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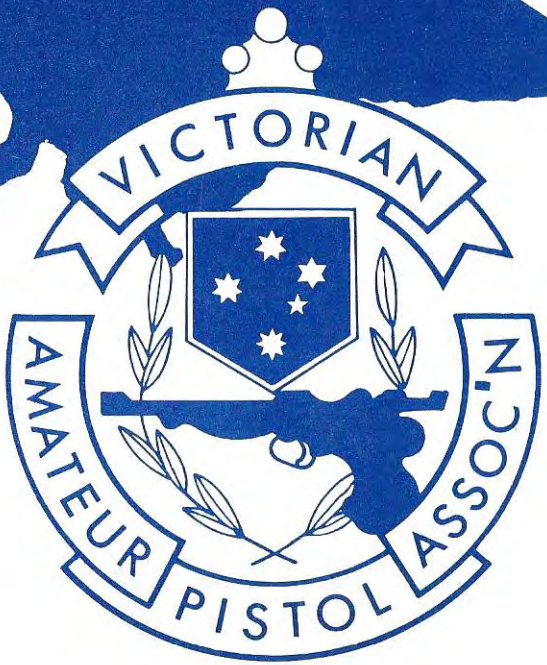

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EDITORIAL

You will find in this edition all the information and facts as pertaining to our Annual General Meeting. Publishing it in the VPN is saving the Association thousands of dollars and, if you remember, we altered all the publishing dates so this was possible. Please take the time to read it as what it contains effects you. Even if it's only to let you know who's standing for the executive.

I also would ask you **ALL** to attend the A.G.M. it is after all only one meeting in the year for most of you, and it is the one meeting where your vote counts and you can have your say! If you can't attend then at the very least make sure your proxy is held by someone so that your voice is at least heard and counted.

I made a similar plea last year and I think it would be fair to say I was ignored. Only about fifty people turned up (and thankyou to those who made the effort) and fewer than two hundred proxies were sent in. Not much interest with an Association of over four and a half thousand?

O.K. enough lecturing. Now for something on the amusing side. The following was handed to me by one of our members in response to a conversation we were having on safety. The following letter, from A. Bullis of Phoenix Arizona, U.S.A. was printed in *The Arizona Republic*.

"Every day some do-gooder is trying to save us from ourselves. We have so many laws and safety commissions to ensure our safety that it seems nearly impossible to have an accident. The problem is that we need accidents, and lots of them.

Danger is natures way of eliminating stupid people. Without safety, stupid people die in accidents. With safety, however well -intentioned, we are devolving into half-witted mutants, because idiots, who by all rights should be dead, are spared their rightful early graves and are free to breed more imbeciles.

Let's do away with safety and improve our species. Take up smoking. Jaywalk. Play with blasting caps. Swim right after a big meal. Stick something small in your ear. Take your choice of dangerous activity and do it with gusto. Future generations will thank you."

I can't say the view is one shared by many pistol shooters, but it does give one pause for thought!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mark,

I would like to use your publication as a means of extending my thanks to the Victorian Team Managers, all members of the Victorian State Team and the Victorians who travelled across to Perth for the recent National Championships.

The support that I received from everyone was fantastic. Perth is so far from home that I really needed my extended family.

Special thanks to Val Turner and Greg Vincent for the use of their pistols, and to John Gillman for guiding me through the bumpy start.

The feeling among the Victorians was one of togetherness and I am proud to have been a part of the expedition to the West.

Yours faithfully,

Joy L. Mullens.

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

The March meeting was held at M.I.S.C. Discussion took place on a proposed policy from the Police in regard rejoining members. It was felt by the meeting that there was no requirement for members rejoining to serve a probationary period per se and that the safety requirements demanded by affiliate clubs was more than adequate to overcome any worries of the Police.

The President, Neil Jones, presented certificates from Sport & Recreation (Volunteer Involvement Program) to Merrolyn and Bruce Wiles for their outstanding services to V.A.P.A.

The President reported on a meeting held at Police Headquarters attended by himself, Brian Clark and Eddie Evans. A working party with a brief from the Chief Commissioner of Police are looking at ways to reduce paperwork. Two proposals are being considered (1) pistol applications going direct from the club secretary to the D.F.O. and then the gun dealer, (2) pistol applications going direct from the club secretary to the gun dealer. Recommendations were due on the 8th of May.

