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**Brian Kilpatrick - Geelong Pistol Club.
Winner of the 1993 Bianchi Cup.**

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Editorial

As this issue hits your palm, you may say it's late, it is with a short explanation in the Snippets column. The VAPA Annual General Meeting has come and gone. One chore you were spared the necessity this year, as with most years, and that is of having to vote for new office bearers on the VAPA Executive.

That's not a criticism of those who did nominate for the Executive, thank goodness they did. With the retirement of our President and Junior Vice-President we had some gaps to fill. What I do question is, who didn't stand and why; we may need them whoever they are.

It's true that in most clubs there is little movement in the executives that run each club. Unless there is a power struggle between factions, e.g. UIT vs Action or club founders vs the newer arrivals. Sound familiar? Most clubs are the same whether they are pistol clubs or any other organisation.

What is common amongst all is that whether there is an election or not; nothing much happens. Winners cause there to be losers and lack of interest in standing for election usually means stagnation and lack of new ideas and having to perform.

It would be nice to see people put forward as everyone thinks they are the ones that will carry out the tasks in the best interest of the club and the sport of pistol shooting in general rather than represent only one interest group. Those people do exist, have good ideas and great enthusiasms but usually because of these qualities are busy people and are in demand by other groups who want to gain the benefit of these strengths. The "busy people" enjoy their sport and can't be bothered beating their heads against a brick wall with organisations that couldn't organise a hot cup of coffee.

As a sports organisation we miss out on utilising a lot of the potential strength we have. Our sport attracts people from a wide cross section of the community, we have talent we seem to be afraid to use. We covert our positions in the empires we create rather than encouraging the best people to do a job to stand, nominate them and tell others of their worth to your club. Individuals come and go but our aims should be for the longer term, not self interest, but for the benefit of our sport.

Alun Hughson
Ed. Vic. Pistol News

Your Magazine

Last issue I brought up the issue of Pistol Australia's move to make the Australian Pistol Shooters Bulletin an A4 glossy publication and incorporate the current State newsletters as an insert.

Well, it's still on. Despite all the nice generalised statements made, it appears that Pistol Australia management see it as being the desired result and will eventually formalise it when the "formalities" (read here consultative processes) have appeared to have happened.

Still the promised consultation with State editors has not happened and one would wonder why. Maybe Pistol Australia feel that their magazine needs fixing but too much discussion won't get the predetermined result. Pistol Australia needs the States to go along with their proposal so the cost argument works (postage saving). But the trouble with not consulting is that the magazine may not work.

Now a temporary spanner in the works. In NSW the United Pistol Club moved as a "notice of motion" at their Association's management meeting the following motion -

"That the newsletter, FOCUS ON NSW continue as the independent principal medium for dissemination of information to NSW members and not be an insert in the Australian Pistol Shooters Bulletin".

Explanation to the Motion on Notice

At the recent Mid Year Meeting of Pistol Australia, NSW agreed that Pistol Australia should head in the direction whereby each State will have its own news inserted into the Bulletin. That is, FOCUS will no longer be an independent magazine. United Pistol Club does not agree that this is an acceptable option and affirms that it is necessary to keep all aspects of production and distribution of FOCUS under the control of the Association, ensuring:

Mike Asher, Pistol Australia Vice-President made the following explanation to the notice of motion for the NSW members to consider:

Explanation to the Motion on Notice

"At the recent Mid Year meeting of Pistol Australia, NSW agreed that Pistol Australia should head in the direction whereby each State will have its own news inserted into the Bulletin."

- a) This is NOT correct. What we were investigating was whether the ENTIRE Focus could be inserted - as part of the Bulletin - into what would become the NSW Edition. The Focus would retain its independence entirely.
- b) All States agreed this idea should be further investigated.
- c) I believe it is necessary at this point to explain why we commenced an investigation into the future of the Bulletin. Twenty-eight percent (28%) of Pistol Australia's total expenditure (approximately \$130,000 per year) is spent on production and mailing of the Bulletin. When many shooters around Australia advised me they did not even read the Bulletin but just threw it in the bin unopened - then I believed it was time we looked very hard and seriously at where it was heading.
- d) The question was which direction should we head? As I, and others saw it, we had four basic options to choose from. These options were listed in the minutes of the November 1992 General Meeting of the NSW APA, but I will list them again so there is no misunderstanding as to what they were.
 1. Continue producing the Bulletin and the Focus in their current format
 2. Cease producing a National Magazine and individual States produce their own
 3. The Bulletin be included in the State's magazines
 4. Each State's magazine be included in the Bulletin, with each State having its own edition ie. a NSW edition which would include the Focus in the centre of the National Magazine, a QLD edition which would include the QLD State Magazine in the centre of the National Magazine, etc. etc.

Note: At the same time investigations would be made into the benefits of changing from an A5 to an A4 format.

Both sides made comment on editorial and financial control, timeliness, autonomy, retention of identity, and points as such covered in the last issue of the Victorian Pistol News. In fact United Pistol Club were cheeky enough to suggest including the Bulletin as an insert to their State magazine Focus.

Mike Asher also made the following comment in summary and urged the NSW members to vote against the motion.

"IN SUMMARY – at no stage did either Pistol Australia Management, Executive Officers, or anyone else for that matter, intend to implement any changes without due consultation with all State Associations and their members. This was made quite clear in answer to an inquiry from United's delegate at the NSW APA General Meeting of 12th January 1993. I would suggest that each Club member discuss the issue with their Club Executive and also with each other. It is an important issue, the outcome of which could financially affect both State and National bodies for many years to come. Also bear in mind we are, at this stage, only investigating the possibility of change, also take on board that Pistol Australia is controlled by the State Executive Officers and cannot tell any State body what it may or may not do within its own State."

Alas for Mike, the NSW members voted for the motion, thus clearly stating that they want their magazine to be independent.

Where does that leave things? Well in NSW it means that there is a motion on the books that NSW not proceed down the way of their State magazine losing its independence. But that may only be a small hinderance if the pressure is great enough, motions can always be reversed.

It is interesting to note Mike Asher making the comment of some shooters advising that they did not read the Bulletin but put it in the bin. Is this an indication that those people feel that there is nothing being communicated to them. Maybe fix that problem first, of communication or is the first real communication we get planned just before the vote on the matter at a Pistol Australia. The members pay for the various magazines and should be included, not just the delegates who vote.

As far as I can ascertain, the options listed by Mike Asher were not the options recommended to, and voted on, by Pistol Australia Mid Year Meeting, at least these were not the options as minuted at that meeting.

The story of what may or may not happen with the Bulletin has been going on for well over a year and nothing has really been resolved. Still no open discussion, and if it affects the State magazines it's more than fair it should happen.

If you have a problem, fix it; if you want others to help or it affects them, talk to them.

Shooting Snippets

May Edition

As you may realise this isn't the expected May edition. It was delayed to include the AGM notice paper but printing problems led to the notice paper happening and the May edition not. To avoid extra postage the May Edition has been revised to an August issue.

8th Australian Gun Expo

Due to matters beyond the control of the organisers, THE EIGHTH AUSTRALIAN GUN EXPO will be held APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH EARLIER than originally planned being on the dates September 18th and 19th. The opening and closing times REMAIN THE SAME AS LAST YEAR.

In addition although it will be staged at the same location as previous Expo's – this year it will be held in a different area BEING THE GREAT HALL – which is an extremely nice venue.

Again as per usual there will be loads of wheeling and dealing going on – which makes the great event it is – as the famous saying goes – "BE THERE".

Victorian Tops Bianchi

Geelong Pistol Club member Brian Kilpatrick was the outright winner of the 1993 Bianchi Cup held at the Chapman Academy Range in Columbia, Missouri, shooting a new record score of 1920 173X. This broke the 1992 record sent by Doug Koenig of the USA by 4X.

Brian also won the Moving Target Event with 480 37X, was 2nd in the Plates Event after a Shoot-off with another Victorian, Roy Bannister, both on 480 149X, was 4th in Barricades with 480 47X and equal 6th in Practical with 480 41X. Brian was also Top International and one of the two Victorians in the winning Team.

