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EDITORIAL

As you may have seen from page one or read in the V.A.P.A. minutes you have, in me, a new editor of the Pistol News. I won't spend any time here introducing myself as there is an article later in the 'News' which starts a series of profiles on various office bearers in the Association, and I crop up in that.

This is my first undertaking of a job such as this and I hope that you will find my efforts acceptable. With practise and some hard work I hope to give you a lot more. It would be remiss of me at this point not to thank the departing editor, Alun Hughson for the fine job he has done over the years and to hope I adequately fill his shoes.

This issue started with me looking at a blank computer screen and experiencing a small bout of panic. How on earth was I ever going to fill a magazine,in less than a month? I have looked over some back copies of the 'News' and already I find myself about to repeat a plea often made by Alun. This magazine will, unless you really want to read MY ramblings, be as good as YOU make it. Write me, fax me, even phone me but let me know what you want to see and where possible give me articles to publish. I'll be grateful and the 'News' will better fulfil the fine ideals expressed (in small print) on the first page. To this end please note the new mailing address, fax and phone number. I await your response!

I've also decided to start a regular column that I will pen entitled 'What's Happening in V.A.P.A.' It will, I hope, condense three months worth of meetings into an easily digestible read that will let people know what happens at the monthly Committee of Management meetings. All members have access to the minutes of these meetings either through your secretary or perhaps your club notice board, but who bothers reading them and who do you ask if you can't make head nor tail of them? I've discovered as a result of this that many shooters don't know what is going on much beyond club level, don't care and I've heard it expressed even resent affiliation fees as "V.A.P.A. doesn't do anything for us!" Perhaps the articles will help fill in what really happens and what your association does do for you.

Along similar lines are the series of articles on V.A.P.A. office bearers. Who are the people who do all the work and would you know them if you met them at an open? Executive, Team Managers, Coaching Council, V.R.C., Fund Raisers, the list goes on. Each has a job within V.A.P.A. as well as a life away from shooting and I believe that a mention here in the 'News' recognises the efforts they put in as well as let you see who are behind the names you only hear or read about. This may not be as important for the old hands who have been around for years but for new members (and we have a lot of those)and even some older country members this will introduce people whom you need to know and who will I'm sure be pleased to be introduced.Over the next few issues I hope to cover all the people who work in V.A.P.A. for you.

Lastly, a small suggestion to club secretaries. I will continue to publish open results, if I had the room. Even though competitors get posted their results, there are others who are interested in how the competition is going. I noticed that in some of the results sent me (perhaps they'll make the next edition) numbers are often down at opens. True the economic times are in part to blame but so might be our information dissemination practises. Perhaps if you have an Open coming up and we have an edition before hand - even an Open later in 1994! Write me an article about what your club or area offers, the good times people will have, etc. and **maybe** more people will be there next time. Call it free advertising, but what have you got to loose?

Along these lines I would like to draw shooters attention to the State Service Match Titles to be shot at Melton on the weekend of February 26/27. It may be a little different than others you've shot at with Scouts doing the patching, a Federal Parliamentarian presenting some of the trophies and many local dignitaries, possibly some future sponsors for V.A.P.A. and even the Association Executive. All in all it promises to be quite an event and it would be great if we were able to show to the public and others just how seriously we take our sport and how well we support it. So if you shoot Service Match make it a point to be there, and remember you don't have to be 'A' grade or Masters - just someone who likes to compete for the enjoyment and fellowship that it brings.

BAIRNSDALE INAUGURAL OPEN
AUGUST 7 & 8 1993

Bairnsdale Pistol Club is located at the Bairnsdale Aerodrome together with a very nicely laid out Go Kart track and not far away a Clay Target Club. All in all, a very neatly packaged sporting complex where in between shooting, you can be entertained with the ever consistent parachute jumpers coming down to earth.

We have been to some professionally conducted Opens, but Bairnsdale gets my vote hands down and being their VERY FIRST (Inaugural) Open, surprised me no end. From what I have been told, 5 months ago there was very little to be seen that you could feel comfortable with in inviting the rest of Victoria to visit and compete at, at the level some Clubs expect and demand, but this Club, although not Olympic standard as yet, proved that with hard work, dedication and togetherness, anything can be achieved. In respect to the dedication, one member practically took up residence at the range sleeping overnight on numerous occasions to ensure materials that were needed for the building of this future Club was delivered on time or delivered at all.

There was a minor alteration on Bay 1 being conducted just prior to shooting, with a shovel on the 50 metre range and the nature walkabout was very "invigorating" for all free pistol competitors, but I never heard one competitor all weekend put forward any major complaints.

The air pistol range which is connected to the Club house is wonderful and you feel instantly "at home" upon entering. The lighting has a hushed appearance - insomuch as it appears ill lit but your sights are perfect and seem to magically be enlarged. Also not forgetting the electric winders that are faster than Superman and the underneath bench space for all cases/bags etc. was a very thoughtful gesture and utilised by all. When the double ended air pistol range is constructed, I for one, hope the charm is not lost from this existing range.

The Saturday night social was an unending array of food with a spit roast of beef/lamb/pork and all the goodies you would expect at home with a roast. There was also the salads, but dessert captured the hearts of everyone, with pavs, choc ripple cakes and trifles galore.

I think I can say on behalf of all Competitors that Bairnsdale member, from the highest ranks to the lowliest privates, all should be proud of their Club and the friendship extended to all was most welcome. But the smallest gesture which I thought just topped the weekend off with that perfect touch, was when Graeme Evans, their Organising Secretary's daughter passed around sprigs of Daphne during the course of the afternoon.

Congratulations Bairnsdale Pistol Club.

Marg & Max Cleland

CRYSTAL TROPHIES AT MT. GAMBIER

by Joan Tremelling

The Mount Gambier Pistol Club will celebrate its 40th Anniversary with a special "Crystal" Open shoot on December 31st, January 1st & 2nd.

Established in 1953, the club held its annual Open Shoot at Easter until 1959 when, with 'the Union' taking that period for the National championships, Mount Gambier switched to the 'end of December'.

The club hopes former members and shooters from early times as well as competitors of more recent years will visit for the 40th Anniversary gathering. Club President, Theo Green and Secretary Phil Hannan, ask all who read this to 'pass the word around'.

Crystal trophies will be awarded for FREE PISTOL, RAPID FIRE and CENTRE FIRE, the matches of 40 years ago. Special 40th Anniversary commemorative trophies will be awarded for sports pistol, women's event, junior event and air pistol.

Friday, December 31st will involve a display of firearms and memorabilia, registration of former members and shooters from earlier times and visits by leaders and members of the Mount Gambier City Council and Mount Gambier District Council with the possibility, time permitting, of some "I might remember how I did it" shooting by former members and visiting competitors.

A New Year's Eve dinner dance in the club rooms($10 per adult and $5 for children under 14 years) is expected to prove popular with members and visitors.