Melton was awarded the 1996 UIT state titles whilst Bendigo was successful in its bid for the Action Pistol state titles. A plaque of appreciation was awarded to Sonny Veith who has offered to print, free of charge, the state team shirts.

Congratulations were expressed to Mid-Murray on the well run state championships. Minor difficulties might have been overcome had the Management team liaised more with the club. Neil Jones thanked all three clubs who were involved in the running of the various state championships.

The April Meeting was held at Yarra Pistol Club. A grant of $1000 was made to Samaria region to help offset the cost of running the regional competition. The shortfall was a result of only three of the twenty two clubs in the region paying their $40.00 levee to be involved.

The meeting was informed that the Sporting Shooters P.C. will no longer be affiliated beyond the end of the current renewal period. There was much discussion re the S.S.P.C. request for a split club to allow those of its members who wish to remain affiliated with V.A.P.A. The upshot being an endorsement of the Executives direction to the S.S.P.C. that a split club was NOT acceptable. It was also moved and passed that V.A.P.A. not affiliate an additional city based S.S.A.A. pistol club.

John Gillman, State Team Manager, moved several motions in regard the State Team selection method. These are covered in an article elsewhere in the VPN.

The May meeting was held at the Oakleigh Pistol Club. From business arising there was extensive discussion on the position of the Association in respect to the approval of ranges by the Association Technical Inspector. Concern was expressed that following approval by the Association, the police have required extra work to remedy what they consider basic safety requirements. As a result the police have expressed a lack of confidence in our Technical Inspector. The police have now sent letters to all clubs supplying guidelines and informing them of an inspection in the near future. As a result of discussion on the causes for this unwelcome turn of events a sub-committee has been set up to look into problem.

(YET MORE) VRC JOTTINGS

by Sharon Reynolds

Is the Victorian Referee Council dead??

As you know the VRC comprises all qualified range officers in Victoria - each of whom has the right to vote on VRC matters and in VRC elections. They each have the right to attend the quarterly meetings and the AGM. They each receive minutes of meetings, nomination forms, voting papers and any other general mailings (eg a recent questionnaire I sent out). I'm told that to receive 40 replies from around 200 questionnaires is a good response. I don't believe that 3 nominations for 5 committee positions is anywhere good enough (2 of those nominations are for the one position), nor do I believe that an average attendance of 6 at meetings is anywhere near satisfactory.

I realise that those of you living in country areas cannot be expected to attend meetings in the city - but when we tried a meeting at Shepparton who was there? - the usual attendees who all live in Melbourne anyway! So what is the answer? Well, I have one or two ideas, but they may not be popular:

1. Disband the VRC in all but name - let the NRC communicate through a nominal director (probably the VAPA Technical Inspector) who disseminates information as and when he sees fit, if he deems it necessary. Each club will need to arrange its own referees for open competition, run its own range officer courses and make its own arrangements for examinations. As for Judge B training and examining - forget it.

2. Review the VRC charter (don't know what it is? - I will be HAPPY TO SEND YOU A COPY ON REQUEST - phone 03 9560 6652), and make the system workable. Use the system instead of sitting back and ignoring it. Make the Director and the rest of the VRC executive (there is a deputy director, a secretary and 3 committeemen) answerable to the members. Insist on the help and guidance you are entitled to - but be prepared to do your bit too! !

At this stage I have not nominated for secretary, and nor has anyone else. There are two nominations for deputy director, and two for committeemen (one person has nominated for two positions). By the time you get this the VRC AGM will be imminent - it is on Sunday July 2nd at Oakleigh Pistol Club. Positions not previously decided by ballot will need to be filled at the meeting. That is your chance to have a say in how things operate. The meetings are not formal and general business will be allowed.

I.P.S.C. CORNER

by Brent Wilkerson

First of all, I would like to thank all of the shooters from the I.P.S.C. and V.A.P.A. disciplines who have provided feedback about this section of the newsletter. The general feeling seems to be that it is a welcome addition to the newsletter, and I will do my best to keep you informed with what is happening in this exciting aspect of pistol sport.

The first major event of the year was the Victorian Championships held in Sale on 18 - 19 Feb. this year.
One hundred shooters contested this match consisting of 11 scenarios or "stages" and 200 rounds of ammunition. Six of the stages were Virginia Count speed shoots of 6 to 10 round each, (Virginia Count nominates a fixed number of rounds to be fired) and 5 stages were Comstock field courses of 16 to 28 rounds each (Comstock allows any number of rounds to be fired). The field courses were set up to allow sufficient time for reloading before engaging the next set of targets. This allowed more equal competition between guns with a marked difference in magazine capacity.