Roy Bannister of Eildon Pistol Club was the other Victorian member of the winning Team finishing the match with 1920 167X for 4th place outright. Roy won the Plates Event, was 2nd in Practical with 480 43X, 8th in the Mover with 480 32X and 13th in Barricades with 480 44X, he was also 2nd in the International division.

The other member of the winning Team was Peter Bergersen of Toukley Pistol Club NSW, who finished 8th outright on 1918 159X, this gave Australia a Team score of 5758, only 2 points away from a possible.

Australia was represented in the Women's Division by Dewi Hazeltine from Canberra. Dewi shot 1894 153X for 2nd place in Women's just 4 points behind Judy Woolley who shoots for Smith & Wesson. Dewi also set a new record for Women on the Barricades with 480 41X.

Brad Tate of Sporting Shooters Pistol Club shot 1907 157X for 2nd place in the Junior Division just 1 point behind Chad Dietrich of the USA. Brad set a new Junior Record in the Plates with 480 146X, was placed 26th outright, 4th in the Plates, 5th in Practical with 480 42X, equal 16th in Barricades with 480 43X and 71st in the Mover with 467 24X. Brad was also 2nd in the Junior Speed Event, once again just behind Chad.

As well as 3 of the 5 Team members coming from Victoria, (4 of 6 if you want to count the Manager!) we had 3 other Victorian shooters competing at the Cup which gave Victoria 6 of the 11 Australian shooters represented.

Ercole Anastasi of Yarra Pistol Club shot 1906 139X for 30th place outright. Ercole shot 480 40X on the Barricades, 480 79X on the Plates, 472 22X on the Mover and 474 29X on the Practical.

Tom Whitehead of P.S.A. Pistol Club shot 1903 153X for 33rd place outright. Tom shot 480 48X on the Plates, 478 39X on the Practical, 475 41X on the Barricade and 470 25X on the Mover.

Greg Keays of Sporting Shooters Pistol Club shot 1708 92X for 174th place outright. Greg shot 468 29X on the Barricades, 440 11X on the Practical, 410 13X on the Mover and 390 39X on the Plates.

The shoot-off between Roy and Brian on the Plates was one of the highlights of the shoot and it was great to see not just two Australians left on the line but two Victorians - I'm allowed to be a little parochial now that it is all over!

Of course the real high point of the match was Brian coming off the Mover Range with that 1920 173X on the board. This was not without it's moment of drama though as the Range Official had gauged one of Brian's shots out as an 8. A challenge was lodged and the Referee called for and after what seemed forever he declared the shot as a 10.



Australian Action Pistol Team at Geelong Training Camp. L-R: Brian Kilpatrick, Roy Bannister, Peter Bergersen, Dewi Hazeltine, Brad Tate, Kevin McAllison (Manager).

The winners of the team event - Australia.



A 10 not an 8 and the Cup is Brians.

At that point there was only one shooter who could beat Brian and that was Rob Leatham, but he had to shoot 480 42X to do it, that was not impossible for Rob, very difficult but not impossible!

Rob shot his 480 but with only 36X, this put him in 3rd place behind Brian 1st and Bruce Piatt 2nd.

The top five shooters all shot 1920, Brian 1920 173X, Bruce Piatt 1920 170X, Rob Leatham 1920 168X, Roy Bannister 1920 167X and Frank Glenn 1920 161X.

All members are to be congratulated not just on their scores but on the way they represented their country.

On a personal level I would like to thank them for their help and cooperation during our time in Columbia.

A more comprehensive report on Bianchi will be published in the July Bulletin.

Kevin McAllison - Team Manager

1993 Nationals – Hobart

Before I get into the results of the National Championships, Mick and I would like to thank all members of the Team, the Final Squad and the other Vic shooters who were at the Nationals for the way that they conducted themselves, the Team Spirit that was shown, the way that they helped out on the range and of course, most importantly, the effort that they put into their shooting.

We would also like to thank all those who attended the "VIC'S" dinner on the Sunday night and made it such a memorable evening for our last year as Team Managers.

It was not an easy night for either of us but the support that we felt turned what could have been a sad occasion into a night that we will look back on with happy memories.

After 25 years in the job for me and 20 years for Mick we are lucky that we have a great deal of happy memories like that, that we can look back on and a lot of friends that we have made over all those years and we will both miss the involvement that had become a way of life for both of us.

I hope that whom ever the new managers may be that they get as much out of the job as Mick and I did and although it is not possible to reach all of those people from past years with this newsletter we thank them for their support.

I will also take this opportunity to thank the Whybrows for once again doing their bit for the "VIC'S" Team Spirit by putting on their "Satay Night". Annie and Neil have done this for many years now at their expense and it is greatly appreciated – thank you both.

On to the Nationals – the Teams and the individual shooters did very well and although we only had one 1st place in Teams that does not reflect the true success we had as a group.

The Ladies are to be congratulated for their win in Ladies Sport Pistol and their 2nd in Ladies Air, the Juniors had 2nd place in both Junior Sport Pistol and Junior Air, the Service shooters had a 2nd in Service Unrestricted, only 3 points from a win, and a 3rd in Service Match, Standard Pistol was another 2nd, once again only 3 points behind the winning team. Centre Fire again saw our team in the placings with a 3rd place and again only points behind the winners.

There were 7 team aggregate scores that were up on last year and 6 of those had members shooting above their elimination averages and in the other 6 event they were within 4 points of their averages.

There are many individuals who performed well above their elimination averages and in many cases they shot their personal best scores, those members are also to be congratulated for the way they applied themselves to the task.

Linda Ryan had an outstanding Nationals with a 2nd in Ladies Air and a 3rd in Ladies Sport Pistol, holding up well through the Finals in both events, she also shot well in Standard Pistol putting in a 550.

Annette Woodward also made both Finals and hung on well to come in 6th in Sport Pistol and 5th in Air and she also had a good Standard and came 10th outright.

All of the Juniors shot well, most of their scores ahead of the elimination averages. Paul Chandler had a 2nd in Junior Air with a score 10 points above his average. Brent Tanian came in 3rd in Sport Pistol and he was 9 points up on average, Brent was placed 5th in Junior Air, 14 points ahead of his average.

Service Pistol Team: Sid Pattison, Phil Blake, Paul Hutchins - ? or is it a group of Mexican bandits.



*Ladies Sport Pistol Team
National Championships -
with Team Managers.*

Andrew Miller in his first Team and first Nationals was placed 5th in Sport Pistol, 16 points up and 6th in Air one point up, he also shot well in Standard Pistol with a 542.

It is hard to single out performances amongst the men as most of them were up on their averages but I would like to mention a couple that came in the top 10.

Phil Blake had a 3rd in Service Unrestricted and 6th in Service Match. Paul Hutchins was placed 3rd in Service Match and 5th in Unrestricted. Frank Danko shot well in Rapid Fire to earn a 5th place with a score that was 10 points up on his average. Jon McMillan shot 18 points above his average to take out 8th place in Centre Fire. Bob Redston was 15 points up on his average to take out 9th place in 10mt Black Powder. Tony Watson shot 20 points above average to come 10th in 50mt Black Powder. Terry Marshall shot 2 points up for a 10th in Mens Air. Geoff Horton was up by 6 points for a 4th in Standard Pistol.

To all of the members of the Team and the Squad, well done, continue with the good work, support the State Team Training Squad in the coming season, encourage others to get involved in the Squad and help to build Victorian Pistol Shooting up to the level that we know that we are capable of achieving.

Mick and I look forward to catching up with you around the ranges and if either of us can be of any assistance to you at any time we are only too happy to help out, we are only as far away as the nearest phone.

Kevin McAllison and Mick Skerry
Team Managers

A Few Thoughts From an Ex-Team Manager!!

It was with some degree of sadness that I sat down to compile my last report as your President, for it was not just the position of President that I was standing down from but also that of State Team Manager.

In the course of writing that report I thought of things that I would like to say about that side of my involvement in our sport but it did not seem appropriate to include them in that report.

Whilst I am in a writing mood, which I will point out doesn't happen all that often, I will get them down on paper and trust that you will indulge me for a couple of minutes – of course I may write this and then decide to file it in the WPB. (Did I hear somebody say "I wish he had"?)

Anyway, here we go.

This year was my 25th as Team Manager and although it has had its rough patches from time to time, overall, it has been a job that I have enjoyed doing and has given me a great deal of satisfaction.

