imagine Luna Park, St Kilda, the Exhibition Buildings, the City Square and the Tennis Centre all rolled into one then you would have some idea of Darling Harbour. The activities were varied and many, some elected to go to the Truck exhibition, while others went to the Hot Rod exhibition and others went to the amusement park, in all a good night was had by all.

Have you ever seen two embarrassed policemen who thought that a bus load of people (55 to be more precise) had been hi-jacked and was heading down to the beach at La Perouse at 11:30 at night? As the bus disgorged its passengers it became quite evident that all was in order (or was it, if only they knew!).

SUNDAY: After a nights sleep, well sort of, if you have 40 odd juniors all camped in the one club house, all talking of what has happened over the last 12 months, which extended well into the wee hours of the morning, then I don't think many slept at all. Some of the more experienced of Tri-States went and slept in the Air Pistol range, others who had been before slept in the mini bus (Me).

Let the Competition begin, each of the states which entered had teams of 10 juniors who competed in Junior Sport Pistol and Junior Air Pistol, for the purpose of the competition only the first 40 shots in air pistol count.

The rivalry between the juniors was keen with quite a few juniors having a PB.

The outcome was: N.S.W. first in J.S.P. with a score of 5425

Vic. second in J.S.P. with a score of 5387

S.A. third in J.S.P. with a score of 5150

N.S.W. first in J.A.P. with a score of 3559

Vic. second in J.A.P. with a score of 3538

S.A. third in J.A.P. with a score of 3356

After the shooting finished it was time for group photographs, well talk about a lot of sheep, I am sure that we could have made an epic film in the same time that it took to take a couple of dozen photos.

To finish the days shooting, it would not be complete without a fun match. I think there were some rules, for those who were fun shoot wise, managed to fire more rounds than used for the whole competition, or it seemed like it. I think that each member in the team was supposed to fire 10 shots into their own target which had hidden score areas on them, points were lost for more than the required shots on the target. When scoring I think the scorers lost count to the number of shots that were supposed to be on the targets. Anyway a good time was had by all.

After the evening meal came the presentations with N.S.W. first, Vic. second and S.A. third, Nick Cumberland received a special award for the highest aggregate in J.A. and J.S.P.

We all thanked Sydney P/C for hosting the Tri-State Competition and the bloke up above for the magnificent weather that we had whilst there.

Trying to get all the juniors to go to bed and sleep early was like trying to put out the Towering Inferno, but for the drivers of the bus, sleep they must.

We left the range on time (05:30 a.m.), but trying to navigate around the outskirts of Sydney lost us a little time, no! we were not lost, just a little off course. At last on course and heading back to Victoria.

Before we passed the N.S.W. border,, low and behold a breathalyser booze bus, and guess who was asked to blow in the bag? Yes, you guessed it, our bus driver. Safe, and on our way again and into Victoria, yes, another booze bus, once again all is well, only this time we managed to photograph the incident and all thought it was a bit of a hoot.

After several pit stops and letting off those who were to depart our company on the way we arrived back at 42 Jackson Street approximately 6:15 p.m., tired but well pleased with our team with the promise to beat the opposition next year.

Thanks to all those people who gave up their weekend to give their support to Tri-State.

Next year's Tri-State will be held in South Australia, and I hope that you might be one of those chosen to represent Victoria in the Tri-State Competition.

Bruce Wiles
State Junior Co-ordinator

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I.P.S.C.

In this issue we will look at the development of the 38 super cartridge that has seen near universal acceptance with IPSC shooters, the exceptions being employees of companies that don't make a pistol in this calibre, in this case they use 9x21, (nearly the same anyway) die hard 45 users and the experimenters .40 S&W, 10mm etc.

All those in the last category I can hear mumbling out there why not write an article and send it to the editor explaining the virtues of your favourite calibre he is always screaming for input!

Where were we? The 38 super, many think this hyper velocity round is a modern development appearing about the same time as Rob Leatham.