With the dust settling and the computer printout complete on Sunday afternoon the top ten in open division were:

1	Craig Ginger	NSW 997.8777
2	Bob Wilhelm	VIC 968.6962
3	Ivan Relicki	VIC 947.4094
4	Errol Thomas	QLD 935.8332
5	Alan Shortall	WA 905.9185
6	Brodie McIntosh	VIC 904.9141
7	Ed Danko	QLD 902.7195
8	Trevor Roper	VIC 898.0822
9	Ken Carter	NSW 894.9160
10	Mario Mori	VIC 881.6181

TOP FIVE STOCK GUN

1	Gary Tueno	VIC 838.1680
2	Damien Warwick	VIC 657.3755
3	Andrew Cameron	VIC 652.4440
4	Brent Wilkerson	VIC 641.4425
5	Simon Dash	VIC 590.4761

TOP LADY	Suzy Ballantine
TOP VETERAN	Peter Ballantine
TOP REVOLVER	Paul Watson
TOP JUNIOR	Brodie McIntosh

The next major event of the year was the Australian IPSC National Championships held in Dalby Queensland from April 14 - 17 over the Easter Holidays.

All of the stages were Comstock scored, not one Virginia Count Stage was included, which was a welcome change in that it allowed the shooter to solve the course of fire with any number of rounds he or she needed. 256 competitors shot it out over 16 stages and 280 rounds. This was a well designed match with a lot of consideration put into the stage design and an abundance of excellent props to test the shooters skills such as real buses, chair lifts, ATM machines, automobiles, and trains.

Shooters from New Guinea, the Philippines, Sri Lanka,and New Zealand were present, and while some of the overseas visitors put in a good result they could not top the Australian shooters in the overall or stock gun category.

TOP TEN OVERALL RESULTS

1 - Ross Newell	NT	1267.6238
2 - Errol Thomas	QLD	1262.1117
3 - Alan Shortall	WA	1226.4255
4 - Brodie McIntosh	VIC	1216.35375
5 - Craig Ginger	NSW	1209.9794
6 - Ed Danko	QLD	1200.7720
7 - Jethro Dionisio	PHI	1139.8330
8 - Jomini Abaya	PHI	1133.5658
9 - Gareth Graham	NT	1119.1488
10 - Greg Toms	QLD	1112.0695

TOP FIVE STOCK GUN

1 - Gary Tueno	VIC	941.7973
2 - Andrew Cameron	VIC	871.7638
3 - Brian Kilpatrick	VIC	837.4484
4 - John Wholohan	ICM	810.8186
5 - Richard Young		765.3304

TOP AUS LADY	QLD	Paulette Buckeridge
TOP VETERAN	John Conners	
TOP REVOLVER	Jamie Snowdon	
TOP JUNIOR	WA	Steven Shortall

May 6-7 saw the second annual Tanfoglio Trophy Shoot hosted by the Sale Pistol Club. This is an IPSC style shoot for stock guns only, at which 65 shooters vied for a top 15 position by grade off the gun, plus the top 3 revolvers, top lady, and top junior.

Originally this match included top revolver only. However, the response from the match sponsors at the prize table and the inclusion overall of 10 revolver shooters in the match allowed the Sale club to include second and third revolver in the draw for the Tanfoglio Equaliser pistol, with the remaining shooters getting a pick of the prize table.

The match consisted of 13 stages and approx 180 rounds over the two days. All of the stages were purpose built so that all guns competed on an equal basis whether revolver or auto, large capacity or small, 9mm or greater, power factor minimum floor 120. This was a match where skill played a greater role than magazine capacity, and this was shown with the top 3 revolver shooters placing in the top 20.

The winner of the Equaliser by raffle for the top 21 was P.R. Murphy of P.R. Murphy .45 Shop - Custom Gunsmith. Peter, you do have a nack for winning raffles! Peter secured 5th place overall so he is not a bad shot either.

Please bear in mind that this is a novelty match run in IPSC style as a fun match with good prizes. We at the Sale Club wish to thank IPSC Victoria for their input and participation in helping this shoot to be a success. We also wish to thank our sponsors, Progun Australia, Phlatnum Projectiles, PLS Firearms of Warragul, Hawksbury River Projectiles, Relic Custom Guns, Williams Custom Leather, P.R. Murphy Custom .45 Shop, Howard & Schuback Sportspower, and the Gippsland Trophy House.