I have had the opportunity of travelling all over Australia and establishing friendships that I value very much, I have had the opportunity of working with all levels of the shooting movement from the beginners to the champions, I have, no doubt because of the experience at State level, been given the job of managing overseas Teams and I have been fortunate to have worked with co-managers who I consider to be amongst my closest friends.

Ron Lavars, who is my partner in 'golf', when I get the chance, Marvin Syer, who has finally made good his long time threat to move to Blackwood and of course for the last 20 years, Harold Joseph Skerry – better known as Mick – he will get me for that for sure.

So I guess that a lot of what I am saying I am also saying for Mick because I know that he feels the same way.

Over the years we have had a lot of good times and have a lot of memories that we will cherish forever, we also have a few that are probably better forgotten, but that's another story.

A lot of those good times relate to the nights out with various groups within the Team and in particular our traditional 'VIC'S' nights on the Easter Sunday night at the Nationals and that brings me to the 1993 'VIC'S' night in Hobart.

Although we had known that this particular event was not going to be easy for us I had probably under-estimated the way my feelings would overtake me when the time came and when it came time to respond to the presentations that were made to us I was only able to mumble a couple of incoherent remarks.

Looking back on that now I realise that perhaps that was a good thing because I am now able to reach more people than those who were at the dinner.

What I wanted to say that evening was that both Mick and I have enjoyed doing the job for all those years and that we have a lot of people to thank for making our job a pleasure.

To all those Team Members who have made us proud to be part of their Team, to all of those



Neil Whybrow giving John Gillman cooking lessons, encouraged by Neil Stewart.

Relaxing at the "VIC'S NIGHT". L-R: Annette Woodward, Laurie Mullens, Joy Mullens, Linda Ryan, Terry Marshall.



Mick and Kevin with W.A. Team Manager, Bruce Welburn who, after Mick and Kevin's retirement, is the longest reigning Manager (The "Fragile" sticker is because of a VERY heavy night at the "Vic's Night" !!!)

Team Members and other Vic shooters that have contributed to presentations for Mick and I over all those years, to all of the people that have helped out on ranges and have helped support the Team in many different ways, to friends from other States that have joined us on our special night, we say a special thanks.

Most of all thought, to two very special wives who have tolerated their husbands disappearing each Easter – not to mention the weekends away during the year – we say a **VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU** because there is no way that we could have done the job without your support.

To the incoming management, we hope that you get at least half the enjoyment out of the job that Mick and I did for half would be enough to make it worthwhile.

Thank you for indulging me for a couple of minutes, see you around, best regards from both Mick and I.

Kevin McAllison
Ex-Team Manager!!

Report on the 1993 Annual General Meeting of Pistol Australia

Held at Hobart - Tuesday 13th April 1993

The meeting opened with confirmation of the minutes of the 1992 AGM, the 1992 Extraordinary General Meeting and the 1992 Mid Year Meeting.

The President's Report . . . mentioned (in part) the need to support the Bill Perreau postal competition, that the NCC gained 27 new coaches, but unfortunately lost 33, most likely due to the requirement for higher levels, the NRC had a major change during the year with the retirement of Norm Tilley after 9 years as Director. The Bulletin investigation is almost complete, this will be followed by consultation with all the Associations who will decide which future direction the Bulletin will take. The 1991/92 financial year had budgeted for a deficit of \$31,009 but the actual deficit was only \$15,339. The forecast deficit for 1992/93 is \$365. The report concluded with congratulations to Norman Tilley who had been made an Honorary Life Member of Pistol Australia the previous evening at the presentation dinner.

The National Executive Director's Report . . . mentioned that incorporation of PA in the ACT should be complete within a few weeks if the proposed agenda items at this AGM are approved. Proposals are currently being circulated to major Australian companies seeking sponsorships, likewise a submission is being prepared to the Australian Sports Commission for funding for international competitions through to Atlanta in 1996.

The previously circulated reports were presented for approval at the meeting; Treasurer's Report which included (a) Financial report, (b) Budget 1992/93 and (c) the 1993/94 budget. ASA delegates; Director NRC; Director NCC; Director Action Match; Director Metallic Silhouette. All reports accepted by meeting. (Note: copies of reports will be forwarded to relevant state directors.)

Progress Reports on future Nationals were given by the respective Executive Officers: 1993 M.S. Canberra 17, 18 & 19 Sept, Dinner Sat night \$16, practice 16th; 1993 Action. Grafton 15, 16 & 17 October; 1994 U.I.T. Blacktown. Easter. 29 March-4 April; 1994 M.S. Narrabri NSW. 16, 17 & 18 Sept.; 1994 Action. Perth WA. Date to be advised.

Election of Office Bearers resulted in the return to office of all the existing officers (only nominations received). President - Ray Andrews; 1st Vice President - Mike Ascher; 2nd Vice President - Clarry Smith; Secretary - Peter Anderson; Treasurer - Trevor Scott; ASA Delegates - Ray Andrews and Peter Anderson.

Motions on Notice:

"Machinery" motions being required under ACT Corporate Affairs were passed, they included: 4(g) liability of members in the event of winding up of PA, is limited to any outstanding debt by that member to PA. 9(g) The common seal to be kept at the national office. Amendment to 13(a) the AGM to be held in conjunction with the National championships nearest to 30 April in each year. 13(b) deleted (refers to quorum) new 13(b) allows PA management to call a general meeting. Rewrite clause 14 sets out who shall attend an AGM, quorums, defines delegates. New clauses 22 and 23 each set out and define the disciplining of members, and the appeal provisions. Further motions accepted refer to, (a) suitably qualified members of the Action and MS disciplines, also juniors, may now be included in the NTTS. (b) that the NTTS be administered through the Director of the NCC in consultation with the PA office and PA management.

The motion that the position of Director NTTS not be filled was withdrawn (being redundant) . . . Similar motion in respect to MS lapsed for want of seconder . . . same motion in respect to Action Pistol was deemed to be redundant owing to debate during the acceptance of the Action Director's report which recommended a combined Director/Manager position (nominations will be called for this position in the next issue of the Bulletin) . . . motion passed regarding (1) the need to have a team manager for overseas teams, (2) management to recommend a candidate from nominations received (this clause amended from original motion) . . . Top ten awards shall be: 1st - cheque for \$150 plus certificate; 2nd & 3rd - cheque for \$50 and certificate; 4th to 10th - certificates.

Rule Changes:

When rule changes are declared by the International controlling body of that discipline, then those changes MAY be adopted by PA, scrutiny by the NRC, and implemented as soon as practicable. National Team selectors shall comprise: (1) and Executive Officer; (2) member of Management; (3) nominee of the Director of the NCC from the area of that specific discipline . . . The Manton shield remains as being contested by adult UIT teams . . . The motion regarding the setting of Australian records was withdrawn . . . ACTPA's motion to consider separately the use of semi-jacketed ammunition still "lays on the table" (Action - Service) . . . NSWAPA's motion to introduce two additional black powder matches into the Nationals was lost . . . Their motion, "pre-nomination for national action team selection changed to 28 days prior to the LAST selection competition as from 1st January 1993" (for selecting the 1994 team) was carried. The VAPA motion to combine Service matches with the Action Nationals was lost. The VAPA motion to publish rule changes 6 months prior to their implementation date was withdrawn (see rule changes above).

Sub Committee elections: Director NCC - Tibor Gonczol; NCC 2 positions - Paul McCormack and Ray Brummell; Director NRC - Spencer Tweedie; NRC 4 positions - Rod Johnson, Norm Tilley, Peter Harding and John Jones; Director MS - David Dewsbury.

Notices of intent (to host Nationals) were received from: 1995 UIT Easter - Perth; 1996 UIT Easter - Victoria; 1997 Easter UIT/Service/Action - South Australia; 1998 Easter UIT/Service/Action - Tasmania; 2000 UIT Easter - Sydney.

Alex Eagle
VAPA Executive Officer



Our winning Ladies Team. L-R: Annette Woodward, Linda Ryan, Val Turner.

State Team

State Team Selection Method 1993/94

Those Eligible to Nominate

All Junior shooters who will still be 20 years of age as at 31 December, 1993.

All other shooters of "A" and Master Grades.

