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Editorial

Last issue I finished on a note of looking forward to going down another track, but for some unknown reason an old theme has resurfaced.

I sometimes wonder why it appears difficult to get many of our members to do things like write to the editor or take part in and have their say in the organisation of VAPA. It is really a rhetorical thought as I know most of our membership are pistol shooters and that's it. Whether they are serious competition or social shooters, UIT, Action, IPSC, Blackpowder, Service whatever; that's where their interest and energies lay. Happy to shoot and be serious and responsible about it but normally not interested in the administration of our sport. It's not that they don't care at times, but rather that they choose not to get involved.

Some of us do choose to get involved in the administration (but we still love to shoot) and for the most part the general membership are quiet happy to let us have a long leash. What we have to remember is that it is only a long leash, generally members are happy for most decisions to be made on their behalf with little consultation and only asked about the big questions. We have to know the difference between important and unimportant. Is it important that Shepparton didn't send squadding cards by a required time and what penalty they will get for such a sin or is it important that VAPA may change its' Constitution or lend a club $60,000.

The Shepparton matter was a notice of motion, the $60,000 loan an item of business at a Committee of Management meeting, brought up and dealt with all in the same night. Very good reasons can be given as to why but it is an "important" matter. Care should have been taken to consult, there is always too little time to consult if the care is not taken in the first place. If MISC did not have time to bring the matter up earlier, fine, but it may have meant they missed out on the loan without time to properly consult the members; as things turned out there was time. Our constitution is still heading for reform in December after the failed attempt at the July AGM.

In both cases we have formed sub committees to report to the membership so that the original actions could be clarified, findings and recommendations reported to the membership and the matters satisfactorily resolved. Were not both these matters "important" and could not a lot of heart ache be avoided if members thought they were asked about the important issues, given the information they need to make a decision, before the decisions disappear into history as facts.

Queensland has canvassed their membership for months in their magazine about constitutional changes and created a good and wide discussion and when it comes to a vote all will vote as informed members on an important issue.

If we don't highlight the big issues and consult our members on the "important" we are showing that as administrators of VAPA 9from club delegate to executive) that we are either naive or poorly versed in commercial practice and can only expect to be bitten by the membership.

Alun Hughson
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I have read, with considerable concern, the comments of Des Boseley as published at page 5 of the August 1992 edition of Victorian Pistol News.

In response I make the following comments:—

(a) All staff at the Firearms Registry perform their tasks under the authority of the Firearms Registrar at the time;

(b) The Officer in Charge, Pistol Section Mr. George Mihran is an unsworn member of the Victoria Police who has provided continuous service to the Firearms Registry (and the previous Pistol Registry) for in excess of 23 years. He has provided the best possible service to the pistol shooters of this state during that long term of dedicated service;

(c) The 28 day period for which Selection Notices remain valid is clearly indicated in Form 17 of the Third Schedule of the Firearms Regulations 1984;

(d) The Firearms Registry was computerised in mid 1990 which has provided a much improved service to the shooters in this state. Unfortunate by products of computerisation have been staff reductions and difficulty encountered in extending Selection Notices on the computer which is programmed to automatically "expire" them after 28 days in compliance with the legislation. In today's modern society **we all have to take the good with the bad**; and

(e) As a courtesy to pistol shooters George Mihran provided timely advice in the May 1992 issue of Victorian Pistol News. I repeat that advice. **DON'T SUBMIT A SELECTION NOTICE UNTIL THE LICENSED GUN DEALER HAS YOUR REQUIRED PISTOL IN STOCK**. The application will be processed and Selection Notice issued within 7 days. If this is done there will be no requirement for extension of Selection Notices.

I trust the above information has clarified the obvious misconceptions held by some pistol shooters.

Chris Penno
Acting Inspector,
Registrar of Firearms

ANOTHER LETTER TO FRED

Dear Fred,

By now you will have received the sea mail letter from El Presidente (economy of scale etc.), advising you of the member non-compliance with the with the VAPA rule change proposal that they be represented at AGM's by Club Delegates. With the limited consideration and discussion time prior to the AGM it was amazing to see enough "disinterested" members in attendance to see the proposal lost. Yes, we did vote to move to the Associations Incorporation Act, which does allow for individual members to have a vote, and had this option been proposed it would have been adopted.

Oh well Fred, there are times when members do like to have a majority vote about something I guess. Seriously though Fred, our Club Delegates work hard during the year administering our State affairs, and they do or should know the workings of it.

But following the AGM decision it seems that members may still desire the opportunity to show their interest (or disinterest) should they see fit, a final overview per se.

Well Fred, by now from your latest pen friend.

Clive Whelan
(an "interested" Antipodean)
Yarra Pistol Club

Sir,

The comments expressed by Mr Kevin McAllison in his "Letter to Fred" was disappointing to say the least, sarcastic and cynical at most.

Regardless of the type of Association, there will always be a certain amount of apathy, but the degree of apathy is normally governed by the amount of interest people are allowed to take in an Association and this in turn is generated by information received from the Executive.

I would hazard a guess that a fair percentage of members in our Association are social shooters and are not concerned with the mechanics of the Association. Then there are others who cannot afford to travel the distance, for whatever reason, and some who have unflinching faith in their delegates. But whatever the reason, Mr McAllison discredits himself and his office by assuming that 3,800 members don't care, I can assure him that they do. Perhaps Mr McAllison should ask "Old Uncle Ernie" about some of his other sayings, I'm sure that he would have something along the line of "please engage brain before engaging pencil".

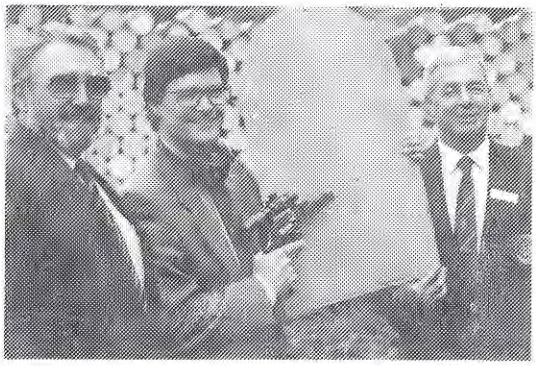
Regards
Mike Potter
Echuca Pistol Club

1992 ACTION NATIONALS

The 1992 Action Match National Championships were held at the Geelong Pistol Clubs' Mount Duneed range over the Melbourne Cup weekend 31st October to 2nd November. Geelong had put in a big effort to host the first National Championship to be held in Victoria since 1968 (UIT at Melbourne). After all the hard work the weather loomed as the biggest potential obstacle with the range almost being flooded two weeks before the titles and the first day of the championships wet but it all finished in the sunshine on the Monday. Local member of Parliament Mr Alister Paterson opened the Championships on Saturday, with the support of the Geelong Secondary College Concert Band, and later proved himself a potential "Action man" with a card full of tens on his first try of an Action gun.