Not so, in fact old "slab sides" the colt auto pistols first chambering in 1900 was for this round, then known as "Automatic Colt Calibre .38 Rimless Smokeless". They must have had difficulty squeezing all this onto the case headstamp as it was soon abbreviated to .39 ACP.

1929 saw the introduction of a semi rimmed case now known as the 38 super. Chambered in the 1911 colt, it's improved ballistics punched a 130 gr projectile out at about 1185 fps with a high (for the time) chamber pressure of 34000 psi.

In 1933 Colt marketed a super match model in this calibre, similar to today's Gold Cup, around this time Thompson machine guns were also available in .38 super.

After this the cartridge was almost forgotten about until 1973 when the father of IPSC, Jeff Cooper pushed the velocity up to 1750 fps using a 125 gr projectile and cut down .223 cases (nicknamed the super cooper) to withstand the pressure in semi supported barrels.

This eventually led to the fully supported barrels and the more realistic ballistics in use today, where a hot load is a 125 grainer doing 1450 fps.

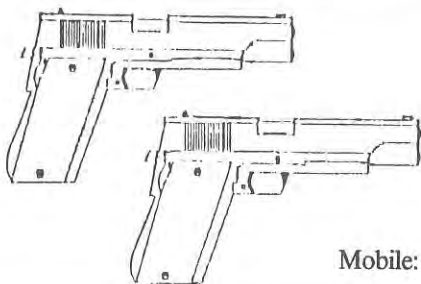
That folks is the 38 super. In closing IPSC shooters, in particular, have been dealt another blow in surrounding states with NSW placing semi-auto rifles and shotgun magazine extensions on the prohibited list, SA seems set to follow suit. It won't be long before pistols attract their attention.

One a brighter note, congratulations to the teams from CPSA and Sale who won the two team events at the 1992 Bushranger shoot in Port Augusta in June.

Also to Gary Tueno for winning the last, at the time of going to print, State Team Selection match at Geelong.

Apologies also to Andrew Moss, in the last issue he was described as a dark horse when in fact his mum said he was the black sheep of the family.

D.V.C.
Leigh Shields



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N. Edwards	Yarra	518
J. Holden	Yackandandah	513
R. Galt	Yarra	512

C GRADE

B. Clark	Watsonia	501
R. Watson	COPC	498
G. Vincent	Echuca	492

D GRADE

M. Cleland	Melton	466
A. Paton	Hamilton	458
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A GRADE

R. Galt	Yarra	560
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B GRADE

V. Colicchia	Melb. Airport	533
J. Holden	Yackandandah	532
R. Hall	Melb. Airport	519

C GRADE

D. Shaw	COPC	548
D. Hastie	Cohuna	521
P. Murray	Bendigo	514

D GRADE

R. Motton	Outrim	504
R. Cleaver	COPC	488
M. Alden	Peninsula	465

STANDARD

A GRADE

T. McCullagh	Mid Murray	555
T. Slatery	Bendigo	544
R. Galt	Yarra	519

B GRADE

P. Butcher	Yarra	546
J. Holden	Yackandandah	534
V. Colicchia	Melb. Airport	531

C GRADE

G. Vincent	Echuca	523
T. Rath	COPC	518
R. Motton	Outrim	504

D GRADE

D. Beavif	Melton	494
A. Paton	Hamilton	479
I. Hurley	Hamilton	477

MENS AIR

A GRADE

P. Butcher	Yarra	554
R. Galt	Yarra	552
A. Musgrove	Echuca	547

B GRADE

T. Watson	COPC	539
B. Clark	Watsonia	536
B. Robertson	Melton	534

C GRADE

M. Cleland	Melton	523
D. Shaw	COPC	522
G. Hanson	Echuca	516

D GRADE

D. Hastie	Cohuna	517
R. Cleaver	COPC	496
B. Langshaw	Yackandandah	487

CENTRE FIRE**MASTER**

T. McCullagh	Mid Murray	569
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A GRADE

T. Slatery	Bendigo	560
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R. Galt	Yarra	554
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J. Holden	Yackandandah	550
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B GRADE

B. Robertson	Melton	558
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J. Corral	Melton	542
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B. Milsom	Yackandandah	540
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C GRADE