Any shooter who does not nominate by the prescribed closing date because they were not of the required standard – and they attain that standard in Open competition prior to the first elimination – may apply to the Team Manager for consideration.

The selection program for Action Match and Metallic Silhouette is separate and under way.

Selection Method

Shooters will compete in two nominated Open competitions in 1993.

Following the first – the best eight (8) shooters in each event will progress to the next.

After the second competition the best four (4) shooters in each event will be eligible for consideration as possible State Team Members, i.e., three and one reserve. That order may change between then and the 1994 Nationals dependent on continuing performance.

Open Competition and Qualifying Scores Required at Same

U.I.T.		Black Powder	
October 2 & 3	Yarra Open	October 23 & 24	Bendigo Open
November 20 & 21	Oakleigh Open	November 6	Yarra Open
Free Pistol	535	25 metres	360
Rapid Fire	560	50 metres	350
Centre Fire	570		
Standard Pistol	555	Service Match	
Air Pistol – Men's – 60 shot	560	October 16 & 17	Hamilton Open
Ladies' Sport Pistol	560	November 27 & 28	Yarra Open
Ladies' Air Pistol – 40 shot	365	Service Pistol	855
Junior Sport Pistol	550	Service (Unrestricted)	870
Junior Men's Air – 60 shot	540		
Junior Air – 40 shot	360		

How to Nominate

Complete and mail the form appearing on Page 16 by 30th August, 1993.

Nominate for only the event/s in which you are currently qualified.

If any shooter who has nominated attains the required standard in another event in Open competition prior to, or during, the first elimination, he/she may apply to the Team Manager for that event to be considered for the second elimination and subsequent Team selection.

Training Sessions (Prior to Selection)

Three training sessions have been arranged for those who wish to participate. You must be "A" Grade or above except that all Juniors are welcome.

Remember to bring your guns and equipment.

July 11 (Sunday) 9.30am. Melbourne International Shooting Club. Lunch provided. Costs: Juniors \$5. Others \$10.

August 15 (Sunday) 9.30am. Yarra Pistol Club. Lunch provided. Costs: Juniors \$5. Others \$10.

September 25 & 26. 9.30am both days. Melbourne Airport Club. Lunches provided. No accommodation. Costs: Juniors \$10. Others \$20.

You must book in advance with John Gillman by each of the following dates: M.I.S.C. 7 July; Yarra Pistol Club, 6 August; Melbourne Airport, 10 September.

Reply to: John Gillman, P.O. Box 430, Ringwood 3134.

Bus: (03) 735 1919, Home: (03) 735 4402.

Training Sessions (After Selection)

All selected State Team Members will attend organised training sessions between 1 February, 1994 and 31 March, 1994.

Details will be provided and members MUST participate.

Team Selection Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee will comprise three (3) members elected by the Committee of Management, the Team Managers, and the President and Secretary exofficio.

That Sub-Committee will have discretionary powers including when selecting the State Team.

The decision of the Sub-Committee shall be final.

Placement of Team Members

Once selected, should any member of the Team be unable to attend the National Championships, his/her position will be filled or left vacant at the discretion of the Team Managers.

If, at the National Championships, it is considered that any Team member may, in any way, jeopardise the chances of the Team, the Team Managers may replace that member.

Team members will at all times comply with the Team Managers' instructions relating to Team activities.

Team Subsidy

The subsidy of Team members attending the 1994 National Championships is yet to be finalised and to that will be added nomination and entry fees for Team events.

Team members placed in the top ten in their Team event will be eligible for a bonus based on a sliding scale of: \$100 for first down to \$10 for 10th place.

All Team members attending the Presentation Dinner will be reimbursed the cost of their Dinner ticket.

General

Team members will be in attendance at the venue of the National Championships at least 24 hours prior to their first event/s – or earlier – so that each member can engage in at least one practice session in their event/s for the purpose of acclimatisation.

On completion of their competition events, members may depart the Team although it is hoped that members will remain to support and encourage other Team members for remaining competitions.

Accommodation has been booked for the Team. Any member (with good reason) may apply to live elsewhere, but that accommodation must be in close proximity to the venue.

If any such request is approved – and dependent on the style of accommodation – that portion of the member's subsidy may be reduced.

Spouse or family may accompany Team members at their own expense, but Team activities will – at all times – take precedence.

Nomination for State Team

Return to J. Gillman, P.O. Box 430, Ringwood 3134 by 30th August, 1993.

I wish to nominate in the events I have listed for the Elimination Series to select the State Team that will represent Victoria at the 1994 National Championships. I undertake to abide by the decision of the Team Selection Sub-Committee and, if selected, the conditions of the published State Team Selection Method 1993/94.



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State Team Nomination Form

Nominated Match	Current Grading	Highest Score Shot in Open Competition in Last 12 Months
Free Pistol		 /600
Rapid Fire		 /600
Centre Fire		 /600
Standard Pistol		 /600
Air Pistol (60 shot)		 /600
Ladies' Sport Pistol		 /600
Ladies' Air Pistol		 /400
Junior Sport Pistol		 /600
Junior Air (60)		 /600
Junior Air (40)		 /400
Service Match		 /900
Service Match (Unrestricted)		 /900
Black Powder 25m.		 /400
Black Powder 50m.		 /400
Signature		
Full Name		
Address		
Telephone: (Home) Business		
Date of Birth		
Club		

Shooters Diary

1993

AUGUST

7th & 8th	BAIRNSDALE	UIT
21st	POSTALS	ROUND 5, WEEK 6
~~21st & 22nd~~	~~MILDURA~~	~~ACTION~~
21st & 22nd	LITTLE RIVER	SILHOUETTE - (E)
22nd	MISC	UIT
~~28th & 29th~~	~~YARRA~~	~~POSTAL FINALS - UIT~~

SEPTEMBER

4th & 5th	OAKLEIGH	POSTAL FINALS - BLACKPOWDER
* 11th & 12th	MELTON	POSTAL FINALS - SERVICE/ACTION
17th - 19th	CANBERRA	NATIONALS - SILHOUETTE
~~18th & 19th~~	~~SHEPPARTON~~	~~UIT~~

OCTOBER

2nd & 3rd	BENDIGO	ACTION
~~2nd & 3rd~~	~~YARRA~~	~~UIT - (E)~~
9th & 10th	MELTON	UIT
15th - 17th	GRAFTON	NATIONALS - ACTION
* ~~16th & 17th~~	~~HAMILTON~~	~~SERVICE - (E)~~
17th	MISC	SPORTS PISTOL
~~23rd & 24th~~	~~BENDIGO~~	~~BLACKPOWDER - (E)~~
24th	LITTLE RIVER	SILHOUETTE
30th	PENINSULA	UIT

NOVEMBER

~~6th~~	~~YARRA~~	~~BLACKPOWDER - (E)~~
6th & 7th	HORSHAM	UIT
~~20th & 21st~~	~~OAKLEIGH~~	~~UIT - (E)~~
* ~~27th & 28th~~	~~YARRA~~	~~SERVICE - (E)~~
~~27th & 28th~~	~~ECHUCA~~	~~BLACKPOWDER~~

1994

JANUARY

23rd	LITTLE RIVER	SILHOUETTE
29th	* MISC	UIT
29th	POSTALS	ROUND 1, WEEK 1

FEBRUARY

5th	* CASTLEMAINE	UIT
12th	* ARARAT	UIT
* ~~19th & 20th~~	~~MELTON~~	~~STATE TITLES - SERVICE~~
19th & 20th	* WARRAGUL	UIT
* ~~26th & 27th~~	~~ECHUCA~~	~~STATE TITLES - BLACKPOWDER~~
26th & 27th	* EUROA	UIT

* UNCONFIRMED

(E) STATE TEAM ELIMINATION

State Referee Council

Rapid Fire

Your attention is drawn to changes in the rules for Rapid Fire. The following are the changes as they will now appear in the rule book but for a good explanation of what it all means in practice read the explanation on pages 29-31 in the May issue of the Australian Pistol Shooters' Bulletin.