New South Wales won the teams title with some excellent shooting with Victoria eight points behind in second place. Victoria compensated by taking individual outright (Brian Kilpatrick), top lady (Janina Tenace), 1st in the Barricades (Peter Muscat), and a clean sweep in the Speed Shoot; both outright and junior by Bradley Tate and ladies by Janina Tenace.

Alister Paterson MLA with State President Kevin McAllison and National President Ray Andrews.



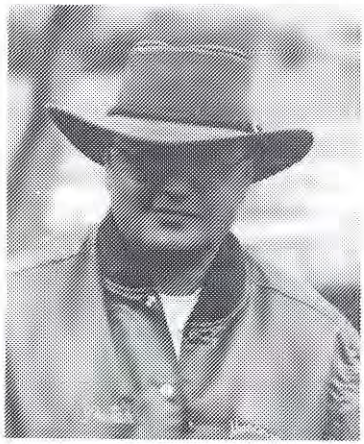
Victorian Action Team — Tom Whitehead, Brian Kilpatrick, Bradley Tate.

Last year at the Nationals two shooters beat the old record at the Barricades with perfect scores of 480 48x; but this year five shooters shot the perfect score and the shoot-off after lunch on Monday had the spectators crowded at the top of the quarry to see Peter Muscat take first place. Monday afternoon also gave the many spectators something special to see with the top 20 finishers competing in the Speed event.

With a great many of the over 120 competitors coming from all over Australia and New Zealand there was great rivalry and our visitors are to be thanked for their help and friendly sportsmanship and we hope they enjoyed their visit to Victoria.

Geelong is to be congratulated for conducting such a well run championship with the added bonus of having the National Champions in Brian and Janina taking the titles at their home club.

Peter Muscat —



1st on the Barricades.

Brian Kilpatrick

— Action National Champion.

Janina Tenace

— Ladies National Champion.

RESULTS

TOP 20 PLACINGS

Outright

1st	Brian Kilpatrick	Geelong	1916	172x
5th	Bradley Tate	SSPC	1914	168x
12th	Roy Bannister	Eildon	1909	160x
14th	Peter Muscat	MAPC	1908	158x
16th	Danny McGaffin	Mildura	1906	164x
17th	Tom Whitehead	CPSA	1906	156x

Junior

2nd	Bradley Tate	SSPC	1914	168x
3rd	Tony Constable	Yarra	1877	123x

Lady

1st	Janina Tenace	Geelong	1892	143x
2nd	Aileen Tate	SSPC	1887	127x
8th	Sharon Peacock	Melton	1737	99x

SPEED SHOOT

Outright

1st	Bradley Tate	SSPC
2nd	Brian Kilpatrick	Geelong
4th	Tom Whitehead	CPSA

Junior

1st	Bradley Tate	SSPC

Lady

1st	Janina Tenace	Geelong

INDIVIDUAL MATCHES
(top 10 placings)

Moving Target

2nd	Brian Kilpatrick	Geelong	478	34x
9th	Tom Whitehead	CPSA	476	24x
10th	Bradley Tate	SSPC	474	29x

Practical

2nd	Bradley Tate	SSPC	480	43x
7th	Tom Whitehead	CPSA	480	37x
8th	John DeBrevi	Melton	480	36x
10th	Brian Kilpatrick	Geelong	478	43x

Barricades

1st	Peter Muscat	MAPC	480	48x
2nd	Bradley Tate	SSPC	480	48x
6th	Brian Kilpatrick	Geelong	480	47x
7th	Danny McGaffin	Mildura	480	47x

Falling Plates

2nd	Brian Kilpatrick	Geelong	480	149x
5th	Peter Muscat	MAPC	480	144x
6th	Janina Tenace	Geelong	480	138x
7th	Steve Schrader	Bendigo	480	111x
10th	Tony Constable	Yarra	480	107x

TEAM RESULTS

1st	NEW SOUTH WALES								**5744**	**475x**
2nd	VICTORIA	MOVER		PRACTICAL		BARRICADE		PLATES		
	B. TATE	474	29x	480	43x	480	48x	480 71x	1914	168x
	T. WHITEHEAD	476	24x	480	37x	470	47x	480 98x	1906	156x
	B. KILPATRICK	478	34x	478	43x	480	47x	480 149x	1916	172x
	TOTAL	1428	87x	1438	123x	1430	142x	1440 144x	**5736**	**496x**
3rd	AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY								**5710**	**467x**
4th	WESTERN AUSTRALIA								**5703**	**452x**
5th	QUEENSLAND								**5686**	**440x**
6th	NEW ZEALAND								**5643**	**426x**
7th	TASMANIA								**5621**	**405x**
8th	NORTHERN TERRITORY								**4832**	**292x**

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING CLUB AT SCIENCE WORKS MUSEUM

The Western Region Sports Assembly had been granted a week at The Science Museums Sports Works Exhibit from the 13th to the 19th of July 1992.

The WRSA opted to give the low profile sports an opportunity to set up displays of their sports. MISC being a member of the WRSA took up this option. A visit to the museum by me was arranged and an area booked which would allow us to set up a display as per the Melbourne Gun Show with demonstration Air Pistol. A permit was sought from the police and granted, however at the last moment the directors of Science Works denied us the right to shoot. The display went ahead without shooting but with a display of pistols, photographs and videos.

The Science Museum attracted approximately 4000 visitors each day, of this we only saw a small portion, about 6 to 8 hundred people visited our display during the six days we were there. Some people only just looked while others were more interested and some even inquired on how they could join a club. This information was passed onto them giving secretarys names and telephone numbers for the area in which they lived, this did include one from NSW and one from South Australia, also one from an American who was out here on holiday.

Overall the whole week was I believe fairly successful although it would have been so much better if we could have been shooting. Some people even asked why there was not any shooting as it was shown on the programme. We explained the situation to them very politely with which most people thought it a bit strange for them to leave it to the last minute and spoil a good display.

Peter Davis
(sports co-ordinator
for MISC to the WRSA)

1992 POSTAL FINALS

Congratulations to all the winning teams, and my heartfelt thanks to the Host Clubs. I realise it is a "BIG EFFORT" to host the Postal Finals, and I appreciate the work the Host Clubs have done.