Those who have not received details via their Club Secretary should seek entry details from Mound Gambier Pistol Club Secretary, Mr. Phillip Hannan, P.O. Box 323, MOUNT GAMBIER SA 5290 immediately. Because of accommodation difficulties in Mount Gambier at that time of year, intending visitors are also advised to make their bookings NOW unless they want to bring their sleeping bags and risk a return to the fun and the 'comforts' of years gone by; i.e., sleeping hip-to-hip on someone's carpet.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT V.A.P.A.

This column will be an attempt to give members a short summary of what is happening at V.A.P.A. This will include some of the highlights from our regular monthly meetings as well as any other activities / initiatives I think you might be interested in. If ever anything is raised you're not sure about or want to know about then please let me know and I'll try to clear it up. I'll aim to be objective but don't always bet on it (see what's following). The final point is that this first column will have to range back over quite a few months so that I can address some events that ought to be brought to your attention.

The Annual General Meeting of V.A.P.A. has come and gone again (30th July) with it's usual lack of support from members. Even including proxies the "attendance" was only about 5% of our members. Which at best meant that 95% of pistol shooters couldn't even be bothered to lodge a proxy let alone attend - a poor effort in my opinion.

The main issue of the evening, the new constitution, once again (third try) did not get through. To summarise what happened -

* The copy of the new constitution as circulated to members was full of errors both typo's and actual (a long story here as to why).

* The executive at their meeting decided that as none of the required corrections (in their opinion) changed the intent of the constitution, then they would present the meeting with an erratum list, and having moved that, then move the corrected constitution.

* The meeting felt (reflected in their vote on the amendment motion) that the erratum list could not be put for two reasons

(a) The changes did in some places alter the constitution in meaning.

(b) That as those who lodged proxies had no access to the erratum list before casting their vote it made the legal status of the ensuing vote doubtful.

Hence the erratum list was not passed as an amendment to the constitution. The meeting was then faced with the problem of having to pass a constitution that we knew was wrong, contradictory and not what the membership wanted. On advice from the floor the chairman decided to withdraw the motion and after some clean up it will be put to a Special General Meeting, date to be notified.

It's worth noting that each time we have to circulate our members with agendas etc. it costs thousands of YOUR dollars. If only members had attended this one meeting a year!

Other things to come out of the meeting were -

A thankyou and presentation to the retiring team managers Kevin McAllison

and Mick Skerry. Both were thanked for their years of service to V.A.P.A. in their office as team managers.

The election of a new executive for 1993-94 took place with no opposition and are -

President	Neil Jones
Snr Vice Pres.	Brian Clark
Jnr Vice Pres.	Mark Behan
Executive Member	Alex Eagle
Treasurer	Geoff Horton
Technical Inspector	Clive Woods
Secretary	Eddie Evans

The treasurer's report was passed and the point was made that the operations of the Association including its financial books were always open to members on request.

In the Committee of Management meeting that followed the A.G.M. the business of the Association continued as normal. Elections were held and the following people were appointed to the following positions -

Fund Raising Sub-Committee	Cheryl Lee, Dot Lee, Peter Davis
Assistant Secretary	Rosanna Evans
Shooting Sports Council	Alex Eagle
International Competitions Committee	Rod Johnson
Competition Controller	Neil Stewart
Director Metal Silhouette	Rob McMartin
Team Selection Sub-Committee	Ian Ross, Bruce Wiles, Kevin McAllison

Clive Woods reported that the Victorian Referee Council A.G.M. was held on the 27th June and that Clive Woods was elected Director and Peter Davis Deputy Director with Eddie Evans filling in as caretaker secretary. All R/O exam enquiry's are now to go to Peter on (03)553 2429.

Yarra Pistol Club successfully moved that V.A.P.A. submit the following motion to the mid year meeting of Pistol Australia. "That the current Pistol Australia Regulations and Service Pistol Rule 4.3.e be amended to read:

(a) The belt on which the holster is carried must be at waist level. The competitor may choose belt loops or other appropriate means to secure the belt at the waist.

(b) Ladies may wear this belt at hip bone level, but this does not preclude the wearing of a regular belt at waist level.

(c) The use of Military and Uniformed Police duty rigs may not be precluded unless the angle when holstered is unsafe. Uniformed Officer duty rigs are not appropriate when worn by civilian competitors."

Other items were discussed and reported on but time has made repeating them here redundant. So we move on to the August meeting.

The elections of people to fill positions on behalf of the Association continued with the following positions filled -

Further delegates to the S.S.Council	Mark Behan Brian Clark Neil Jones
Vic. Sport	Alex Eagle

The position of Director Action Pistol, in light of the national scene was seen to be redundant and the position was abolished with the responsibilities being taken on by the Team Managers and the V.R.C.

The Firearms Act Review Sub-Committee reported back to the meeting and submitted our final Draft Act which was consequently forwarded to the Shooting Sports Council. There were some queries as to why various things had not been covered and the general point was made that members had been asked for input but did not respond and time had simply run out. The meeting agreed that it was a very professional document and if it were adopted would suit our purposes well.

Rod Johnson moved that the motion passed last month on holsters did not really deal with the problem and the following was passed for Alex Eagle to take to Pistol Australia -

"... That the service match rules be amended to include the N.R.A. Action Match holster rules as they are at the moment and as amended from time to time."

It was pointed out that V.A.P.A. will be holding it's annual Air Pistol range at the Melbourne Gun Show and that members are always required to man it. (Too late now but keep this in mind for next year! There is an article elsewhere on how this went).

The September meeting started with the appointment of Kip Manwaring to the newly created position of Action Pistol "State Co-Ordinator" and would be answerable to the Team Managers.

The firearms Consultative Committee report makes interesting reading. In summary the Firearms Act Review Committee set up by the Government has been disbanded and the job of review now belongs to the F.C.C. who through a sub-committee hope to have a finished product before the 1994 spring Parliamentary sitting.

Neil Jones and the executive will be looking at the introduction of a standard induction course for all V.A.P.A. clubs. This arose out of the Bi-Monthly meeting with the Registrar who is concerned that we do not have one.

The association now has a Publicity Officer. Ida Barakat has taken on the job and is keen to raise our profile in the general media and to promote V.A.P.A. You will no doubt hear more from Ida!

No doubt there is more which I could have covered in these notes but two things make it difficult. Firstly much of what is moved and discussed is over and in effect long before we go to press and I don't want you reading old news. The second thing is that much of what we do at V.A.P.A. meetings will interest some but not others so unless I hear otherwise I'll continue to pick and choose what I think is appropriate. Remember that you can always get the full minutes from your club secretary! A bit long this edition but there was a lot to catch up on!

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IN MEMORY OF

PAUL TAYLOR
SAMANTHA TAYLOR
KEVIN SIMPKINS

This pistol shooting movement mourns the loss of Paul, Samantha and Kevin who died tragically on Saturday 21st August 1993.

Paul will be particularly remembered by all the members of local clubs who frequented his shop on a regular basis.