Major Rules Changes to Rapid Fire Match - Effective 1st January 1993

- 6.7 Specific Rules for the Rapid Fire Pistol Event
 - 6.7.1 The Rapid Fire Pistol Event is shot on the 25m Rapid Fire Targets (see General Technical Rules 3.2.4).
 - 6.7.2 The event is 60 competition shots divided into two stages of 30 shots each. Each stage is subdivided into six (6) series of five (5) shots each, two in 8 seconds, two in 6 seconds and two in 4 seconds. In each series one shot is fired at each of the five targets in the specified time limit for the series.
 - 6.7.3 Before the beginning of each stage, the shooter may fire one sighting series of five shots in 8 seconds.
 - 6.7.4 The first stage of 30 shots must be completed by all shooters before the second stage may begin.
 - 6.7.5 All shooting (sighting and competition series) is by command. At least both shooters in the same Range Section must fire at the same time, but organisers may arrange for more than one Range Section to fire simultaneously under centralised commands.
 - 6.7.6 If a pistol of any of the shooters firing together has a malfunction, the malfunction series must be fired - by those concerned - before the next competition series for all shooters in the group may be started.
 - 6.7.7 Before the Range Officer gives the command "LOAD", he must call out the series time (such as "8 second series", or "6 second series", etc.), or the series time must be indicated in some manner such as using a numbered sign of sufficient size to be visible to the shooter. When the Range Officer gives the command "LOAD", the shooters must prepare themselves immediately for their series within about one minute. When the Range Officer considers that the shooters have completed their preparations, he must give the commands:
 - ATTENTION! The targets will be turned to the edge-on position.
 - 5-4-3-2-1-START! The command "START" is the signal to face the targets. The shooters must be in "READY" position at the end of the countdown - "1".
- The targets must face in 3 seconds (+/- 1.0 seconds) after the command "START" and firing may begin. The time delay should remain constant throughout the competition. The moment the targets begin to face, the shooters may raise the pistols.
- 6.7.8 If the targets appear too soon (less than 2 seconds) or too late (more than 4 seconds), and no shot has been fired, the shooter may ask for the procedure to be repeated. If the shooter has fired, he will not be allowed to repeat the series.
 - 6.7.9 If a shooter claims that the time delay has been too short or too long and he has not fired a shot, and if the Range Officer and Jury consider his claim valid, the shooter may begin again.

- 6.7.10 If a shooter claims that the time delay has been too short or too long and he has not fired a shot, and if the Range Officer and Jury consider his claim not valid, the shooter may begin again but two points must be deducted from his score in that series.
- 6.7.11 A series of shots is considered as having started from the moment the targets turn away from the shooters after the command ATTENTION. Every shot fired after that will be counted in the competition.

Special Technical Rules

The attention of Members is drawn to the following Special Technical Rules:

- 2.5.1 Pistols may be loaded only at the firing point and only after the command to "LOAD" or "START" is given. No magazine or chamber may be filled, or loaded, before these orders are given. Officials must ensure that shooters have the necessary time to load.
- 4.1.12 Clothing - The use of any special shooting devices, means or garments, including special shooting shoes, are prohibited. Only shoes which do not reach the ankle bone may be worn. Garments which support or immobilise the shooter's body, arms, wrist, legs or ankles are not allowed.
- 11.1 Targets from the Free Pistol and Air Pistol events must be scored in the Classification Office. Targets from the Rapid Fire, Centre Fire Pistol, Sport Pistol and Standard Pistol events should be scored at the range.

Black Powder

The following is an extract from a Circular issued by the National Executive Director, Pistol Australia, dated 25th February 1993.

Firearms Examination for 50m Black Powder - "Contender" Pistols used for 50m Black Powder must be fitted with an operational safety locking plate. If the locking plate is not in place at Equipment Control (Gun Check) these pistols will not be passed for the match - the locking plate must be operational in the pistol throughout the competition.

New Range Officers

Echuca Pistol Club have been busy and under the tutorage of Club Chief R/O John Hewlett have produced three UIT Range Officers. Congratulations to Joe Everitt, Barry Brown and Peter Hyden.

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	90gr B.B.W.C.		158gr R.N.
.32	98gr H.B.W.C.		158gr S.W.C.
		9mm	125gr C.N.
			130gr R.N.
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The Glenburn Range Project

by Len Steel

It seems a long time ago that the Victoria Police Pistol Club and the Third Military District Pistol Club had use of a corner of the Merrett Rifle Range at Williamstown. The two clubs operated the facility on alternate Saturdays and with 17 bays available for the Police and Service Match it was indeed a good thing. Unfortunately the good thing came to an end with the "sale" of the range for housing development.

The Police Pistol Club moved to a site at Epping which has a relatively short life expectancy and the 3MD Pistol Club moved to Puckapunyal which has a long term availability but with a considerable administrative load.

At about the same time two pistol clubs which now in combination as the Combined Practical Shooters of Australia (CPSA), the Major IPSC club in Victoria had their range in Hallam closed through Industrial development around them.

Victoria Prisons Practical Pistol Club had been for some time and is still operating at the same Epping site as the Police Pistol Club.

The 3MD Pistol Club began enquiries for a new range site which included an advert in the Weekly Times, but with no positive result. Then in conjunction with the now CPSA a possible site was found at Glenburn some 70km north of Melbourne in the Shire of Yea. Following a favourable Technical Inspection a Permit was sought and, although there were some objections to the application a permit was granted on 8th May 1989.

At this time a severe problem arose through either a lack of understanding as to how the range would be operated or a change of mind of the landowner and it was decided to proceed no further at that location.

A second site was found on an adjacent property and a "Heads of Agreement" signed by the landowners and the four clubs. Following a favourable Technical Inspection of the location a further Permit Application was made to the Shire of Yea on 12th December 1989. The local residents and landowners were advised of the proposal directly and in the Public Notices of the Yea Chronicle.

Then followed a period where the Yea Chronicle was used to air both negative and positive viewpoints regarding a shooting range in the area. Both sides lobbied Councillors and demonstrations were arranged to show the noise level that may be generated.

It became apparent early on the "noise pollution" would be the greatest problem. It was at first thought that the nearest neighbour was some 2.3km away however we were then told of an intention of one landowner to build a house on a hilltop some 1.75km away from the nearest range location.

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Guidelines regarding noise from shooting ranges at that time allowed a level of 50 d BAI, (a weighted for frequency and impulse method of measurement) by day and 45 d BAI at night measured within 20m of the nearest affected residence.

Formal tests were conducted and results indicated that we should be able to meet the requirement at the hilltop location mentioned.

After several Council Planning Subcommittee and full Council Meetings the Yea Shire Council finally gave notice of their Intention to Issue a Permit on 11th May 1990, although with some very restrictive and expensive conditions attached.

The objectors became organised and submitted objections to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) which was notified on 27th July 1990.

The first stage of proceedings at the AAT is a Directions Hearing which in this case was held on 29th May 1990.

At the Directions Hearing it became apparent that those opposing our proposal were intending to stall us wherever possible. The Hearing was before Judge Strong and it was put to him that he should disallow our proposal because we did not include any "Accommodation". Under the Yea Planning Scheme our "Range Complex" seemed to fit within the definition of "Tourist Establishment" which is as follows: "Tourist Establishment means any building, works or land used or intended for use for the purpose of providing accommodation, education and amusement for travellers, tourists or persons engaged in recreational pursuits and for the provision of facilities for recreation for such persons . . ."

For our part we claimed that the accommodation that shooters would require included shelter, parking space, catering facilities, toilets and shooting ranges which would all be provided.

Judge Strong decided not to rule on the questions and a date was set for a further Hearing to determine that point.

At that Hearing before Mr W. Webb on 29th May 1990 both sides had their say and a decision in our favour was given in June 1990.

As a result of that decision the objectors appealed the matter to a Full Bench of the Supreme Court (three Judges). That matter was set down for February 1991.

At this time it was decided to try and obtain more detail regarding the possible changes to the EPA Noise Guidelines, as in early correspondence the EPA had indicated it would eventually adopt the Australia and New Zealand Environment Council (ANZEC) guidelines when they were set.

The first letter requesting relevant information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) was sent to the EPA on 30th August 1990. The reply dated 7th September 1990 indicated that the 45 days allowed for a decision gave until 21st October 1990 for an answer.

That date came without result and after discussing the matter by telephone an interim reply was received dated 31st October 1990. The interim reply was in part nonsense, the writer stating he was unaware of some of the EPA's own guideline conditions.