It's a pity Mid Murray did not provide better weather for the U.I.T. finals (maximum temperature on Saturday was 7 degrees with a howling gale and plenty of rain) however the FREE BBQ on Saturday evening was appreciated by all who attended. This was an example of country hospitality at its best.

The weekend was almost a Yarra extravaganza. Of the 9 shields up for grabs the only one Yarra did not win was Ladies Sport Pistol, they finished 1 point behind MELTON.

A week later Mildura provided clear skies and plenty of sunshine, also giveaways of oranges and dried fruit to all competitors, provided by the local growers. Many good individual scores were shot and the consistency of the Melton A team won both Service shields.

After finishing fourth in last years finals BENDIGO put in a great effort all year and the Action Match Shield now hangs proudly in their Club Rooms.

Back to suburbia for the Black Powder Finals at C.O.P.C. Back in Melbourne again, its freezing. Does the "Home Ground Advantage" mean anything? It appears so as C.O.P.C. won both Black Powder Shields. Congratulations to John Mitchell (Yarra) who broke into Master Grade in Black Powder 25 metre.

By the time you read this your Club Secretary should have entries for the 1993 Postal Competition. Don't think that the metropolitan Clubs win everything, just look at the Finalists and Division winners for 1992. If your Club wishes to enter the 1993 Postal Competition make sure your Secretary has sent the entry forms before 16 January 1993.

Oakleighs' 25m & 50m winning Blackpowder Team — Neil Stewart, Stuart Kibbell, Phil Roberts, Mike Richards, Tony Watson and Rocky Redston.

FREE PISTOL

FINALISTS	YARRA "A"	2067
	YARRA "B"	2036
	M.I.S.C.	2029
	CASTLEMAINE	1993
DIVISION 1	YARRA "A"	
DIVISION 2	YARRA "B"	

RAPID FIRE

FINALISTS	YARRA "A"	2176
	M.A.P.C.	2127
	CASTLEMAINE	2056
	M.I.S.C.	1465
DIVISION 1	M.I.S.C.	
DIVISION 2	MELTON	
DIVISION 3	ECHUCA	
DIVISION 4	SHEPPARTON	

CENTREFIRE

FINALISTS	YARRA "A"	2199
	M.I.S.C. "A"	2178
	C.O.P.C. "A"	2160
	M.A.P.C.	2154
DIVISION 1	C.O.P.C. "A"	
DIVISION 2	YARRA "B"	
DIVISION 3	WATSONIA	
DIVISION 4	MOUNTAIN DIST	
DIVISION 5	YACKANDANDAH	

SPORT PISTOL LADIES

FINALISTS	MELTON	1547
	YARRA "A"	1546
	C.O.P.C.	1506
	SHEPPARTON	1453
DIVISION 1	YARRA "A"	
DIVISION 2	MELTON	

JUNIOR AIR PISTOL

FINALISTS	YARRA	702
	M.I.S.C.	698
	YACKANDANDAH	649
	BENDIGO	0
DIVISION 1	YARRA	

BLACK POWDER 50 METRE

FINALISTS	C.O.P.C.	989
	CASTLEMAINE	976
	M.I.S.C.	964
	YARRA	933
DIVISION 1	CASTLEMAINE	
DIVISION 2	C.O.P.C.	

SERVICE MATCH

FINALISTS	MELTON "A"	3420
	M.A.P.C.	3409
	MILDURA	3339
	MELTON "B"	3132
DIVISION 1	YARRA "A"	
DIVISION 2	MELTON "B"	

LADIES AIR PISTOL

FINALISTS	YARRA "B"	1025
	YARRA "A"	1007
	C.O.P.C.	985
	MELTON	962
DIVISION 1	YARRA "A"	
DIVISION 2	YARRA "B"	

ACTION MATCH

FINALISTS	BENDIGO "A"	7320
	MILDURA	7221
	BALLARAT	6749
	GEELONG	0000
DIVISION 1	MILDURA	
DIVISION 2	GEELONG	
DIVISION 3	BALLARAT	

SERVICE MATCH UNRESTRICTED

FINALISTS	MELTON "A"	3483
	MILDURA	3472
	M.A.P.C.	3468
	MELTON "B"	3264
DIVISION 1	YARRA "A"	
DIVISION 2	MELTON "B"	

STANDARD PISTOL

FINALISTS	YARRA "A"	2135
	M.I.S.C. "A"	2134
	M.A.P.C.	2115
	C.O.P.C. "A"	2093
DIVISION 1	M.I.S.C. "A"	
DIVISION 2	PENINSULA "A"	
DIVISION 3	SHEPPARTON	
DIVISION 4	OUTTRIM	

SPORT PISTOL JUNIOR

FINALISTS	YARRA	1120
	M.I.S.C.	1101
	BENDIGO	1003
	W'GUL/DROUIN	0
DIVISION 1	YARRA	

MENS AIR PISTOL

FINALISTS	YARRA "B"	2179
	YARRA "A"	2166
	TRARALGON "A"	2120
	CASTLEMAINE	2082
DIVISION 1	YARRA "A"	
DIVISION 2	YARRA "B"	
DIVISION 3	WATSONIA	
DIVISION 4	SPORTING SHOOTERS	
DIVISION 5	OUTTRIM	

BLACK POWDER 25 METRE

FINALISTS	C.O.P.C.	1061
	YARRA	1051
	CASTLEMAINE	1044
	BALLARAT	986
DIVISION 1	CASTLEMAINE	
DIVISION 2	C.O.P.C.	
DIVISION 3	BALLARAT	

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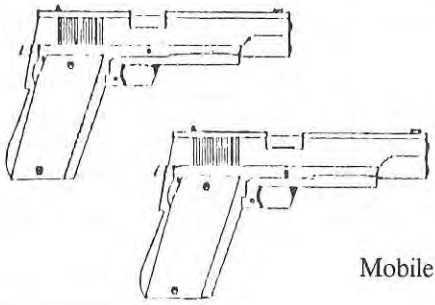

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STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ACTION PISTOL 1992

by Kip Manwaring

Once again the Action Pistol State Championships were held at Geelong Pistol Club, on the weekend of 22nd-23rd August, 1992. (This will be the last at Geelong, for a while at least, since I am going to take a break after the Nationals, and concentrate on my own shooting for a change!).

There were 87 entries, with 27 interstate (16 from South Australia and 11 from NSW). Competition was to be fierce, with 14 High Master grade shooters, and 27 Master grades.