MAJOR UPCOMING IPSC COMPETITION DATES

AUG.	19-20	PSA	STATE TEAM SELECTION
SEPT.	23-24	SALE	STATE TEAM SELECTION
OCT.	7-8	PSA	RIFLE / SHOTGUN NATIONALS
OCT.	14-15	GEELONG	STATE TEAM SELECTION
NOV.	4-5	PSA	STEEL CHALLENGE
DEC.	2-3	BENDIGO	STATE TEAM SELECTION

Next Quarter: This column will be about the guns of IPSC.

SO YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TO AN OPEN
(PART TWO)

In the last VPN I wrote an article to encourage anyone who hasn't tried it, to attend an open. I have found it so personally rewarding that, I must admit, I'm at a loss to understand why so few of our members do not make the effort to try it. For me it adds an extra dimension to my sport that might, if I wasn't attending opens, become ... boring?

As I write this I'm making preparation for what has become an annual pilgrimage to Swan Hill to compete in the Queen's Birthday long weekend shoot at Mid Murray. One of the most enjoyable on the circuit.

What makes this, and other shoots so pleasant is the chance to take your family away shooting with you. In time there will also be those friends who become regulars with you at shoots. The important thing to keep in mind is that there is always more to do at an open than just compete. Many ranges are found smack in the middle of some great tourist attractions. With the family along it can be more than just a "shooting trip".

Have a look elsewhere in this magazine re the Central Victorian Pistol Championships at Shepparton. You will see from that article there is more than just the comp! Perhaps this might be a good shoot to start with as I'm sure you would be made most welcome and all at the club would bend over backwards to make your first shoot fun and easy.

If you're really new and don't have your guns yet then perhaps there is someone at your club who is going to a shoot and wouldn't mind giving you a hand in this area.

One thing that you might already have, or is worth preparing is a shooting bag. In it you will ALWAYS have your wet weather gear, shooting box, ear muffs, hat, bits and pieces (eg. insect repellent, glasses cleaner etc. etc.) and all those things that, if left behind, can cause problems ie. Grading card, I.D. with current financial sticker and holster qualification card. Of course don't forget your guns and ammunition - I've known shooters do both!

One mustn't forget that a little planning goes a long way. For a longer trip the car needs to be serviced etc. but you'd know this right? A breakdown will not only ruin your enjoyable weekend but may even cost the forfeiture of your entry fees etc.

A true story comes to mind from my years in Mid Murray P.C. No names will be mentioned. A competitor had done all the right things and knew he was right for the trip up to Swan Hill. Car prepared, caravan hooked up, wife happy. He was well out of Melbourne when he was pulled over by the Police for a routine check.

"Sorry Sir" was the response "but your driver's licence appears to be well out of date!" Of course the competitor's wife had never driven the car with the caravan attached and was willing to do just one thing with the rig - drive it straight home. Am I seriously suggesting you check your driver's licence? No, but I am pointing out there is never enough preparation you can do and even then Murphy will occasionally conspire to beat you.

In the first instalment and in this I've made little reference to the actual shooting. I would recommend just one thing - know your course of fire. If you are confident that you know what is going on the stress levels just melt away. Remember the range staff are there to help you and if you meet them half way by knowing the rules then shooting comp will be a breeze.

Have I convinced you to try an open? I hope so because the rewards will far outweigh the initial nervousness and hassle and it will give a dimension to your sport that will possibly last a lifetime.

PERTH WAS MAGNIFICENT.

THE WEATHER THAT IS, PITY ABOUT MOST OF THE SHOOTING.

by Neil Stewart

The 1995 Australian Championships were held at Perth Pistol Club and the Sandgropers managed to turn on magnificent weather for the entire time. The Team Managers departed Melbourne when the temperature was a cool (well, cold) 11 degrees. Four hours later they melted on the pavement outside Perth Airport in 26 degree heat. Talk about culture shock. Over the next couple of days both managers learnt the route from the motel to the airport (I know every bump in that road), and somehow managed to find the range as well.

With most of the Team Members settled in, now the business starts. The first day of competition was Service Pistol and the Precision Stage of Black Powder 25 metre. Paul Hutchins has a bad habit of tying at the Nationals. This year he tied with Mike Fawcett (NT) for third with 869. Unfortunately Mike won the shoot off and Paul was relegated to fourth place. Phil Blake again tied with Ray Sloey (N.S.W.) (What's going on between these two?) on 863. Ray relegated Phil to 8th place with a better 7 yard score. At least Phil won on one count. His pony tail is longer than Ray's. Les Clark 18th with 847 combined with Paul and Phil to place Victoria 2nd, 26 points behind W.A. and six points ahead of Queensland.