A further letter for information and clarification was sent to the EPA on 7th November 1990 for which no receipt or answer was received.

In frustration this matter was referred to the Ombudsman in a letter of 12th December 1990.

As a direct result of the Ombudsman's investigation the EPA did finally reply with an undated letter in early February 1991. The main points from this letter were firstly, that the EPA had not obtained input for the guidelines from sporting bodies and, secondly, there were no documents pertaining to the reasons for prohibiting shooting on new ranges on Sundays.

A further letter dated 18th March 1991 was received which included a new set of Guidelines which were backdated to February 1991 for introduction. These were far more restrictive and included a table of Days of Operation/Noise Level allowed which for a normal pistol range operation set the maximum at 45 dBAI by day 35 dBAI by night, again at 20 metres from the nearest affected residential dwelling. The information provided also indicated that the EPA intended to have their guidelines adopted as ANZEC Guidelines.

Only a short time later in a letter dated 27th March 1991 the EPA advised that the first new guidelines were in fact the Draft copy and so the actual Guidelines as adopted were included. A major variation in this copy was the inclusion of "Residential Land" in the location of where the maximum permitted noise level must be met. No definition of "Residential Land" was included.

As the date for the "Full Bench Hearing" approached the opposition Legal representatives began "ducking-and-weaving"; finally withdrawing their appeal on the condition that we pay our own costs.

That left the way open for the AAT Appeal to proceed and the date for that was set for 6th May 1991.

Another preliminary hearing was held and at long last our matter came before the AAT with Chairperson Mr. Ball on Monday 6th May 1991. Expected to last three days the case continued for nine full days at considerable expense for all parties.

The first day was set aside for a "Viewing" with the Tribunal members (2) visiting the Yarra Pistol Club Range in the morning and our proposed range site in the afternoon. After an inspection of the Glenwaters Native Fish Farm (a major objector) and a familiarisation tour of the other objector locations the Tribunal inspected the proposed range site.

From there they went to several locations to listen to the effect of shots being fired at the nearest and furthest locations of the proposed range. It should be noted that the Registrar of Firearms had been most helpful in providing an Authority to conduct these tests.

In short, the tests went well. From the hill top house site the levels were reasonable. From the "newly introduced" adjacent house location at about 1km distance, the levels were lower than I would have expected, and from the native fish farm nothing could be heard.

The next eight days are now rather blurred in my memory but it came across clearly that the real reason for the objections was the objectors just didn't want us there.

Many experts gave evidence for the objectors, including Laurie Levi who explained how we would damage the duck population.

John Crook came to look and listen.

Our experts presented accurately and well and I thank them for their time and effort.

During my time in the "box" I was asked some amazing questions, like why Brian Kilpatrick might use Winchester "factory" ammunition; and similarly why John Pride might use PMC "factory" ammunition. I told them!

Then came the final presentations from both sides and that was that. At the time of writing this we have been waiting for a decisions for some three months and are still waiting.

Total costs to now exceed \$40,000.

In concluding this stage of the story I would like to say to any readers who may be looking for a range site, "take up golf".

More to follow.

Post Script:

The AAT Decision was made against us. The two-fold reasons given in December 1991 was that in the context of a Tourist Development the only meaning of "Accommodation" was "Bed or Bed and Breakfast" and we had not included that in our plan.

In any case had we included that type of accommodation then the range would have been disallowed on the basis that the area was "Uniquely Peaceful".

As of this month (March 92) I can tell you that an airfield for scenic flights is operating within 1km of the Glenwaters Native Fish Farm administration block, although with a restriction in number of flights.

I wonder what that does to the "most peaceful location on earth"?

nce the decision of the AAT was handed down we had 28 days to act on any further appeal to the Full Bench of the Supreme Court. Otherwise that was the end. We have appealed the matter and the preliminary matters are listed for later this month.

Even more to follow . . .

Gradings

AS AT 1/1/93

ACTION MATCH

Percentages: Classification by total score for Tournaments with 144 or more shots.

Actual score: This is based on aggregate total for Barricade, Plates, Practical and Mover.

	Percentage	Score
High Master	98.96 - 100.00	1900
Master	96.00 - 98.95	1844
Expert	90.00 - 95.99	1728
Sharpshooter	80.00 - 89.99	1536
Marksman	(80.00	(1536

METALLIC SILHOUETTE

	INT	AAA	AA	A	B	C
PRODUCTION	38-40	33-37	24-32	18-23	11-17	0-10
PRODUCTION REVOLVER	38-40	33-37	24-32	18-23	11-17	0-10
PRODUCTION STANDING	28-40	22-27	16-21	8-15	0-7	-
UNLIMITED	40	37-39	30-36	25-29	18-24	0-17
FIELD PISTOL	36-40	30-35	22-29	15-21	0-14	-
UNLIMITED HALF SIZE	36-40	30-35	26-29	18-25	0-17	-
AIR PISTOL	40	37-39	30-36	25-29	18-24	0-17

1993 State Junior Training Camp

This year was the 13th SJTC and it was held at the Yarra Pistol Club from the 10th to the 16th of January with 22 juniors attending.

The juniors were camped on the range, with the boys sleeping under cover on the 50 metre range and the girls (all 4 of them) in the committee room. With the new air range we were able to use the area to house our permanent staff, couches and chef.

We allowed the juniors to move in on the Sunday afternoon so as to get an early start on the Monday.

The Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings started with reveille at 6:15, followed by morning exercises. Breakfast was at 7:45 and by 9:00 we were into the days programme. The first two days were taken up with a minor competition, so that we can assess their shooting and go through the BASIC's of pistol shooting with them. Shooting has to be fun as well as serious and we have a shooting game on the Tuesday afternoon which is a teams event. The games are designed to give some elements of precision and time fire, but with a lot of fun attached to them.

On Wednesday morning we moved into timed fire, and we were pleased that Mr Noel Ryan was available to assist us with this element. Noel kept them busy all morning with theory and practice on the "rapid stage of sport pistol" (duelling). After lunch the juniors all went swimming at Monash Uni. pool under the supervision of Bruce, Des and Graeme.

Wednesday night we had a guest speaker, who gave a talk on "Security, and loose lips may mean a burglary". I might add that our guest is a policeman and also an ex-junior, and I appreciate the fact that ex-juniors are willing to assist at our camps.

Thursday saw another competition to check the level of our shooters and where there was need for extra work on a specific element.

Thursday also was when it was determined who would be who's waiter for the next couple of days, this is a grudge match between Bruce and over the last few years "Suzy" and is the 25 yard and down of service match. I thought for one moment that I would have to put on my apron and bow tie, but my luck held with Suzy having a hang up and after that, all you would hear was, "Garson, white with one and a half, please". Thanks to Suzy, Bruce and Graeme for supplying their centre fire pistols and the copious amounts of ammo so that the rest of the juniors could try them.

I could not understand that most of them could shoot the falling plates better than they could duel, perhaps they weren't under any pressure.

Mr Clive Whelan assisted on Thursday during the day then came back that evening to give a talk on overseas travel and the Bianchi Cup in America.

This year we introduced a new roll in our coaches line up, and that was of "Entertainment Officer", who volunteered? None other than Mr John Brownrigg of Yarra P/C. This move turned out to be a great success and will be a permanent position in our future camps.

Friday, that dreaded day, in a plus, no wake up call, but it was the day that tells all. How much had I been listening, had I really had enough sleep, was I mentally fit for this day!! A thousand and one things raced through my head, did I have everything, was my pistol going to work, what was that important thing that I had to remember, I think it was Sights and

Trigger, or was it Grip and Stance, or perhaps it was Follow Through, I don't know, my mind all confused, gee I wish that I could remember it all.

Friday is the main competition for the week and it is a full Junior Match and Junior Air Competition complete with Referee, thanks to Mr Clive Woods.

With the competition finished it only left the cleaning up of the ranges and the camp photograph to go. Thanks must go to Mr Peter Gillahan who has been our official photographer to capture the juniors on film in their best "butter would not melt in the mouth" look that you have ever seen.

Friday night has been a tradition that the juniors entertain the coaches, a sort of pay back for all the effort that they (the coaches) have put in all week. I was sure that Bianca would have won the fluffy bunny contest, but Leon showed them that last years win was not a fluke. Congratulations on a good show, enjoyed "Space Warp" and the story of the "Beautiful Princess".