The weather, as is usual for Geelong at this time of the year, was to make an impression. Saturday was exceptional, with sun and little wind. Sunday, however, proved less kind, with rain, wind and hail. One master grade shooter from Bendigo started his **Muscrat Cutom** Mover match in the rain and wind, which was bad enough, but had to finish it in a hailstorm! I will refrain from quoting his comments when he finished.

Other comments were heard from shooters about the bow-wave at position A on the **Taylor Firearms** plates range when going prone at 15 yards. Oh well, more jobs to be done before the Nationals!

In preparation for the Nationals later in the year, the State Titles were organised as the Nationals will be. Tombstone targets in cardboard, without borders, were used for the first time here, with little trouble and no apparent complaints. The **Taylor Firearms** Falling Plates were moved to Range 1, where three sets could be used. Pneumatic lifters were used, although unfortunately time ran out for the construction of the stop bars. As a result, competitors shot individually, with a hand timer used, rather than all together as a squad.

For the first time, squadding was done at a rate of eight per hour, rather than the normal six per hour. This worked well, except for the plates — which the stop bars will fix for the Nationals. As well, a "super-squad" of the top sixteen competitors competed together in the same two-hour time slot for each match, and also shot the **Muscrat Custom** Mover as the last of the four matches on the Sunday morning. This put considerable pressure on these competitors, as they were competing head-to-head with their main rivals. The State teams will be squadded in the same way at the Nationals.

Brian Kilpatrick, the local favourite, threw it away on the Saturday when he missed a plate. Most unlike Brian! However, Bradley Tate and Tom Whitehead confirmed their form of the Bianchi Cup by fighting out the event. By Sunday morning and the

Muscrat Custom Mover, Tom had shot an eight on each of the **Winchester** Practical and **Tasco** Barricade events, whereas Bradley was still clean (both had cleaned the **Taylor Firearms** Plates, Tom with 148 x's). Tom shot another eight on the **Muscrat Custom** Mover, leaving it in Bradley's hands. However Brad then shot three eights, tying Tom's score overall — Bradley winning on the x-count!

Peter Muscat, with a new gun and a red-dot sight to replace his old "black-dot", shot much better on the **Muscrat Custom** Mover than in the past, and finished third outright.

A little later in the morning, Leigh Sneesby from NSW had the opportunity to win the match. He had shot one eight on the **Winchester** Practical, and was otherwise clean. He knew he had to shoot only one more eight on the **Muscrat Custom** Mover to win — however, the pressure was too great and he shot a comparatively poor score to drop right out of contention.

With the withdrawal of Janina Tenace from pistol shooting, it appeared that Jane Sneesby from NSW should have the Ladies Title to herself. However, Chris Fauser from SA was having little of that, and ended up losing to Jane by one x only (Jane 1877x128, Chris 1977x127). Jane will have some real competition at the Nationals!

The top-20 shooters competed in the **Hellweg** Speed Shoot on Sunday afternoon — disappointingly in steady rain. Surprisingly the PA system and the timing gear worked perfectly, despite rain and wet operator (Lynda was not pleased!). Egged on by his IPSC "minders", a coming young man in the form of Dimi Georgiou came close to upsetting the old timers with his auto. However, that quick man with a revolver, "Grizzly" DeBrevi upheld the honour of the wheelgunners. Third was Mario Mori.

At the presentation of trophies and prizes in the Clubhouse, Neil Jones announced the Victorian Team for the Nationals — Bradley Tate, Tom Whitehead and Brian Kilpatrick.

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PRIZE WINNERS

VICTORIAN CHAMPION	Bradley Tate, Sporting Shooters	1914 164X
Interstate Outright	Brett McKechnie, Noarlunga SA	1903 135X
GRADE PRIZES		
HIGH MASTER		
First	Bradley Tate, Sporting Shooters	1914 164X
Second	Tom Whitehead, CPSA	1914 153X
Third	Peter Muscat, Melbourne Airport	1905 151X
MASTER		
First	Brett McKechnie, Noarlunga SA	1903 135X
Second	Mario Mori, Oakleigh	1899 131X
Third	Dimitrios Georgious, Sporting Shoot	1898 143X
EXPERT		
First	Russell Brimacombe, Ballarat	1872 129X
Second	Tony Constable, Yarra	1865 106X
Third	Laurie Moylan, Melbourne Airport	1864 128X
SHARPSHOOTER		
First	Donald Wilson, Sporting Shooters	1824 108X
Second	Allan Hall, Sporting Shooters	1789 98X
Third	Peter Sleep, Ballarat	1781 104X
MARKSMAN		
First	Greg Keays, Sporting Shooters	1731 93X
Second	Michael Nash, Sporting Shooters	1627 81X
Third	Julia Hayes, Leigh Creek SA	1510 73X
OFF-GUN PRIZES		
Tasco Barricades	Brian Kilpatrick, Geelong	480 47X
Taylor Firearms Falling Plates	Tom Whitehead, CPSA	480 148X
Muscrat Custom Moving Target	Tom Whitehead, CPSA	478 30X
Winchester Practical	Bradley Tate, Sporting Shooters	480 38X
HellwegSpeed Shoot		
First	John De Brevi, Melton	
Second	Dimi Georgiou, Sporting Shooters	
Third	Mario Mori, Oakleigh	
CLASS PRIZES		
TOP LADY	Jane Sneesby, Toukley NSW	1877 128X
TOP JUNIOR	Bradley Tate, Sporting Shooters	1914 164X
TOP VETERAN	Kip Manwaring, Geelong	1857 127X

MILDURA PISTOL CLUB

Mildura Pistol Club was formed in 1960 and affiliation could not be completed until Rod Johnson came back from the Rome Olympics.

The Club had 15 members initially and after a lot of working bees, established 50 and 25 metre Slow Fire Ranges, with 12 covered positions.

Local identity, Ron Whitworth was the Foundation President and continued in this position for a number of years, seeing all the range grassed with in-ground sprinklers and wind breaks all around.

Further expansion saw two sets of Rapidfire Frames built, which eventually became four sets.

During the mid 60's an annual UIT Open Competition was started, and entries were always around 70 plus with shooters like Tibor Gonczol, Mike Papps, Kev Tilden and Cam Cooper regular attenders. The clubs along the Murray and Broken Hill were always well presented also.

The end of the 60's saw the start of the range operation difficulties as a result of Mildura rifle clubs agreement with the City Council to allow the dumping of rubbish, supposedly to build the 300 and 600 yard mounds above the drainage which accumulated around the time of the Queens birthday shoot.

Eventually the continued tipping saw the Rifle Club sell out to the Council, leaving us looking for a new site.