R. Motton	Outrim	539
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M. Cleland	Melton	533
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P. Murray	Bendigo	530
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D GRADE

R. Cleaver	COPC	492
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D. Jackson	Bendigo	476
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N. Henrv	Warrnambool	448
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SERVICE UNRESTRICTED**MASTER**

J. Facey	Yarra	466
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A GRADE

P. Butcher	Bendigo	846
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S. Pattison	Melton	831
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B GRADE

M. Behan	Melton	856
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E. Evans	Melton	843
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J. Corral	Melton	840
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C GRADE

B. Adams	Melton	807
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S. Kyriazis	Melton	811
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D. Major	Cohuna	802
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D GRADE

D. Shaw	COPC	791
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P. Arden	Cohuna	787
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A. Clark	Melton	767
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LADIES AIR**A GRADE**

D. Lester	COPC	352
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B GRADE

A. Morgan	COPC	348
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S. Rath	COPC	335
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M. Teekan	Melton	332
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C GRADE

J. Butcher	Yarra	343
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M. Cleland	Melton	342
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J. Milsom	Yackandandah	321
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D GRADE

L. Margetts	Horsham	300
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B. Scougall	Mid Murray	279
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M. Watson	COPC	109
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JUNIOR LADIES AIR PISTOL**C GRADE**

K. Morgan	COPC	300
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D GRADE

A. Kibell	COPC	255
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SERVICE RESTRICTED**MASTER**

P. Blake	Melton	855
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J. Facey	Yarra	850
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S. Pattison	Melton	848
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A GRADE

M. Behan	Melton	826
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B GRADE

B. Adams	Melton	820
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E. Evans	Melton	795
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T. Watson	COPC	769
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C GRADE

J. Corral	Melton	807
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D. Shaw	COPC	769
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S. Kyriakis	Melton	758
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LOS ALAMITOS

HIGH MASTER

J. Facey	Yarra	420	27x
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MASTER

G. Gordon	Melton	416	28x
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J. Belacastro	Melton	404	23x
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EXPERT

T. Watson	COPC	414	21x
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R. Motton	Outrim	389	12x
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W. Eastmure	Mt. District	386	11x
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SHARPSHOOTER

T. Rath	COPC	359	15x
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MARKSMAN

J. Corral	Melton	413	30x
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S. Peacock	Melton	335	
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S. Kryiazis	Melton	321	
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FALLING PLATES

HIGH MASTER

J. Facey	Yarra	480	98x
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MASTER

G. Gordon	Melton	480	59x
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J. Belacastro	Melton	470	47x
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EXPERT

T. Watson	COPC	320	32x
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W. Eastmure	Mt. District	410	41x
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A. Clark	Melton	380	38x
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SHARPSHOOTER

T. Rath	COPC	320	32x
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MARKSMAN

S. Kyriazis	Melton	430	43x
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J. Corral	Melton	410	41x
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S. Peacock	Melton	300	30x
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BLACK POWDER

A GRADE

T. Watson	COPC	337	
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B GRADE

P. Roberts	COPC	321	
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G. Scougall	Mid Murray	299	
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D. Hastie	Cohuna	294	
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PRACTICAL EVENTS

HIGHMASTER

J. Facey	Yarra	478	37x
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MASTER

J. Belacastro	Melton	464	24x
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G. Gordon	Melton	459	18x
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EXPERT

T. Watson	COPC	421	13x
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A. Clark	Melton	409	12x
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W. Eastmure	Mt. District	406	16x
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SHARPSHOOTER

R. Motton	Outrim	402	8x
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T. Rath	COPC	379	8x
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MARKSMAN

J. Corral	Melton	401	11x
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S. Peacock	Melton	365	11x
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S. Kryiazis	Melton	327	5x
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SPORTS PISTOL

A GRADE

D. Lester	COPC	272	
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B GRADE

S. Rath	COPC	531	
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J. Finn	COPC	501	
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A. Morgan	COPC	474	
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C GRADE