An avid shooter and pistol enthusiast, Paul achieved an ambition to own his own gun shop of which he was extremely proud. He was very popular with all customers and his trade was expanding. It was Paul's easy manner with customers which turned them into friends.

There were numerous occasions where Paul would put in a special effort to rectify a customer's problem with licencing and registration problems.

It was a source of great pride and satisfaction to Paul that his team, Team Taylor, won the Civilian Teams Award in the 1993 Bianchi Cup held in Collumbia, Missouri, U.S.A.

Paul's death, tragic and untimely as it was, was made more so by the death of his eldest daughter, Samantha, 14 years of age. She was a joy to her father and a regular helper on Saturdays in the shop. Samantha always had a kind smile together with the offer of a cup of tea or coffee for the regular customers.

Samantha was keen on sport, particularly tennis and had a flair for writing. A beautiful girl denied the chance of womanhood.

Kevin Simpkins, always the jovial, helpful person, would often talk to the customers and help out where he could while the shop was busy. Kevin was a long standing friend of Paul and was held in high regard by all who knew him in the shooting movement. Kevin was a keen I.P.S.C. shooter and accomplished competitor in both rifle and pistol.

Our sincere sympathy to Paul's widow Bev, his daughter Kelly, Samantha's mother Carole, Kevin's love Ieleen and the immediate families.

Our loss cannot compare with theirs.

Friends.

1993 POSTAL COMPETITION

Congratulations to all the premiers, finalists and division winners for their efforts in the 1993 Postal Competition. Also a big THANK YOU to the Host Clubs for the Finals. I'm sure all the competitors appreciated your efforts.

Premierships were spread around with Yarra and M.I.S.C. sharing the U.I.T. Shields, Yarra regaining both Black Powder, Melton retaining both Service Matches and Bendigo proving too strong in Action Match.

The Division winners pennants will be going all over the State, with many country club's being successful in their divisions.

All finals ran smoothly with no major drama's at any of them. That is, until chronograph testing in Service Pistol. Two prominent V.A.P.A. persons (both with surnames starting with E) failed the chrono test and were disqualified. You would think people of this experience would know better.

By the time you read this your Club Secretary should have entry forms for the 1994 Postal Competition. Have a go, it could put more BANG in your shooting.

1993 POSTAL COMPETITION RESULTS:

FREE PISTOL	
FINALISTS	
YARRA "A"	2099
M.I.S.C.	2067
YARRA "B"	2029
CASTLEMAINE	1963
DIVISION WINNERS	
DIVISION 1	YARRA "A'
DIVISION 2	MELTON
DIVISION 3	MILDURA

BLACK POWDER 25 METRE	
FINALISTS	
YARRA	1067
M.A.P.C.	1050
CASTLEMAINE	1005
C.O.P.C.	0
DIVISION WINNERS	
DIVISION 1	YARRA
DIVISION 2	M.A.P.C.
DIVISION 3	MID MURRAY

MENS AIR PISTOL

FINALISTS

YARRA "A"	2237
YARRA "B"	2174
TRARALGON "A"	2157
YACKANDANDAH "A"	2123

DIVISION WINNERS

DIVISION 1	YARRA "A"
DIVISION 2	SHEPPARTON
DIVISION 3	YACKANDANDAH "A"
DIVISION 4	C.O.P.C.
DIVISION 5	YARRA "C"

LADIES AIR PISTOL

FINALISTS

YARRA "A"	1086
WARRNAMBOOL	1060
YARRA "B"	1039
C.O.P.C.	1030

DIVISION WINNERS

DIVISION 1	YARRA "A"
DIVISION 2	TRARALGON
DIVISION 3	WARRNAMBOOL

RAPID FIRE

FINALISTS

M.I.S.C.	2172
YARRA	2160
CASTLEMAINE	2047
C.O.P.C.	2018

DIVISION WINNERS

DIVISION 1	CASTLEMAINE
DIVISION 2	MELTON
DIVISION 3	C.O.P.C.
DIVISION 4	MILDURA
DIVISION 5	PENINSULA "B"
DIVISION 6	M.C.C.

CENTRE FIRE

FINALISTS

M.I.S.C. "A"	2260
YARRA "A"	2238
YARRA "B"	2160
C.O.P.C. "A"	2160

DIVISION WINNERS

DIVISION 1	YARRA "A"
DIVISION 2	MELTON "A"
DIVISION 3	MILDURA
DIVISION 4	OUTTRIM

JUNIOR AIR PISTOL

FINALISTS

M.I.S.C.	738
YARRA	733
YACKANDANDAH "A"	726
YACKANDANDAH "B"	597

DIVISION WINNER

DIVISION 1	YACKANDANDAH "A"

JUNIOR SPORT PISTOL

FINALISTS

YARRA	1111
M.I.S.C.	1110
YACKANDANDAH	1104
WARRAGUL-DROUIN	1016

DIVISION WINNERS

DIVISION 1	M.I.S.C.
DIVISION 2	YACKANDANDAH

LADIES SPORT PISTOL

FINALISTS

YARRA "A"	1639
YARRA "B"	1550
MELTON	1503
C.O.P.C.	1499

DIVISION WINNERS

DIVISION 1	YARRA "A"
DIVISION 2	M.I.S.C.
DIVISION 3	YACKANDANDAH
DIVISION 4	C.O.P.C. "B"
DIVISION 5	MID MURRAY

STANDARD PISTOL

FINALISTS

YARRA "A"	2160
C.O.P.C. "A"	2142
M.I.S.C. "A"	2135
BEACONSFIELD	0

DIVISION WINNERS

DIVISION 1	YARRA "A"
DIVISION 2	BEACONSFIELD
DIVISION 3	TRARALGON

BLACK POWDER 50 METRE

FINALISTS

YARRA	947
CASTLEMAINE	896
BENDIGO	860
MID MURRAY	711

DIVISION WINNERS

DIVISION 1	YARRA
DIVISION 2	M.I.S.C.
DIVISION 3	BENDIGO

SERVICE MATCH

FINALISTS

MELTON "A"	3422
M.A.P.C.	3143
MELTON "B"	2434
YARRA "A"	1667

DIVISION WINNERS

DIVISION 1	MELTON "A"

SERVICE UNRESTRICTED

FINALISTS

MELTON "A"	3485
M.A.P.C.	3442
MELTON "B"	3374
YARRA "A"	3359

DIVISION WINNERS

DIVISION 1	MELTON "A"
DIVISION 2	M.A.P.C.
DIVISION 3	BENDIGO

ACTION MATCH

FINALISTS

BENDIGO "A"	7362
KERANG "A"	7231
MELTON	5458
BENDIGO "C"	5301

DIVISION WINNERS

DIVISION 1	BENDIGO "A"
DIVISION 2	KERANG "A"
DIVISION 3	BENDIGO "C"

V.A.P.A. 1994 OPEN COMPETITIONS

"*" INDICATES APPROVED BY V.A.P.A. COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