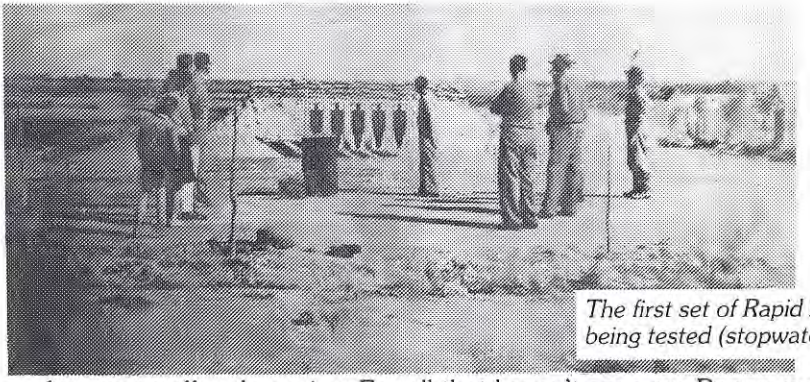
After looking at several different spots, our present area was chosen, and work commenced early 1984.

At this stage membership was around 80, but working bees and no shooting quickly decimated the ranks, some going to other clubs, but most just getting out altogether.

May 85 saw the official opening of the range by local parliamentarian Mr. M. Whitting, who is also Club patron.

Various problems were confronted while construction was in progress and even afterwards, for example, the S.E.C. used our newly laid pipeline as an access track for their heavy vehicles, busting it in a dozen places, 2 R & I timers walked the same time as the attendance book caught fire and our $1000 Davey Pump disappeared from its security box on the lake. Many other small but annoying occurrences popped up, but we managed. 1986 found us running our first big shoot on the new range with the hosting of the Postal Finals for service and black powder, along with an Open in both matches.

Our next 3 shoots had to be cancelled due to lack of entries, service, UIT and a service with some action. With the advent of action, work was instigated to bring the range up to scratch. At first a single card mover was built but changed to a four card a year or so later. Two sets of plates and suitable barricades were constructed



The first set of Rapid Fire Frames being tested (stopwatch timing).

and we were off and running. For all that haven't seen our Range, we have a 90 metre long shooting shed, sectioned into five ranges, the first three have four sets of "Rapidfire" frames each, which are on rails that allow the targets to be positioned at 7 yards for service, 50 metres for free, or anywhere in between.

Range 4 has the 2 sets of plates, with room for 2 more if we should have the need.

Number 5 is the mover range, originally the standard pistol, then the plinking range, after much controversy within the club, those with the foresight won out and we now have a complete action match range.

With our R&I timers converted to run off a pact (about $40 each for parts) matches like barricades and prac are shot on turning targets, 4 at a time, just like service. This speeds up the number of competitors that can be put through so if need be, we could handle near 300 shooters in a day on either one of these matches.

Our present club rooms originally were supposed to be the target shed and an under cover barbeque area, but lack of funds precluded the construction of the planed 200 metre square club rooms, so we've made do with what we had.

A hot water system has to be installed, so camping on the range is more comfortable for those that like to "rough" it and save a few bucks at the same time. Power outlets for caravans are next on the agenda.

At present, membership stands at a couple over 30, fees are under $200 and all members have keys to the range and can enjoy 7 day a week shooting if they desire, the fees covering use of all targets and patches etc, a better deal than some of the big financial city clubs we've heard. Hopefully, in the near future, we'll have several annual opens around the same date each year, probably service/action and an action, UIT will have to wait until finances can be found to build an indoor air pistol range.

The club is situated 14km from Mildura on Benetook Avenue, (sign is displayed on the Melbourne Highway) so if your cruising through or on holiday, don't hesitate to call in any Thursday night or Sunday and maybe have a shot, either on the range or the bar, we're easy to get on with. See ya up here soon.

Don Andrews and
Glen Flett

25TH MELBOURNE GUN SHOW

On the dates Saturday February 20th and Sunday February 21st Maurie Albert and Jeff Overington will be staging **THE TWENTY FIFTH MELBOURNE GUN SHOW** at the Centennial Hall Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton.

As per usual HUNDREDS OF NEW AND USE GUNS plus ALLIED ITEMS WILL BE FOR SALE AND/OR TRADE.

Amongst other aspects a show such as this provides an excellent opportunity for private gun owners to take anything they wish to sell or trade to the same — for there are numerous sellers and buyers from all parts of Victoria and throughout Australia plus at times New Zealand and other overseas countries seeking stock and sellers are willing to take trade-ins with regards as to what they have to sell. In addition if one (or more) private sellers wish to participate in the show via renting a table or tables for the weekend they can do so for due to various arrangements made between the Victorian Firearms Registry and the show organizers private individuals (shooters, collectors, etc) can legally offer and dispose of their firearms as such a licenced event.

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Shooters Diary

1993

JANUARY

9th	*GEELONG	ACTION
30th	POSTALS	ROUND 1, WEEK 1
30th—1st Feb.	MISC	UIT

FEBRUARY

6th	CASTLEMAINE	UIT
13th & 14th	ARARAT	UIT
20th & 21st	WARRAGUL	UIT
20th & 21st	MELTON	STATE TITLES — SERVICE
27th & 28th	ECHUCA	STATE TITLES — BLACKPOWDER
27th & 28th	EUROA	UIT
27th & 28th	*KERANG	ACTION

MARCH

6th—8th	MISC	STATE TITLES — UIT
20th & 21st	*MT DISTRICT	ACTION

APRIL

5th—12th	HOBART	NATIONALS — UIT/BP/SERVICE
17th & 18th	MELTON	ACTION/SERVICE
17th & 18th	BOOLIGAL	ACTION/UIT
24th & 25th	HAMILTON	UIT

MAY

2nd	*	JUNIOR OPEN
15th & 16th	ECHUCA	UIT
22nd & 23rd	HAMILTON	UIT

JUNE

12th—14th	MID-MURRAY	UIT/SERVICE/BP

JULY

3rd & 4th	*GEELONG	UIT
17th & 18th	ECHUCA	IPSC
24th & 25th	*KERANG	ACTION

* *UNCONFIRMED*

I.P.S.C.

Until the introduction of IPSC the Colt Government model remained basically unaltered, however in the past ten years we have seen a variety of clones, modification and improvements, the latest may see it reach the peak of its' development thanks to the Chip McCormick Corporation and Trip Research Incorporated.

Recently they introduced their Modula Competition system, a pistol or should I say a two piece frame to which you (and your gunsmith) can add all the normal bits; slide, barrel, etc.