Saturday was a bit of a panic as we have to move out of camp by 11:00, so to assist, I (Bruce) took a load of equipment home early and just made it back in time for the presentations. I arrived back with a couple of minutes to spare and went to change, alas I had packed all my shirts and took them home, the only thing that I had left was a windcheater, boy it was hot and I felt like I was permanently under a hot shower.

All went smooth in the end and I must thank all of our sponsors who have supported our State Junior Training Camp for 1993.

Like in the movies, we will show our credits and - they are -

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			Wundermist and lens cleaning spray

Without the support of our sponsors we would find it very hard to give prizes and encouragement to our future shooters of tomorrow. Once again I (we) thank you one and all.

I must especially thank Yarra Pistol Club and its members for allowing us to hold this camp at their club, especially on such short notice.

To the coaches who gave up their time, and all those who helped to make the camp a success I thank you, its a lot of work and the more that help, make it less a burden for those who do the work.

They are - Bruce Wiles (State Junior Co-ordinator), Eileen Pile, Phill Spry, Des Boseley, Graeme Evens, Ian Wright, Andrew Wright, John Brownrigg.

To the Chef, and those who helped to feed the hungry horde, we all thank you, as it is often said "An army marches on its stomach" and a shooter, like the Army must have the right food to perform. They are - Merrollyn Wiles, Lesley Boseley, Gisela Rylah, Tom O'Connor, Samantha Spry, Di Johnson and Garry Wiles.

Bruce Wiles
State Coaching Director
State Junior Co-ordinator

YARRA JUNIOR COMPETITION
16th January 1993

JUNIOR SPORT PISTOL

A Grade

A Miller	556
D Dietrich	545
P Chandler	545

B Grade

D Brownrigg	490
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C Grade

J Walta	487
D Williams	479
M Phelan	445

D Grade

G Fraser	498
B Crosling	467
D Koreny	463

Aggregate: A Miller 1103

Most Improved 1st Year: D Korey

Most Improved 2nd Year: B Crosling

JUNIOR AIR PISTOL 40 60

A Grade

L Edwards	370	553
A Miller	357	547
P Chandler	365	546

B Grade

D Dietrich	332	502
D Brownrigg	327	491

C Grade

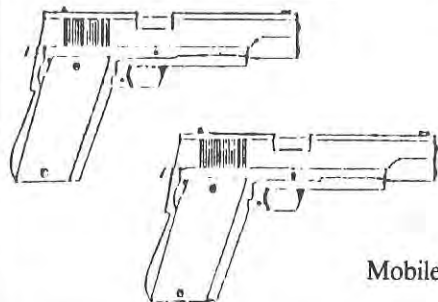
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D Grade

F Tait	321	484
J Walta	298	461
D Rylah	299	455

JUNIOR LADIES AIR PISTOL

S Ballantyne	335
B Crosling	318
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1993 Victorian Top Ten

Preamble Required for 1st Publication of Top Ten

A Victorian TOP TEN is now a reality. This is the first Victorian Top Ten and will be collated over the 1993 calendar year, and in future will be collated over each calendar year. The lists will be updated in each issue of the Victorian Pistol News. There are no prizes for being in the Top Ten except for the satisfaction of seeing your name in print. Events eligible for inclusion are all VAPA Approved Open Competitions or higher (National Championships or International Competitions).

The Top Ten is compiled by the Competition Controller from Open Competition Results received. To ensure the Top Ten is accurate only Official Results will be used, if Clubs holding Open Competitions do not forward results to the Competition Controller these scores will not be included. Interstate competitions will be included, provided written confirmation of the results is supplied by the Organising Secretary of the event.

Events included in this issue are: Oceania Championships, Hobart Nationals, State Championships in Service, Black Powder and UIT, MISC, Castlemaine, Warragul-Drouin and Hamilton UIT Opens along with Melton Service/Action Open.

FREE PISTOL

1	EDWARDS Norm	536
	MARSHALL Terry	536
3.	LIGETI Alex	534
4	DANKO Frank	533
	De HAIR Francis	533
	SHARMAN Ernie	533
7	HOLDEN Jack	530
8	IGLESIAS Jose	529
	REDSTON Rocky	529
10	BUTCHER Peter	528

RAPID FIRE

1	DANKO Frank	567
2	HOLDEN Jack	560
	HORTON Geoff	560
4	WRIGHT Jim	556
	YOUNG Gavin	556
6	GALT Roger	550
7	YOUNG Gavin	543
8	BURMAN J.	541
	WOODS Clive	541
10	EVANS Graeme	540
	HOLDEN Jack	540

STANDARD PISTOL

1	DANKO Frank	566
2	HORTON Geoff	565
3	McMILLAN Jon	562
4	WOODWARD Annette	557
5	MARSHALL Terry	555
6	BOWRON Peter	553
	BUTCHER Peter	553
8	De HAIR Francis	551
	EDWARDS Leon	551
	ILLFR Andrew	551

MENS AIR PISTOL

1	MARSHALL Terry	570
2	DANKO Frank	569
3	De HAIR Francis	568
4	EDWARDS Norm	566
5	IGLESIAS Jose	564
6	BUTCHER Peter	562
7	BOWRON Peter	560
8	CROSSMAN Will	558
9	DAVIS Wayne	557
	ROBERTSON Colin	557

JUNIOR MENS AIR PISTOL

1	CHANDLER Paul	556
2	TANIAN Brent	548
3	MILLER Andrew	544
4	EDWARDS Leon	536
5	DIETRICH Daniel	526
6	BRITTON Graham	502
7	RYLAH Derek	479
8	DAWES Chris	457
9	O'CONNOR Andrew	329
10	STOKES Daniel	320

JUNIOR LADIES AIR PISTOL

1	BALLANTYNE Suzy	341
2	BUSH Wendy	321
3	KIBELL Amanda	292
4	SHEARMAN Kelly	268
5	STOKES Anna	251
6	BRITTON Sally	250

CENTRE FIRE

1	DANKO Frank	581
2	GONCZOL Andy	574
	McMILLAN Jon	574
4	SLATTERY Tom	571
5	IGLESIAS Jose	567
6	MAJBORODA Klaus	565
	WRIGHT Jim	565
8	HOLDEN Jack	564
9	GALT Roger	562
10	DAVIS Wayne	561

WOMENS SPORT PISTOL

1	WOODWARD Annette	576
2	RYAN Linda	575
3	TURNER Val	564
4	CHILLER Kitty	562
5	BOWRON Doreen	561
6	WILLIAMS Narelle	552
7	MULLENS Joy	549
8	LESTER Dee	548
	RYAN Helen	548
10	SPARK Rena	544

WOMENS AIR PISTOL

1	WOODWARD Annette	382
2	RYAN Linda	378
3	TURNER Val	371
4	BOWRON Doreen	364
	LEE Cheryl	364
6	BUTCHER Jenny	362
	MULLENS Joy	362
	SCHULTZ Lotty	362
9	RYAN Helen	360
10	FINN Jennifer	356

BLACK POWDER 25 METRE

1	TAIT Peter	365
2	WATSON Tony	364
3	HASTIE D.	361
	VINCENT Greg	361
5	DAVIS Wayne	360
6	AINSCOW Ron	352
	DANKO Frank	352
8	BENNETT Charlie	351
9	MORGAN Geoff	350
10	McCANN D.	349
	REDSTON Rocky	349

JUNIOR SPORT PISTOL

1	EDWARDS Leon	570
2	TANIAN Brent	563
3	CHANDLER Paul	562
4	DIETRICH Daniel	557
5	MILLER Andrew	556
6	BRITTON Graham	539
7	MAPLESON Simon	519
8	BROWNRIGG D.	501
9	RYLAH Derek	444
10	BRITTON Sally	429

SERVICE UNRESTRICTED

1	BLAKE Phil	891
2	DE BREVI John	881
	PATTISON Sid	881
4	HUTCHINS Paul	880
5	BEHAN Mark	873
6	BARRIE Rob	866
7	MALLIA Len	864
8	EAGLE Alex	863
9	CORRALL John	849
	EVANS Eddie	849