JANUARY			
8			
15/16	* GEELONG	ACTION	
22			
29	* S.S.P.C.	METALLIC SILHOUETTE	
29/30	M.I.S.C.	U.I.T.	AUST DAY OPEN
29	* POSTALS	ROUND 1, WEEK 1	
FEBRUARY			
5/6	* CASTLEMAINE	U.I.T.	GOLDFIELDS OPEN BOB
12	ARARAT	U.I.T. X	
19/20	* WARRAGUL DROUIN	U.I.T./SERVICE ✓	
26/27	* MELTON	SERVICE ✓	STATE CHAMPS CW
26/27	* EUROA	U.I.T.	
MARCH			
5/6	* ECHUCA	BLACK POWDER ✓	STATE CHAMPS CW
12/13/14	* YARRA	U.I.T. ✓	STATE CHAMPS
~~19/20~~	~~BALLARAT~~	~~U.I.T./ACTION~~	
19/20	* BENDIGO	ACTION	
26			
29-APR.4	*** BLACKTOWN(N.S.W.)**	**U.I.T./SERVICE/BP**	**NATIONALS**
APRIL			
2			
9/10	BALLARAT	ACTION	
16			
23/24	HAMILTON	U.I.T. ✓	
24	* S.S.P.C.	METALLIC SILHOUETTE	
30/MAY 1	MELTON	SERVICE/ACTION	
MAY			
1		JNR SPORT, JNR AIR	JUNIOR OPEN
7/8	KERANG	ACTION	
7/8	ARARAT	ACTION/I.P.S.C.	
14/15	* ECHUCA	U.I.T.	
21/22	M.I.S.C.	U.I.T.	ANIVERSARY OPEN
28/29	WARRNAMBOOL	U.I.T	
JUNE			
4			
11/12/13	* MID-MURRAY	U.I.T./SERVICE	NTH WEST OPEN
18			

25			
26	* S.S.P.C.	METALLIC SILHOUETTE	
JULY			
2/3	GEELONG	U.I.T. X	
9			
16/17	* ECHUCA	ACTION	
23			
30/31	BALLARAT	U.I.T / ACTION	
AUGUST			
6/7	* BAIRNSDALE	U.I.T.	
13			
20	* POSTALS	ROUND 5, WEEK 6	
20/21	* ~~T.B.A.~~ GEELONG	ACTION	STATE CHAMPS
21	M.I.S.C.	F/P, R/F & SPORTS ?	RECORDS DAY
27/28	* ~~T.B.A.~~ M.I.S.C.	U.I.T.	POSTAL FINALS
SEPTEMBER		SERVICE	
3/4	* ~~T.B.A.~~ BALLARAT	BLACK POWDER	POSTAL FINALS
10/11	* ~~T.B.A.~~ BENDIGO	ACTION/~~SERVICE~~ B/P	POSTAL FINALS
16/17/18	* **NARRABRI**	**METALLIC SILHOUETTE**	**NATIONALS**
17/18	SHEPPARTON	U.I.T.	CENT. VIC. OPEN
24/25	YARRA	U.I.T.	
17/18	MILDURA	SRR/ACTION	
OCTOBER			
1/2	~~YARRA~~	~~U.I.T.~~	
1/2	* BENDIGO	ACTION	
8/9	* MELTON	U.I.T.	NEWTON MEMORIAL
15/16	HAMILTON	SERVICE	
16	M.I.S.C.	SPORTS PISTOL	WESTERN REGION
22/23	BENDIGO	BLACK POWDER	
29	PENINSULA	U.I.T.	
29/30	KERANG	ACTION	
NOVEMBER			
5	* YARRA	BLACK POWDER	
6	* YARRA	AIR/STANDARD	
5/6	HORSHAM	U.I.T.	
12			
19/20	* OAKLEIGH	U.I.T.	
26/27	* ~~ECHUCA~~	~~BLACK POWDER~~	
26/27	* YARRA	SERVICE	
DECEMBER			
3/4	ECHUCA	BLACK POWDER	
10			
17			

PISTOL AUSTRALIA 1993 MID-YEAR MEETING QUEANBEYAN, OCTOBER 23RD AND 24TH EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Matters directed from the 1993 A.G.M.

(i) Changes to Master Grade Level:
At this time there will be no changes to the Master grade score levels, although some review to Metallic Silhouette levels MAY be forthcoming.

(ii) National Coaching Director:
Motion was carried that Pistol Australia employ a part time National Coaching Director for 20 hours per week with a remuneration of $20,000 per annum.

The position will be advertised in the national press. ASC MAY provide some funding at a later date, which may allow the position to become full time. (Job specification available from Executive Officer if required by any V.A.P.A. member)

REPORTS:
PRESIDENT ...(in part)
NRA of America will fund three of their members to Australia to conduct range officer/range officials courses and to assist action shooting, during June/July 1994, and also that the 1994 Bianchi Cup will be the 1st. World Cup in Action, this will be run concurrently, but as a 'paper match'.
It appears that there will be quite a few teams competing from neighbouring countries at the Blacktown UIT Nationals.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ...(in part)
The incorporation of PA in the ACT has been completed. Funding from the Australian Sports Commission continues to be around the $80,000 mark, but this figure is dependant upon performances of shooters at International level, additional funding may well be forthcoming via the ASA and ACGA, fine performances by the Action Pistol and Metallic Silhouette teams overseas support the application of funding, with additional funding possible should PA employ a National Coaching Director.

ASA DELEGATES ...(in part)
Ray Andrews (PA President) has been elected section manager to the 1994 Commonwealth Games shooting team ... IMSSU ASA has determined that a total of 707 M.S. shooters be the basis of membership for ASA affiliation to IMSSU, and the first year's affiliation will be paid by ASA. The provisional timing for the inaugural IMSSU World Championships is 9 - 17 July 1994 to be held in Cannes France. The 1994 World Shooting Championships will be held in MILAN 21 July to 3 August.

NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR ...(in part)
suggests States nominating shooters to National squad should do so by also providing funding for those shooters (this would eliminate some frivolous nominations). States should also upgrade their future planning at this time to a seven year plan, which would include Sydney 2000.

DIRECTOR - NATIONAL REFEREE COUNCIL ...(in part)
changes to (GTR) and (STR) rules in respect to editions 1993 have been ratified.

RAPID FIRE FINALS
The subsequent changes in the conduct of the finals for the rapid fire pistol event, incorporating the use of electronic targets would appear to be outside the financial resources of any club in Australia.

RAPID FIRE AIR PISTOL
The interim UIT regulations for these events are now available. It is hoped that the various State associations will encourage the provision of the installation of the necessary equipment to enable some "demonstration" to be held.

PROGRESS REPORTS - Nationals
1994 UIT/PA 29 March - 4 April, Blacktown N.S.W.
1994 MS 16 - 18 September, Narrabri N.S.W.
1994 Action 28 - 30 October Perth W.A. (Entry forms available Jan/Feb, printed as a page in The Bulletin).

TREASURER'S REPORT
No expectation of rise in capitation fee for 1994/95. Receipt of grants may have some bearing as to possible $1.00 - $1.50 increase.