The lower half of the frame is moulded from a specially formulated composite called Compolite (a flash plastic?) and forms the grip, trigger housing and a base for the upper frame which according to the catalogue is available in Steel, Titanium or Aluminium. Only the steel varieties have been seen so far.

The frame rails are machined oversize to accommodate all the sloppy slides that have been made in the past, so some fitting has to be performed.

It is recommended that you don't shoot with a ring on your finger as it can mar the front strap checkering and they stress the importance of keeping the grip screws tight as these hold the two halves of the frame together.

If you feel one of these new age race guns is for you, toddle off to your favourite dealer and put your name down.

While you are there you might be tempted by the latest from Dillon Precision, the XL650 (no, he's not selling Honda's).

This reloader falls between their reliable RL550 and the expensive RL1050. It is similar in construction to the 550 with the addition of auto indexing and automatic case feed. One clever innovation is the optional powder checking die that sounds an alarm if the powder charge is out of limits, either too high or low, accuracy is approximately one grain, good enough to stop blown guns.

Don't miss the IPSC State Team selection shoot at Sale on the 28th and 29th of November and the Steel Challenge at Little River the following weekend, both should be great events.

D.V.C.
Leigh Shields

VAPA Constitutional Review Sub-Committee — report to members

In the August edition of the "PISTOL NEWS" members were given the opportunity to submit their thoughts on the proposed new Statement of Purpose and Rules.

All such submissions were to be considered by the Constitution Review Sub-Committee and their proposed amendments published in this edition of the "PISTOL NEWS".

Three members took the opportunity to submit their thoughts to the Association.

The Sub-Committee feel that the points put forward by those members should be published as well as the recommendations of the Sub-Committee.

It was obvious at the A.G.M. that the section that evoked the most reaction was that relating to the change whereby it is proposed that the members be represented by their club at the A.G.M.

Two members have written expressing the thought that individual members carry the votes at an A.G.M.

(1) :— that the Constitution Review Sub-Committee prepare amendments to the proposed V.A.P.A. A.G.M.s and at Special General Meetings.

(2) :— that it is important that individual members be given the opportunity at least once per year to have their own say, not just be tied to the views of the Club appointed delegate. Whilst it is understood that the vast majority do not exercise this right it is important to maintain this democratic link to the rank and file of the Association.

After serious consideration the Sub-Committee decided that the proposal of a third member was by far the most appropriate way to amend this section.

The third member proposed an amendment by way of an additional clause to be "CLAUSE 66" under the section covering "NOTICE OF MEETINGS".

13 (6) Any member having placed any business on notice for an Annual General Meeting, or a Special General Meeting, in accordance with the preceding sub-clause (5) shall have the right to attend that meeting and address himself or herself to that business should he or she desire.

This proposal was considered by the Sub-Committee to be an excellent amendment in that it gives any member the right to speak to any matter that that member has placed on the agenda.

One must consider that the ONLY MATTERS that CAN be discussed at an A.G.M. or a S.G.M. are agenda items.

One must also consider that all major decisions made in relation to the running of the V.A.P.A., with the exception of the Elections held at the A.G.M., are made at Committee of Management Meetings by the delegates of the clubs.

It would seem logical that the people best equipped to attend the A.G.M. would be those who have been handling the affairs of the Association for the last 12 months and have an intimate knowledge of the Associations needs and requirements.

One of these members also pointed out that part of Appendix 4 where it relates to accepting money for participation in competitions etc., may be in conflict with a standing rule of Pistol Australia.

This section was considered and it could be seen that the current wording in the second paragraph of the declaration could possibly cause a problem in the future if left in the current form.

It is recommended that the second paragraph be replaced with:—

I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and will comply with the rules for shooting as approved from time to time by the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association Inc.

Another point that was queried was the "annual club affiliation fee".

This affiliation fee is required to make the club a "member" of the association and was never intended to be an additional burden on the club.

The affiliation fee is to be set by an Ordinary General Meeting and could be set as low as $1.00 as it is a formality only.

The remaining matters of concern to one member are,

Clause 21 (5) that relates to a casual vacancy on the Executive being filled by the Executive.

This was never the intention and will certainly be amended to read that the C.O.M. will be responsible for filling the vacancy.

The final point relates to CLAUSE 23 (2)

:— Not more than two members of any one affiliated Club shall be elected to the Executive of the Association.

The member contends that "whilst I am fully aware that this is part of the current Constitution, and that it is intended that the "affiliated club" shall be the "mother club" of the member, it creates an anomaly in that it could well be that we can see two members from one club being elected to the Executive and a third member, being an associate member of the same club, also being elected. We then have three, and possibly more, as full or associate members of any one club on the Executive.

The Sub-Committee considered this point and could see no reason to change from what is part of the current Constitution and what is proposed in the new Rules.

The V.A.P.A. has no record of which members may be an Associate of another club.

The fact that somebody may be an Associate member of a club is a matter between that person and the club concerned.

Members become Associates of another club for many different reasons.

It would be illogical to expect a member of the Executive to resign his position if, for instance, that member became an Associate of a club for reasons of convenience. He may work close to a club that has two members on the Executive and he may become an associate purely to get in midweek or evening practice. Why should that member be penalised because he took advantage of an associate membership in order to participate in his chosen sport to the limit that he wishes.

Alternatively, why should he be restricted from taking an associate membership of a club purely because there happens to be 2 members of that club on the executive.

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NOTICE
EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association will be held at the City of Oakleigh Pistol Club, Simpson Road, Clayton, on Friday 18th December at 7.30 pm 1992.

The purpose of the meeting will be to:-

1. Consider the following amendments to the proposed new Statement of Purpose and Rules as circulated to all members in June of this year.

Re Section 4 (6) :— To read,

The association may, by resolution passed at a General Meeting, add a surcharge for late payment of any fees.

Re section 4 (7) :— To read,

The association may, by resolution passed at a General Meeting, impose levies for specific purposes which must be fully stated.

Re section 4 (9) :— To read,

The association may, by resolution passed at a General Meeting, add a surcharge for late payment of levies.

Re Section 13 :— To be added.

Sub-Clause 6:— Any member having placed any business on notice for an Annual General Meeting, or a Special General Meeting, in accordance with sub-clause (5) shall have the right to attend that meeting and speak on that business.

Re Section 21 (5) :— To read,

In the event of a casual vacancy occurring on the Executive of the Association, a General Meeting of the Association may appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed shall hold office, subject to these rules, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his appointment.

Re Appendix 4 :— The DECLARATION to now read,

I Declare —
I will abide by the laws of the State, the rules of the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association Inc. and of the Club.