BLACK POWDER 50 METRE

1	REDSTON Rocky	359
2	WATSON Tony	350
3	DAVIS Wayne	338
4	MORGAN Geoff	324
5	WOODS Clive	317
6	DANKO Frank	315
7	DUNSTAN Wal	312
8	BELL Graham	310
9	VINCENT Greg	308
10	SCOUALL Andrew	292

SERVICE PISTOL

1	HUTCHINS Paul	879
2	DE BREVI John	875
3	BLAKE Phil	869
4	BARRIE Rob	860
5	GORDON Glenn	853
6	PATTISON Sid	851
7	BEHAN Mark	850
8	MOTTON Ralph	840
9	EAGLE Alex	836
10	BOND Ian	832

ACTION MATCH

1	BANNISTER Roy	99.20 156X
2	TATE Brad	99.16
3	KILPATRICK Brian	98.97 150X
4	ANASTASI Ercole	98.85 134X
5	WHITEHEAD Tom	98.74 129X
6	DE BREVI John	98.56 135X
7	BOND Ian	98.10 121X
8	GORDON Glenn	98.10 120X
9	BELCASTRO Joe	95.46 123X
10	MORSE Gary	93.85 96X

‘Short Barrel’ Rule Review

by Mark Behan

For the last year or so some of us have been shooting the ‘Short Barrel Competition’ and hopefully have been having heaps of fun. In the recent inaugural Open at Melton (held in conjunction with a service/action weekend) some nineteen shooters had a ball – and all who entered were presented with a trophy.

“So?” You may well ask. “Interesting but what is the purpose of the article?” Well it’s that time of year! When the original rules for the match were passed we also passed a motion which put in place a time line for review and finalisation of the rules. We are now about to embark upon that very process and are looking for feedback.

Eddie Evans and I have some thoughts of our own, and already have been approached by many others who can see ways of improving the match, but we want everyone to give it some thought. Most importantly if you are happy with the current rules and DON’T want any changes you need to say that as well, or else changes WILL take place.

For practical reasons we need all your suggestions IN WRITING and sent to Eddie either by fax on (03) 398 2359 or to The Secretary V.A.P.A. P.O. Box 301, Altona 3018. We would also like to remind people that the match was set up with the intention that it would be cheap to enter and that a deep pocket would in no way advantage a shooter (read for this, simple non-custom guns!). Further that there is a ‘spirit’ to the match in keeping with the nature of the guns used.

Anyway over to you and we will canvas all suggestions we get in the next copy of the Pistol News (all being well).

Melton Service, Action & Short Barrel Open

May 1 & 2 1993

Fifty-two competitors rolled up for a busy weekend of shooting. For Brian Kilpatrick and Roy Bannister this was one of the last competitions before heading off to represent Australia at the Bianchi Cup and both shooters intended to make the most of the opportunity.

Both Brian and Roy 'cleaned' the plates, along with Tom Whitehead, John De Brevi and Ercole Anastasi. Brian finished on top with 149 plates. The form continued into Practical with Brian, Roy and John managing to stay clean while Ercole dropped 4 points and Tom 10. All five cleaned the Barricades and with only Rapid Fire to go Brian, Roy and John are clean with Ercole and Tom not far behind.

Usually the Mover causes most problems for shooters, but does Rapid Fire create headaches? You bet. Brian dropped 18, Ercole 16, Tom 12, John 25 and Roy 14. This left Roy at the top of the list with 1726/156X with Brian second and Ercole third.

Ian Bond and Glenn Gordon fought a neck and neck battle all weekend in Master Grade. Both finished on 1707 with Ian winning by 1X. In Expert Grade, Alex Eagle performed quietly all weekend and finished with 1627/111. Not bad for a bloke that reckons he doesn't practice. Steve McDonald took out Sharpshooters while Clive Woods was the top Marksman.

Service Pistol was taken out by Paul Hutchins with 879, 4 points ahead of John De Brevi. Next time out John will be shooting in Master Grade. Another Grade Break was Simon Jeary (Melton) who shot from D to C Grade. Simon actually shot a C Grade score at the State Championships in February, but didn't make Power Factor.

When Sid Pattison was pleased all shooters learned their lessons from the State Championships and he didn't have to disqualify anyone at the chronograph.

John De Brevi had found another Rabbit's Foot for Service Unrestricted. He was sure this one was cursed and would help him beat Phil Blake and Paul Hutchins. Just to make sure he hid the rabbit's foot in Phil's shooting box. It was cursed all right, for John. Phil shot 891, ahead of Sid 881 and Paul with 880. Where was John? Looking for another rabbit maybe?

Which Referee and prominent V.A.P.A. person disallowed a competitor's challenge for a double, then found himself in a shoot off with that competitor for second place in B Grade? You must have known something hey Eddie.

When was the last time you heard raucous laughter on a shooting range? The Short Barrel Competition provided plenty of that, as competitors fumbled reloads, dropped ammo (no speedloaders remember) and generally had FUN. Many spectators decided the match looked so much fun that they wanted to have a go and two extra details were added to accommodate everybody. As most competitors said afterwards, "It is a good FUN match to shoot and everyone enjoyed themselves".

As this was the Inaugural Short Barrel Open in Victoria, special 'Competitors Trophies' were arranged and every entrant received a memento of the match. Top gun was Ercole Anastasi with 565 out of 650, closely followed by Phil Blake and Eddie Evans. You would think that as Eddie virtually invented the match he would have made sure he won.

by Neil Stewart

Melton Service/Action & Snubby Open

SERVICE PISTOL

Master Grade:

P. Hutchins	Mildura	879
P. Blake	Melton	859
S. Pattison	Melton	851

A Grade:

J. Debrevi	Melton	875
G. Dordon	Melton	853
M. Behan	Melton	844

B Grade:

I. Bond	Ballarat	832
L. Mallia	MAPC	831
E. Evans	Melton	826

C Grade:

W. Kaefer	MAPC	797
D. Cain	MAPC	788
F. Fitzgerald	SSPC	785

D Grade:

S. Jeary	Melton	787
J. Smits	Melton	746
D. Morton	Melton	723

SERVICE PISTOL - Unrestricted

Master Grade:

P. Blake	Melton	891
P. Hutchins	Mildura	880

ACTION MATCH

High Master:

R. Bannister	Eildon	1726	156X	99.20%
B. Kilpatrick	Geelong	1722	150X	98.97%
E. Anastasi	Yarra	1720	134X	98.85%

Master:

I. Bond	Ballarat	1707	121X	98.10%
G. Gordon	Melton	1707	120X	98.10%
J. Belcastro	Melton	1661	123X	95.46%

Expert:

A. Eagle	Yarra	1627	111X	93.51%
N. Cilia	Melton	1622	90X	93.22%
A. Clarke	Melton	1620	97X	93.10%

Sharpshooter:

S. McDonald	Melton	1497	82X	86.03%
L. Clark	MISC	1417	69X	81.44%

Marksman:

C. Woods	MISC	1328	53X	76.32%
P. Blahut	Melton	1277	54X	73.39%
C. Gassola	Melton	210	21X	12.07%

A Grade:

S. Pattison	Melton	881
J. Debrevi	Melton	877
A. Eagle	Yarra	863

B Grade:

L. Mallia	MAPC	855
E. Evans	Melton	849
J. Corral	Melton	849

C Grade:

N. Cilia	Melton	831
W. Kaefer	MAPC	828
J. Bruzzaniti	Melton	806

D Grade:

F. Fitzgerald	SSPC	793
A. Clarke	Melton	765
D. Morton	Melton	744

SHORT BARREL COMPETITION

1. E. Anastasi	Yarra	565
2. P. Blake	Melton	562
3. E. Evans	Melton	535
4. P. Hutchins	Mildura	524
5. I. Bond	Ballarat	517
6. R. Bannister	Eildon	514
7. N. Cilia	Melton	514
8. B. Meldrum	Melton	504
9. A. Eagle	Yarra	472
10. D. Morton	Melton	467

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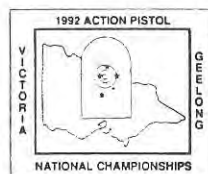
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MGWPPKFR	WALTHER PPK.380	6	☐	☐	☐
MGWPP32ST	WALTHER PP.32	8	☐	☐	☐
MGWPP32FR	WALTHER PP.32	8	☐	☐	☐
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