NOTICES OF MOTION
N.S.W. moved to amend previously accepted motion in respect to National records to include International Competitions of equal or higher standard, this motion was not proceeded with and was left to lie on the table.

Adoption by PA of IHMSA rules was passed, on condition of subsequent receipt of approval of use from IHMSA Australia.

Adoption UIT Rules. The recommendation of the UIT General Technical Regulations and Specific Technical Regulations as published Edition 1993 (first printing 11/92) was adopted.

Free Pistol Rule amendment proposed by N.S.W. to change number of shots and series times was defeated.

Holster regulations (V.A.P.A.) Motion was passed which, in essence, follows the NRA of America Action Pistol rule book, which allows velcro belts, but still prohibits cross draw and shoulder rigs.

NATIONAL OFFICE

Following presentation of the proposal to construct a National Office (strata) and the supporting financial arrangements to achieve this result, the vote by Executive Officers was carried in favour of proceeding with the project. Land ownership in ACY generally does not exist, building being constructed on land leased from the ACT authority on 99 year leasehold, as well as very specific zoning restrictions. Accordingly funding for the project will be by borrowings which will be serviced by sub-leasing additional PA space providing cover for outgoings and loan repayments. This was a preferred option to a levy of $10 per member, an additional option is also available to allow a cash flow increase by adjusting the amount of issues of The Bulletin.

The project will be constructed in the suburb of Deakin, which is often referred to as "lobby valley" a high profile location close to the new Parliament house, and on the opposite corner from CAS house.

NOTICE OF INTENT (National Championships)

1995 MS - Katherine Northern Territory
1995 Action Match - Berri South Australia
1996 UIT/PA - Victoria*
1996 MS - Inverell*/ACT*
1996 AM - Grafton*/Gold Coast*
1997 Combined UIT/PA/AM.MS - South Australia*
1998 Combined UIT/PA/AM - Tasmania
1999 UIT/AM/PA - Perth Western Australia
2000 UIT/PA - Sydney, N.S.W.
*to be voted upon at future meetings.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Approval and funding of International teams, action 1994 up to 7 shooters; MS 1994, IHMSU France 3 shooters plus manager.

UIT includes World Cups, World Champs, Commonwealth Games.

Queensland moved that Chronograph used in National Championships be made available to shooters prior to testing - was passed.

TRI STATE funding to provide brassards has been passed back to respective States to share cost together with NCC contribution of $250.00.

New database system (Q&A) mooted to enable States via modem to update membership records (rolling password after each access).

Metallic Silhouette and Action Match Nationals are now to be open events, i.e. non-resident may hold title. Vote will be taken at 1994 AGM in respect to UIT being made open.

States are requested to provide a State flag to Pistol Australia for use at National Championships. Flag to be retained by Pistol Australia for safe keeping. This will eliminate the necessity of States to carry flags to Nationals.

Alex Eagle
Executive Officer.

SUBMISSION FOR RULE CHANGES FOR THE SHORT BARREL COMPETITION

from Eddie Evans

There have been a number of submissions for changes to the rules. I have tried to accommodate those that I consider appropriate, although I may not have handled them exactly as submitted, I think that I have covered the intent. I have included submissions that I do not consider acceptable and marked them **(NOT RECOMMENDED)**. Unless I receive correspondence from interested shooters I intend submitting those recommendations marked **(RECOMMENDED)** to the committee of management for ratification approximately one month after the publication of this letter in the Pistol News.

1. **Maximum barrel length to be increased to 3".**
In the original draft rules the maximum length was 3" but this was reduced to 70mm when comment was called for in 1991. Many people have purchased pistols of barrel length less than 70mm when they would have preferred a longer barrel had it been permissible, also quite a number of people have already shortened 3" barrels to comply with the 70mm rule. It would be grossly unfair to now increase the permissible barrel length.
(NOT RECOMMENDED)

2. **That the barrel be of the same manufacture as the frame.**
This would prevent custom barrels with a faster twist which would increase accuracy and possibly allow a reduced load to be used.
(RECOMMENDED)

3. **That there be two categories of pistol.**
These would be "Fixed Sights" and "Adjustable Rearsight". I doubt that there are enough people shooting the match to warrant this. Maybe sometime in the future?
(NOT RECOMMENDED)

4. **The foresight may not extend beyond the muzzle.**
(RECOMMENDED)

5. **The maximum sight radius shall be 120mm.**
(RECOMMENDED)

6. **That the time for the 6.4m stage be reduced to 25 seconds.**
(RECOMMENDED)

7. **Kneeling.**
The shooters body must be within the boundaries defined by parallel lines at right angles to the extremities of the five targets. At least one knee must touch the ground, and no part of the body above the knees may come in contact with the ground, nor may the shooter touch the firing line or barricade with any part of his body. The pistol may be held in one or both hands.
(RECOMMENDED)

8. **Ammunition and Pockets.**
The shooter places the correct number of rounds that are required for reloading in a particular stage in a pocket. The pocket must be standard for the garment worn, not an addition to accommodate ammunition for this competition.
(RECOMMENDED)

9. **Dropped rounds.**
Rounds dropped while loading for a series may be picked up and loaded for that series only. Rounds dropped in excess of that required for a series may not be picked up during that stage (the rules require that the cylinder/magazine be loaded from the pocket, not from a pile of rounds dropped on the floor).
(RECOMMENDED)

10. **Penalty for rounds picked up.**
If a shooter picks up rounds dropped during a previous series in a stage, the shots will be scored and a 10 point penalty imposed for each round picked up.
(RECOMMENDED)

11. **To suit above rules it now reads ...**
Rule 4.4 changed to read "ammunition necessary for reloading during a stage must be carried loose in a pocket ...
(RECOMMENDED)

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

I have been notified by the Pistol Registry that some pistol renewal forms have been returned to them because members have changed address without complying with the legal requirement to notify the police when they move.

This means that not only can you be charged for the above offence, but your licence(s) may expire and you will be illegally in possession of pistols.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY THE VICTORIA POLICE WHEN YOU CHANGE ADDRESS.

Until June 1993 the V.A.P.A. submitted a monthly change of address report to the Pistol Registry, this was useful as a double check for movements. I have been told by the Registry that they no longer want me to supply that report. This means that unless YOU do the right thing, you could find yourself in trouble.

You should present yourself at your local police station and complete the appropriate form. Take all your licences with you (including your shooters licence).

You should also notify your Club Secretary, who will arrange to have your safekeeping facilities inspected. Your Club Secretary is required to submit a form 3 when notifying the V.A.P.A. of a member's change of address.

Eddie Evans
(Hon. Sec.)

V.A.P.A. AT THE 8th ANNUAL AUSTRALIAN GUN SHOW

by BRUCE WILES

Several months back the V.A.P.A. decided to have a display at the 8th Australian Gun Show, which was held on the weekend of the 18th and 19th of September '93.

As usual, volunteers were called for and as usual very few came forth. It was left in the capable hands of Mr. Mark Behan to organise and with help from myself all plans went ahead.