J. Milsom	Yackandandah	531	
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M. Cleland	Melton	482	
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J. Butcher	Yarra	467	
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D GRADE

J. Adam	Melton	438	
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S. Henry	Warrnambool	406	
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S. Peacock	Melton	368	
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C GRADE

R. Cleaver	COPC	262	
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D GRADE

T. Rath	COPC	287	
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C. Bennett	Mid Murray	222	
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F. Ballam	Mid Murray	31	
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Mildura Action/Service Open

June 13th & 14th, 1992

27 Shooters took part in our Service/Action Open, with 11 of our own members being the large percentage. Once again the shooters from the Victorian clubs we've supported over the years stayed away in droves. (We are having the range sterilized before the next shoot).

A casserole tea was had in preference to the usual B.B.Q., with Pav, Cheese Cake and Apple Pie "N" Cream for sweets. Our ladies do spoil us at times.

SERVICE PISTOL - UNRESTRICTED

MASTER

P. Hutchins	Mildura
D. Morrison	Elizabeth

A GRADE

T. Kent	Elizabeth
J. Mitchell	Elizabeth
G. Flett	Mildura

B GRADE

G. Coppola	N.C.P.C.
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C GRADE

L. Woods	Mildura
G. Burke	Mildura

D GRADE

H. Reed	Mildura
I. Thompson	Mildura
A. Drash	Bendigo

SERVICE PISTOL

MASTER

P. Hutchins	Mildura
J. Mitchell	Elizabeth

A GRADE

D. Morrison	Elizabeth
T. Kent	Elizabeth
K. Baric	Mildura

ACTION MATCH

HIGH MASTER

884	D. McGaffin	Mildura	1908	141x	99.375
883	B. Kilpatrick	Geelong	1898	146x	98.854

MASTER

876	D. Riordan	Bendigo	1890	130x	98.438
873	J. Mitchell	Elizabeth	1883	135x	98.073
867	K. Simister	N.C.P.C.	1874	129x	97.604

EXPERT

845	J. Cramer	Bendigo	1837	105x	95.677
	G. Coppola	N.C.P.C.	1818	107x	94.688
	G. Flett	Mildura	1808	123x	93.125

SHARPSHOOTER

	J. Healy	Hay	1810	99x	94.271
	J. Pankhurst	Berri	1770	94x	92.188
	L. Woods	Mildura	1707	94x	88.906

MARKSMAN

	K. l'Anson	Berri	1429	62x	74.427
	I. Thompson	Mildura	1410	54x	73.438
	B. Lauder	Mildura	1322	68x	68.854

B GRADE

866	G. Burke	Mildura	813
848	L. Woods	Mildura	791

D GRADE

852	J. Fauser	Mt. Gambier	767
851	I. Thompson	Mildura	657
829	A. Drash	Bendigo	639

Melton Action/Service Open

June 27th & 28th, 1992

Melton Pistol Club were blessed with fine weather, for the Christening oof our new Action Match Range on the weekend of June 27-28.

The new turning target systems performed flawlessly over the weekend, (catching more than one late shot), with the only break down being the loss of a plate, shot off by a well known Geelong member, who represents Australia at "Bianchi Cup".

The Rapid Fire event was the Waterloo for most shooters, with "Danny Riordan" and "Brad Taite" remaining untroubled on 298/300.

Prizes worth \$700 were up for grabs, with the winners being:

ACTION MATCH:

Outright and High Masters:	Brad Taite	99.90%
Masters:	Glen Gordon	98.14%
Expert:	Allan Clarke	92.03%
S/Shooter:	Howard McDonald	84.58%
M/Man:	John Corral	91.94%

Service Pistol was well represented (mor entries than Action), reflecting a gaining popularity in this demanding match.