I will fulfil the obligations of good sportsmanship and will comply with the rules for shooting as approved from time to time by the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association Inc.

I authorise the Chief Commissioner of Police to advise the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association of any conviction I have received.

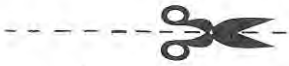
2. Adopt the Statement of Purpose and Rules as amended.

Any member may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf provided that the appointment is in writing and is received by the Returning Officer at the address below by *1700 hours on 16th December 1992.*

Address: Returning Officer, V.A.P.A.
P.O. Box 240, Bentleigh, 3204

Multiple appointments are not legal and will not be accepted.

It is recommended that the form provided, or something similar be used.



FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I, ... being a member of the

Amateur Pistol Association, hereby appoint .....

or in his absence ....., as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association to be held on **FRIDAY the 18TH DAY of DECEMBER 1992** and to any adjournment of that meeting.

My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of/against (delete as appropriate) the resolutions presented to that meeting.

Signed ..... Date / /1992.

This notice of appointment shall be forwarded to the Returning Officer appointed by the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association so as to be received by him not later than 48 hours prior to the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting at which the proxy will be effective.

State Referee Council

As from the 1st JANUARY 1993 important changes and amendments of the UIT rules come into effect.

GENERAL TECHNICAL RULES

3.9	Height of Target Center	25 m Ranges	1.4m +/- 0.10 m
		10 m Ranges	1.4m +/- 0.05 m

6.5 **DRY FIRING:**

"DRY FIRING" means the release of the cocked trigger mechanism of an unloaded gun or the release of the trigger mechanism of a gun fitted with a device which enables the trigger to be operated without discharging the gun.

SPECIAL TECHNICAL RULES FOR PISTOL SHOOTING

6.8e Rapid Fire Stage

7) Additional sentence: "The pistol must not be rested on the bench, or shooting table, during the series."

6.10 SHOOTING TIMES:

Free Pistol	2 Hours
Air Pistol/60 Shots	1 hour, 45 minutes
40 Shots	1 hour, 15 minutes

6.14.b TOO MANY SHOTS IN AN EVENT:

The extra shots must be annulled on the last competition target(s).

SHOTS PER SERIES — NEW TIMES

With the implementation of the new shooting times for Free Pistol and Air Pistol 40 and 60 shot the following is the suggested times for these events; assuming that the number of competition shots per series is ten.

FREE PISTOL

First series of ten shots plus sighters is 25 minutes. Subsequent series of ten shots will be 19 minutes. Total shooting time equals 120 minutes.

AIR PISTOL 60

First series of ten shots plus sighters is 25 minutes.
Subsequent series of ten shots will be 16 minutes.
Total shooting time equals 105 minutes.

AIR PISTOL 40

First series of ten shots plus sighters is 24 minutes.
Subsequent series of ten shots will be 17 minutes.
Total shooting time equals 75 minutes.

Mildura: The Open side of the Postal Finals

Struth! 64, yes I kid you not, 64 shooters including the teams (all of whom entered the Open I think) attended our modest little range for our third try at a decent Open in less than 12 months. We wish to thank everyone for making it a great success, especially the long distance travellers from Leigh Creek, Canberra, Adelaide and of course the Melbournites that remembered Victoria does'nt stop at Bendigo. (Me? An excrement agitator. Never).

DAY ONE started with-a-shower in the wee hours, but turned out ok. Service kicked off ten minutes late, then promptly lost another ten with a derailment on the way back from 50 yards. Also, I must apologize to all the service shooters, I was the dumbo that didn't think of prep time in the squading. Unrestricted fired up an hour or so after service, while the plates and mover had commenced around 9.00.

By about 4.00 all shooting was finished with a few notable hits on the board, Peter "M" with an '85 and 93 for both services, "Little" Erco 480/145x on plates and Ed Rees 480/29x mover.

Sunday was a bloody ripper, typical Mildura weather, may be too good for some, as a few on the early details were shading their eyes and drinking copiuos amounts of softy. Obviously worried by glare and possible heat exhaustion.

Barricades and the leftovers for the mover opened proceedings, Prac geared up at around 10.00. No problems arose, presentations were over by 3.00. Top hits for the day were Ercos 480/34x Prac and someones ? 480/48x barricades (modesty forbids), Danny "Dave" McGaffins 1916/153x took the money when an eager Ed Rees indexed at 15 yards in prac for a 1910/154x.

See you all up here for our next one(s).

Bendigo's winning Action team — Steve Schrader, John Cramer Danny Riordan & John Milic.