On the Friday the 17th we were allowed to set up the stand. This included a display from various clubs and an air pistol range. When I said various clubs I meant Yarra, Melbourne International, Melton and City of Oakleigh had the forethought to at least display their club flags. I would have thought that this V.A.P.A. stand was the ideal venue for all clubs to get behind and advertise their own particular club to help foster the sport of pistol shooting. As it was, the only club who thought enough of the free advertising was Yarra Pistol Club who had been prepared and supplied some sort of proforma of their club. Perhaps other clubs will give some serious thought to this idea for future gun shows.

Saturday started a little slow and just as well, for there were still things to do and prepare, and by 9.00 o'clock we were all ready. As the public started to filter through we started to operate the air range. It is amazing once people hear the sound of a shot being fired (yes, even an air pistol) how they were drawn, like bees to the honey you might say. They were more ecstatic when they found out that they could actually fire the air pistol themselves under guidance from one of our supervisors. We allowed them five shots and gave them the target to take with them.

Unfortunately we only had one target system, this meant that only one shooter at a time was able to shoot. This tended to slow things down considerably, especially when you have a continual crowd of about 6 to 8 deep waiting to get a shot.

Most of the questions went something like this - "I've been thinking of joining a pistol club, but don't know where there is one." Our reply was, "Firstly, where do you live?" Having found that out we looked at our list and found the nearest club to them. We then gave them a contact where they could ring to find out more for themselves. They asked, "How much does it cost?" Not knowing the fee structure of other clubs we had to flum them off by saying, "Ring the Secretary whose number we have given you and they will be able to tell you." The only paper work we had was the proformas from V.A.P.A. and Yarra to hand out.

As you can imagine with only a few workers and with so many enquires, along with the operation of the air range, it was difficult to get a break for ourselves. As luck would have it along came a likely helper in the guise of Mr. John Gray who was co-opted to assist with the air range. He was not the only one who was found a job during the day. So if you don't want to be co-opted to help, keep away from the V.A.P.A. stand and don't make any rash comments as you pass or you'll be assisting faster than a speeding air pellet. All that knowledge that you have will then be put to the test.

For those who worked on the stand it was a long day and we were glad to see the day finish at 5.00 p.m. You had to be there by about 8.30 a.m. to make a start for the day and Sunday was no exception. Once the doors were open, then it was all on again. Questions and answers. I don't know how many times I described how to hold an air pistol, where to aim and to squeeze the trigger; and then say to the next shooter, "Did you hear what I said to the last shooter?" to be told "Yes", "Then you do the same," only to find out that they had not understood a thing. So you repeated it all over again.

The biggest draw card was indeed the air pistol shooting; we went through 1500 pellets and nearly two packets of targets. We directed many enquiries to the Secretaries of other pistol clubs and it would be interesting to get some feedback on prospective members who made contact from the information given to them at the gun show. You could let Eddie know of the numbers.

When we did manage to get away from the stand and talk to the other exhibitors, all said that our stand was a good idea and those from interstate commented that other pistol associations did not have a stand at their own gun shows.

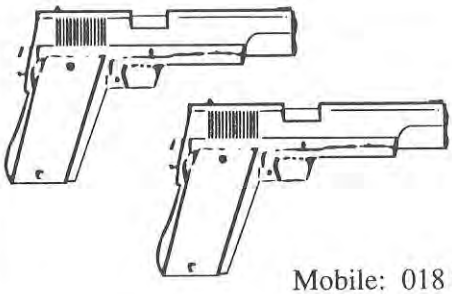
I would like to thank Ultimate Arms Imports for allowing some of our shooters to try out the new Hammerli air pistol which they had on display and also for the loan of Julie to demonstrate the correct stance.

Thanks also to Graeme Forbes from Forbes Wholesale Guns, who allowed us to demonstrate the new Fienwerkbau air pistol.

The gun show finished on Sunday afternoon at 4.00 p.m. and then it was a mad panic to strip down the stands and pack up. As usual, we had our stand down in a flash, that is after we found out how to pack the boxes that hold the foam letters.

All in all, I think that we managed to get the message across that there is more to shooting than just pointing the pistol and pulling the trigger. The interest shown should help to increase the membership and the art of pistol shooting in Victoria.

Many thanks must go to those people who did help out at our display and made it the success it was. If you were there, you know who you are.



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ECHUCA U.I.T.; MID MURRAY U.I.T.; M.I.S.C. ANNIVERSARY OPEN;

BIANCHI CUP; BAIRNSDALE U.I.T.; GEELONG U.I.T.;

POSTAL FINALS; ACTION MATCH STATE TITLES; SHEPPARTON U.I.T;

YARRA U.I.T.; MELTON U.I.T.

FREE PISTOL

1	IGLESIAS Jose	537
2	MARSHALL Terry	536
	EDWARDS Norm	536
4	LIGETI Alex	534
	De HAIR Francis	534
5	DANKO Frank	533
	SHARMAN Ernie	533
	HOLDEN Jack	533
9	CUMBERLAND Nick	532
	WRIGHT Jim	532

JUNIOR MENS AIR PISTOL

1	CHANDLER Paul	557
2	TANIAN Brent	548
3	MILLER Andrew	544
4	EDWARDS Leon	536
5	BRITTON Graham	532
6	DIETRICH Daniel	526
7	BROWNRIGG Daniel	523
8	RYLAH Derek	479
9	DAWES Chris	457
10	GRAY Jason	446

RAPID FIRE

1	DANKO Frank	567
2	WRIGHT Jim	563
3	GALT Roger	562
4	HOLDEN Jack	560
	HORTON Geoff	560
6	BUTLAND Ian	559
7	YOUNG Gavin	556
8	TANIAN Brent	554
9	MITCHELL John	551
10	HOWARD Greg	548
	MUSGROVE Alan	548

JUNIOR LADIES AIR PISTOL

1	BALLANTYNE Suzy	341
2	BUSH Wendy	321
3	KIBELL Amanda	292
4	BRITTON Sally	287
5	SHEARMAN Kelly	268
6	TAYLOR Sally	263
7	McALISTER S	261
8	STOKES Anna	257
9	COOK K	218
10	WALDRON Maurita	186

STANDARD PISTOL

1	DANKO Frank	566
2	HORTON Geoff	565
3	McMILLAN Jon	562
4	TAYLOR John	561
5	CUMBERLAND Nick	559
6	BUTCHER Peter	558
	SLATTERY Tom	558
8	WOODWARD Annette	557
9	IGLESIAS Jose	556
10	MARSHALL Terry	555

CENTREFIRE

1	RYAN Noel	582
2	DANKO Frank	581
3	IGLESIAS Jose	575
4	GONCZOL Andy	574
	McMILLAN Jon	574
6	SLATTERY Tom	572
7	CLARK Les	570
8	CUMBERLAND Nick	568
	WRIGHT Jim	568
10	HOWARD Greg	565
	MAJBORODA Klaus	565