Outright and Masters:	Ercole Anastasi	876
A Grade:	John De Brevi	867
B Grade:	Len Malia	827
C Grade:	Glen Gordon	810
D Grade:	Howard McDonald	651

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Geelong U.I.T Open

July 4th & 5th, 1992

CENTRE PISTOL

A GRADE

T. Slattery	Bendigo	566
M. Kelly	Watsonia	565
J. Iglesias	MISC	554

B GRADE

L. Mollews	Castlemaine	543
B. Elmslie	MISC	533
J. Gray	Castlemaine	531

C GRADE

N. Whybrow	Melton	523
G. Dumaresq	MISC	519
R. Bradley	Yarra	518

D GRADE

D. Kernaghan	MAPC	443
M. Bush	Warragul	439
G. Taylor	Mid Murray	405

LADIES SPORT PISTOL

MASTER

A. Woodward	MAPC	565
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A GRADE

L. Ryan	Diamond Valley	562
V. Turner	MISC	560
D. Vandewaterd	Blacktown	555

B GRADE

A. Whybrow	Melton	523
H. Blandford	Bairnsdale	522
J. Finn	Oakleigh	521

C GRADE

C. Elder	Warrnambool	491
A. Taylor	Mid Murray	488
B. Thorn	Bairnsdale	475

JUNIOR SPORT PISTOL

A GRADE

P. Chandler	Shepparton	559
L. Edwards	Yarra	557
B. Tanian	MISC	549

B GRADE

D. Dietrich	MISC	540
K. Gardiner	Ararat	532
K. Bird	Warracknabeal	522

C GRADE

W. Bush	Warragul	468
D. Brownrigg	Yarra	439

D GRADE

T. Lee	Warracknabeal	430
K. Oates	Geelong	308

AIR PISTOL

A GRADE

G. Evans	Bairnsdale	561
M. Kelly	Watsonia	560
F. deHair	Yarra	560

B GRADE

J. Iglesias	MISC	567
A. Hughson	Castlemaine	539
B. Clark	Watsonia	538

C GRADE

M. Bush	Warragul	529
H. Birr	SSPC	518
J. Millar	Oakleigh	507

D GRADE

G. Taylor	Mid Murray	505
J. Barber	Horsham	500
S. Klekovic	Geelong	459

LADIES AIR PISTOL**MASTER**

A. Woodward	MAPC	371
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A GRADE

V. Turner	MISC	365
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L. Ryan	Diamond Valley	361
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D. Vandehaterd	Blacktown	360
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B GRADE

J. Finn	Oakleigh	353
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M. Wiles	Yarra	353
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C GRADE

H. Blandford	Bairnsdale	336
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B. Thorn	Bairnsdale	317
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A. Taylor	Mid Murray	310
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D GRADE

B. Ducat	Oakleigh	319
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C. Bush	Warragul	296
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FREE PISTOL**A GRADE**

P. Bowron	Warrnambool	533
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P. Butcher	Yarra	520
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B GRADE

Tom Henry	Blacktown	536
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J. Iglesias	MISC	533
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N. Edwards	Yarra	523
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C GRADE

D. Rowan	Ballarat	490
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C. Vena	Geelong	481
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M. Cleland	Melton	455
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D GRADE

B. Sharkey	Warrnambool	454
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J. Barber	Horsham	406
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B. Thorn	Bairnsdale	397
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STANDARD PISTOL**A GRADE**

T. McCullagh	Mid Murray	561
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J. Iglesias	MISC	547
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F. deHair	MISC	541
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B GRADE

T. Trewern	Warragul	549
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J. Wright	MISC	537
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G. Dumaresq	MISC	528
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C GRADE

A. Heyward	Geelong	512
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B. Wiles	Yarra	509
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C. Vena	Geelong	496
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D GRADE

H. Blandford	Bairnsdale	500
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D. Rowan		477
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C. Elder	Warrnambool	472
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JUNIOR MENS AIR**A GRADE**

L. Edwards	Yarra	553
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P. Chandler	Shepparton	547
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B. Tanian	MISC	522
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B GRADE

D. Dietrich	MISC	513
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K. Gardiner	Ararat	504
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D. Snape	Warragul	462
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C GRADE

A. Miller	MISC	527
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JUNIOR LADIES AIR**B GRADE**

S. Ballantyne	Geelong	355
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C GRADE

W. Bush	Warragul	328
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