ACTION/SERVICE OPEN & POSTAL FINALS
MILDURA 5th & 6th September 1992

SERVICE PISTOL

Master Grade

P. Muscat	MAPC	885
P. Blake	Melton	871
P. Hutchins	Mildura	868

A Grade

L. Scott	Canberra	867
J. De Brevi	Melton	866
G. Flett	Mildura	848

B Grade

G. Burke	Mildura	843
L. Mallia	MAPC	830
L. Woods	Mildura	821

C Grade

D. Betar	Broken Hill	827
B. Hayes	Leigh Creek	824
J. Walford	Leigh Creek	823

D Grade

J. Quinn	MAPC	791
H. Reed	Mildura	751
D. Aulich	Leigh Creek	715

SERVICE PISTOL UNRESTRICTED

Master Grade

P. Muscat	MAPC	893
P. Blake	Melton	880
P. Hutchins	Mildura	879

A Grade

J. DeBrevi	Melton	881
G. Flett	Mildura	870
S. Pattison	Melton	865

B Grade

L. Mallia	MAPC	862
B. Tate	SSPC	860
R. Butterworth	MAPC	857

C Grade

G. Burke	Mildura	817
L. Woods	Mildura	813
B. Hayes	Leigh Creek	793

D Grade

J. Quinn	MAPC	797
A. Clarke	Melton	783
D. Aulich	Leigh Creek	769

ACTION MATCH

High Master

D. McGaffin	Mildura	1916	153X
L. Scott	Canberra	1912	158X
E. Rees	Booligal	1910	154X

Master

S. Schrader	Bendigo	1900	144X
G. Olexyn	Myponga	1196	148X
D. Riordan	Bendigo	1893	139X

Expert

M. Griffith	Booligal	1860	124X
D. McCarthy	Hay	1860	119X
J. Healey	Hay	1843	127X

Sharpshooter

W. McKie	Hay	1727	101X
L. Woods	Mildura	1648	92X

Marskman

J. Quinn	MAPC	1540	53X
J. Hayes	Leigh Creek	1503	61X
I. Thompson	Mildura	1369	46X

SHEPPARTON UIT OPEN
19th & 20th September 1992

STANDARD PISTOL

Master Grade

B. Quick	Wagga	567
G. Horton	ANZ	552
F. Danko	MAPC	544

A Grade

P. Edgcumbe	Millicent	554
I. Butland	MISC	543
J. Iglasias	MISC	541

B Grade

T. Trewern	Warragul	535
G. Young	MISC	529
P. Butcher	Yarra	528

C. Grade

A. Miller	MISC	534
H. Birr	SSPC	516
B. James	COPC	514

D Grade

J. Finn	COPC	495
U. Lehmann	COPC	486
C. Karamoshos	MISC	485

AIR PISTOL — JUNIOR MEN

A Grade

L. Edwards	Yarra	557
P. Chandler	Shepparton	540
B. Tanian	MISC	533

B Grade

A. Miller	MISC	542
D. Brownrigg	Yarra	513

SPORT PISTOL — LADIES

Master Grade

A. Woodward	MAPC	526
K. McMillan	St Arnaud	517

A Grade

V. Turner	MISC	559
D. Lester	COPC	556
D. Bowron	Warrnambool	551

B Grade

J. Finn	COPC	535
J. Milsom	Yackandandah	532
J. Mullens	Castlemaine	528

C Grade

M. Cleland	Melton	518
B. Thorn	Bairnsdale	516
C. Elder	Warrnambool	507

D Grade

J. Adams	Melton	473
S. VanVeen	Mt District	449
M. Goonan	Yackandandah	448

SPORT PISTOL — JUNIOR

A Grade

P. Chandler	Shepparton	567
L. Edwards	Yarra	566
B. Tanian	MISC	539

B Grade

A. Miller	MISC	534

C Grade

D. Brownrigg	Yarra	495

AIR PISTOL

Master Grade

T. Marshall	MISC	561
B. Quick	Wagga	560
J. McMillan	St Arnaud	550

A Grade

P. Bowron	Warrnambool	563
F. DeHair	Yarra	561
R. Galt	Yarra	560

B Grade

T. Romano	Yarra	552
R. Sharman	Traralgon	546
A. Watson	COPC	542

C Grade

A. Van Veen	Mt District	542
K. Morcomb	Orbost	538
J. Brownrigg	Yarra	529

D Grade

P. Hyden	Echuca	518
R. Joyce	MISC	473
B. Cleaver	COPC	468

CENTRE FIRE

Master Grade

B. Quick	Wagga	584
F. Danko	MAPC	561

A Grade

T. Slattery	Bendigo	572
G. Horton	ANZ	569
P. Edgcumbe	Millicent	569

B Grade

K. Parkinson	COPC	557
L. Mullens	Castlemaine	543
B. Milsom	Yackandandah	540

C Grade

A. Mapleson	Outrim	540
M. Cleland	Melton	533
G. Vincent	Echuca	532

D Grade

B. James	COPC	498
P. Hayden	Echuca	477
I. Downing	Shepparton	449

RAPID FIRE

A Grade

B. Quick	Wagga	579
F. Danko	MPAC	570
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Metallic Silhouette Shooting

Robert McMartin
Metallic Silhouette Director

Metallic Silhouette is one of the newer sports on the shooting scene here in Victoria, but in the other states this sport is big. Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania all have large numbers of highly competitive shooters. Victoria is handicapped in this event due to the lack of ranges capable of handling the event properly and clubs, who want to run the event. It is for this reason that Victoria has been unable to field a State Team in Metallic Silhouette.

Metallic Silhouette is basically divided into two groups. Group 1 is the .22 rimfire pistol competition. In the .22 Rimfire competition any .22 calibre pistol can be used and the targets are down sized version of the real thing and the ranges are reduced to 50, or 100 metres. The next grade is centrefire. In centrefire any centrefire pistol capable of shooting 200 metres can be used. This is where the big bores play. While .32 and .38s are good firearms they just wouldn't cut it in this competition. This competition is designed for accuracy and power. The Rams at 200 metres must be knocked down. This is a competition that hurts (well alright stings a little bit), the Thompson/Center Contenders in all their various calibres are used in this competition. This competition is the playground of the .44 magnums. All those shooters (masochists) who like to shoot the .44 magnum, or the 38/44, or any one of those other escoteric pistols that are guaranteed to hurt hands, deafen bystanders, frighten animals and put holes in targets 3 miles away this is a competition for you.

Of all the shooting disciplines that is shot under the auspices of VAPA, only in Metallic Silhouette does Victoria not field a team in the Nationals. This is about to change. After a number of years of shooting the competition at Little River we are now beginning to garner enough shooters to compete in a National event.

After quite a few years of being unrepresented at the national level, we are now in position to hold eliminations with the view to forming a State team to represent Victoria in the Metallic Silhouette Nationals in September.

There will be three eliminations held this year with the first being held on the 27th and 28th of February 1993 at the S.S.P.C. Silhouette Range at Little River. The second elimination will be held on the 22nd and 23rd of May 1993, with the third and final elimination being held on the 21st and 22nd of August 1993.

There will be 4 events contested, Unlimited, Production, Production Revolver and Standing. All events will be held over 200 metres. Chickens are set at 50 metres, Pigs at 100 metres, Turkeys at 150 metres and Rams at 200 metres. In the event of a draw there will be a shoot off of chickens at 200 metres. We will not be holding a .22 competition at this time, but hope to hold a .22 even later in the year.

The competition rules will be the Pistol Australia Silhouette rules and regulations. Further range rules and conditions will be announced as plans are finalised.

The competition is open to any person who wants to compete. No special equipment is needed, a .357 magnum and a box of factory ammunition is all that is needed to compete in the event. Although as has been mentioned in the other articles a .357 magnum is marginal, it doesn't stop you from competing.

The Metallic Silhouette competition is designed to challenge the shooter as well as his equipment. Metallic Silhouette can be used by those shooters who want to practise for a up coming handgun hunting safari. While the targets don't move around, the distance they are shot at is much further.

If any club wishes to hold a .22 rimfire event, I am currently having some new .22 paper targets made up, along with rule sheets and competition details and these should be ready in a few more weeks. If the Club Captains would like to contact me I'll arrange to have these details posted out to the clubs as soon as possible.

To those people who have requested details from me in the past, I haven't forgotten, I'm just in the middle of getting the details together and hope to send out the details ASAP.

If you want to contact me, please do so through your Club Delegate at the next VAPA meeting, or send requests to me via the Sporting Shooters Pistol Club. (I'm in the process of getting a Post Office Box, but at the time of writing this I'd yet to hear from Australia Post).

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