MENS AIR PISTOL

1	IGLESIAS Jose	573
2	MARSHALL Terry	570
3	DANKO Frank	569
4	De HAIR Francis	568
5	EDWARDS Norm	566
6	HOLDEN Jack	564
7	BUTCHER Peter	562
	SHARMAN Ray	562
9	CROSSMAN Will	561
10	BOWRON Peter	560
	MULLENS Laurie	560

WOMENS SPORT PISTOL

1	WOODWARD Annette	581
2	RYAN Linda	575
3	MULLENS Joy	569
4	TURNER Val	564
5	CHILLER Kitty	562
6	BOWRON Doreen	561
7	LEE Cheryl	557
8	WILLIAMS Narelle	552
9	LESTER Dee	548
	RYAN Helen	548

WOMENS AIR PISTOL

1	WOODWARD Annette	382
2	RYAN Linda	378
3	TURNER Val	374
4	LEE Cheryl	365
	BOWRON Doreen	365
6	MULLENS Joy	363
7	BUTCHER Jenny	362
	LESTER Dee	362
	HUGHES Carolyn	362
	SCHULTZ Lotty	362

JUNIOR SPORT PISTOL

1	EDWARDS Leon	570
2	TANIAN Brent	563
3	MILLER Andrew	562
	CHANDLER Paul	562
5	DIETRICH Daniel	557
6	BRITTON Graham	551
7	BROWNRIGG D.	533
8	SNAPE David	522
9	MAPLESON Simon	519
10	BALLANTYNE Suzy	506

BLACK POWDER 25 METRE

1	MITCHELL John	370
2	TAIT Peter	365
3	WATSON Tony	364
4	HASTIE David	361
	VINCENT Greg	361
6	DAVIS Wayne	360
7	DANKO Frank	357
8	WILES Bruce	353
9	AINSCOW Ron	352
10	BENNETT Charlie	351
	COLICCHIA Ven	351

SERVICE PISTOL

1	HUTCHINS Paul	879
2	BLAKE Phil	877
	DE BREVI John	877
4	MUSCAT Peter	876
5	BARRIE Rob	860
6	CLARK Les	854
7	GORDON Glenn	853
	PATTISON Sid	853
9	BEHAN Mark	850
10	MALLIA Len	847

BLACK POWDER 50 METRE

1	REDSTON Rocky	359
2	WATSON Tony	350
3	DAVIS Wayne	338
4	VINCENT Greg	325
5	MORGAN Geoff	324
6	GLEW Ron	323
7	MITCHELL John	322
8	WOODS Clive	317
9	DANKO Frank	315
	WILES Bruce	315

SERVICE UNRESTRICTED

1	BLAKE Phil	891
2	EAGLE Alex	882
3	DE BREVI John	881
	HUTCHINS Paul	881
	PATTISON Sid	881
6	MUSCAT Peter	880
7	BEHAN Mark	873
8	CLARK Les	870
9	BARRIE Rob	866
10	MALLIA Len	864

ACTION MATCH

1	KILPATRICK Brian	100.00	173x
2	BANNISTER Roy	100.00	167x
3	TATE Brad	99.89	159x
4	SCHRADER Steve	99.62	166x
5	MUSCAT Peter	99.58	156x
6	GORDON Glenn	99.58	148x
7	ANASTASI Ercole	99.27	139x
8	CRAMER John	99.14	127x
9	WHITEHEAD Tom	99.11	153x
10	GAMMILONGHI Frank	99.06	152x

FOLLOW THROUGH - EXPLODING THE MYTH

by Des Boseley

Coaching handouts sometimes give the reason for practising follow through as holding the pistol still to allow time for the projectile to exit the barrel. Furthermore it is stated that follow through is much more important in air pistol shooting because the pellet is going much slower and takes longer to get out of the barrel. I contend that this is pure bunkum and will challenge anybody who I hear repeat it in the future.

A typical air pistol fires the pellet at about 150 metres per second and has a barrel length of 240 mm or 0.24 metre. Thus using the third formula of uniformly accelerated linear motion ; v squared = u squared + 2 as with final velocity v = 150, initial velocity u = O, and distance travelled 2 = 0.24 metre. By transposing for the acceleration a, we find the pellet acceleration is 46,875 metres per second per second. Placing this value for a in the second formula of uniform accelerated motion; s = up + 1/2 a.t squared, with s = 0.24 m and u = 0 again. By transposing and solving we get time t = 0.0032 seconds which is 3.2 thousandths of a second. This is the time you are supposed to hold the pistol still while the pellet exits the barrel.

Now a blink of the eyelids takes about one tenth of a second or 100 thousandths of a second. A plain old light globe flashes at 50 cycles a second or 20 thousandths of a second but it appears a steady light to us. A television screen picture changes at 125 frames per second or 8 thousandths of a second and you cannot see it flicker.

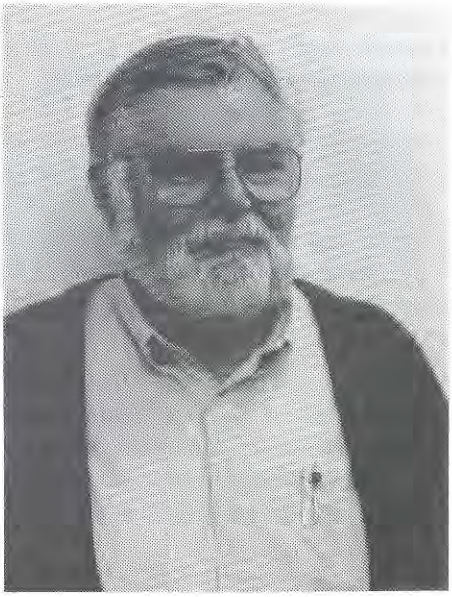
Even if we add on the lock time of the pistol, which has been quoted as being around 5 thousandths of a second, to the barrel time, we still have a time of 8.2 thousandths of a second. I content there is no action the human body can intentionally do in 8.2 thousandths of a second. Thus this reason for practising follow through is fallacious.

Follow through is important for firing accurate shots because if you follow through correctly, you are watching the sights right up to the time the shot goes off, and if you are watching the sights, you can analyse your errors. And when you know what your errors are, you can correct them to produce better shots.

WHO'S WHO AT V.A.P.A.

This is the first of several articles that will profile the people who hold positions of one sort or another in the Association. Due to the nature of soliciting facts from people who are either very busy or naturally shy I will publish them whenever I am able to pressure the information out of them, and will make no attempt to run them in any order of importance (which is lucky because all office bearers do important work and I for one would not like to try to rate them).

Neil Jones
- V.A.P.A. President



Neil is a 49 year old Building Engineer married to Margaret. They have three children. Neil has been in shooting (including rifles) for for 31 years, the last 13 in pistols with Melbourne Airport Pistol Club. He has shot all disciplines with a lot of Service, but of late has settled mainly on U.I.T. His other hobby is fishing.

He has been on the V.A.P.A. executive for 4 years this being his first as President. He has held the positions of Club Captain, Senior R/O and for 5 years was president of M.A.P.C. When asked about his highlights in shooting Neil replied "Isn't any day you go shooting a highlight?" But he is particularly proud of his involvment as Chairman of the committee which oversaw the introduction of Action Match. He was also Action Match State Director for 4 years and saw it grow to where it is now. Neil was also Match Director at the 1992 Action Nationals.

Neil is keen to see all members shoot the matches of their choice and to get enjoyment from their sport. He is particularly keen to raise V.A.P.A.'s profile with country clubs and increase our membership. "It is only with numbers that we can help preserve our sport and our Association. The executive this year hope to play a higher profile role around the clubs.With two planned open days at Country Clubs, help lift their profile and that of the Association to promote pistol shooting and V.A.P.A. as the premier shooting body covering the sport."

Eddie Evans
- V.A.P.A. Secretary

Eddie, a Trade Teacher aged 48, is married to Rosanna and has 3 children. He has been in pistol shooting for 16 years and is a member at Melton. He shoots Rapid, Centre, Service, Short Barrel, Air and Free Pistol.

He has held the positions of President, Secretary and Scorer at Melton and is a life member who is currently still serving on committee. He is a National Judge B in U.I.T. and a Range Officer in Service. He is a member of the Victorian Referee Council and has been on the executive of V.A.P.A. for 2 years as Secretary. Eddie was also instrumental in the introduction of the Short Barrel Match.

He is keen to promote shooting and has these thoughts - "For those of you who do not shoot competition, try it. You will only be shooting against people of the same skill level as yourself and it is much more fun than just plinking. Go to open competitions and meet people and socialise. You may even win a 'Gong'. If you don't know how to enter an open competition then ask your Club Secretary."

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- V.A.P.A. Senior Vice President

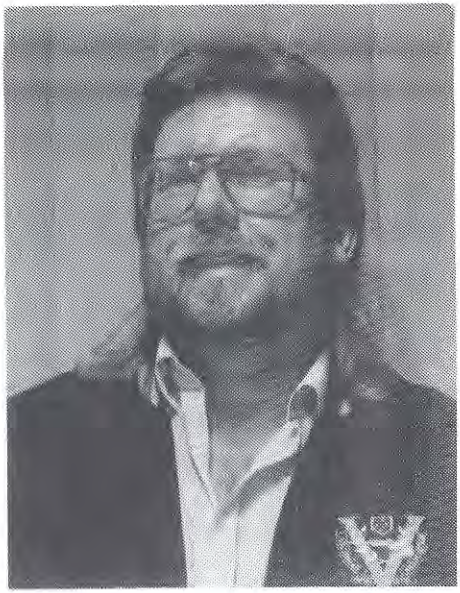
Brian is a 42 year old Solicitor, divorced with no children. Brian has been in shooting for 16 years and has been a past associate of Oakleigh and is currently a member of Watsonia Pistol Club and Melbourne Gun Club. His other hobbies include Clay Target Shooting, Music, Reading, Good Food and Wines and FISHING!

He shoots Centre, Air, Standard and Free Pistol ('B' grade in U.I.T.) as well as shooting skeet on a "much reduced" basis along with simulated field shoots. Brian has shot many times internationally in clay target shooting and still holds "AA" grade back mark handicaps in these events. He was organising secretary for the 1977 World Archery Championships in Canberra and director of the 1981 National Clay Target Championships at Melbourne Gun Club. In Pistol shooting Brian has "immensely enjoyed" being a member of Watsonia's postal team wins for 2 years in Air and Centrefire and thoroughly enjoyed the Nationals in Canberra.

At present Brian is Chief Range Officer at Watsonia and has been on their committee for some 4 years as V.A.P.A. delegate. He is a life member at the Melbourne Gun Club. He is a U.I.T. Range Officer and is now a regular attender at Victorian Referee Council meetings. Recently he was elected a V.A.P.A. delegate to the Shooting Sports Council of Victoria. This is his first year on the executive of V.A.P.A.

When asked about pistol shooting Brian had this to say - "We are seeing a period of crisis with many wishing to take firearms away. We should be working towards better firearms laws and National licenses with uniform laws which are less restrictive. I think that the smaller clubs should be better represented and voice their opinions at V.A.P.A. meetings. I enjoy visiting country clubs and will make this a goal in 1994/94. I would like to see Victoria being more successful at National level and will support a strong coaching program and the team selection system. Also I wish to see pistol shooting promoted throughout the state and will be supporting country promotional activities. My belief is that the executive should be available to all shooters so please don't hesitate to approach me at shoots and express your opinion."

Mark Behan
- V.A.P.A. Junior Vice President



I am 40 years old, a Secondary English & Computer Teacher. My wife Sylvia and I have two children. I started my pistol shooting 16 years ago with Mid Murray Pistol Club. During the four years I was with them I had a stint as both Secretary and President. At the moment I am with Melton and am on the committee for the second time. Currently I shoot mainly Service Pistol and Service Pistol U/R but occasionally Short Barrel Match and have shot Action in the past. My grounding was in U.I.T. but I never rose much above 'C' grade.

The highlights of my shooting have all been over the last few years. First as a member of Melton's winning (last two years) Service U/R postal team and a personal best at this years Nationals in Hobart where I placed tenth. I'm also pleased that I was able to play a small part in the introduction of the Short Barrel Match.

As well as shooting I am a Range Officer in both U.I.T. and Service Match, I attend Victorian Referee Council meetings, am a V.A.P.A. delegate to the Shooting Sports Council of Victoria and am of course editor of the Pistol News. This is my first year on executive.

My thoughts on Pistol shooting? I have no particular bias and believe that members should be free to shoot what ever event they desire. That so long as they are responsible and are seen to be having fun it benefits us all and promotes shooting as the safe family sport it is. I'm stating nothing new if I say that our sport is under pressure and that we must all take an active role in its safe keeping.

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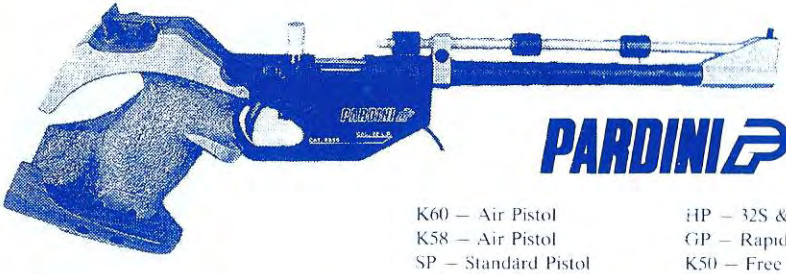

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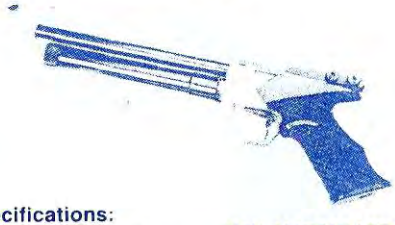

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