While all this was happening the Black Powder Team were shooting the Precision stage of the 25 metre match and Wayne Davis is second with 186. John Mitchell and Greg Vincent are both in the Top Ten with 183 each. The Team holds a 3 point lead over N.S.W. with QLD 14 points behind in 3rd place.

Driving out to the range the Black Powder team are full of confidence. Why shouldn't they be, they have recently won the "CANNON" from N.S.W. and have proved that N.S.W. can be beaten. The confidence rose as one of the N.S.W. team members put one shot in the dirt, then fell as a Victorian did the same thing. By this time one of the Team Managers had run out of fingernails to chew and had started on his fingers. The results are posted and Victoria wins by 1 point over Queensland, with W.A. a further 9 points behind in 3rd. John Mitchell with 372 is in a shoot off for first against Wayne Blisner (W.A.). Wayne won the shoot off by 1 point. Greg Vincent, in only his second Nationals placed 9th with 363 and Wayne Davis was 14th with 358.

The Service match boys sure like doing things together. Service Unrestricted saw a shoot off for first place and a countback for 5th to 8th places. Between 1st and 8th place was only 4 points. Paul Hutchins was the only Victorian involved in all this and took fifth with 881 and a perfect seven yard score. Phil Blake was tenth, only two points behind Paul on 879 and Les Clark finished with 846. The Team finished fourth, 32 points behind W.A.

Victoria wins its first ever Black Powder Double when all the Team shoot solidly to defeat S.A. by 14 points. Wayne Davis and Les Clark tied for third on 364, with Wayne winning on a countback and Rocky Redston narrowly missing the top ten on 349. 1995 is looking like a good year, four events decided and two team wins and a second so far. Over on the Standard Pistol range NSW continued their dominance of the event with a comfortable 21 point in over W.A. . Victoria finished sixth, 76 points off the pace. Best placed Team member was Noel Ryan with 551 for 15th place. The surprise performance was Black Powder team member Wayne Davis tying with Noel. This lead to one of the Team Managers making the comment at the Team BBQ "If Wayne equals or beats Noel in centre fire he will get a bottle of scotch".

Free pistol was not so good for Victoria. The Team finished fifth, 45 points behind N.S.W. The best team member was Jose Iglesias in eleventh place with 532. The Rapid Fire team have shot the first half and are towards the wrong end of the field. Over in the air pistol shed Joy Mullens has quietly shot a PB of 370 and is currently in second place.

The second half of Rapid Fire was about as good as the first, but you cannot expect miracles with a team made up of shooters from other events. Noel Ryan, who was the only shooter who qualified for Rapid Fire made the finals in seventh place with 560 and retained this place at the finish. The Ladies Air Team did not perform as well as they would have liked to and finished fourth, 30 points behind N.S.W. Team reserve Joy Mullens made the finals in eighth place, and with a strong 95.0 climbed to sixth place at the finish. The Ladies have also shot the precision stage of Sport Pistol and the team is only 4 points behind N.S.W.. The day has been a good one for Joy, a 286 precision gives her second place overnight, with Val Turner not far behind on 281.

Two days to go. Sport pistol finished today with Joy Mullens in another final. Joy entered the final in third place with 566 and unfortunately was pushed back to seventh overall, still a bloody good effort. Linda Ryan finished tenth on 559 and Val Turner eleventh on 558. The team finished second, five points behind N.S.W.. Meanwhile the Centre Fire team have shot their precision stage and are 31 points behind N.S.W.. Wayne Davis must have been thinking about his bottle of scotch and is three points ahead of Noel at this stage. Mens Air Pistol was not a happy hunting ground for Victoria. The Team finished fifth, 54 points behind N.S.W. (Yes, them again.) Noel Ryan was the best placed, finishing 20th with a 560.

The final day of competition saw the completion of Centre Fire. The Team finished fourth 48 points behind N.S.W.. Noel Ryan was the best placed Team member with 571 placing him eighth. One Team Manager breathed a huge sigh of relief when Wayne Davis finished with 568. The scotch was safe.

While the last day is traditionally a fairly quiet day, it was very disappointing that there were only two Victorians to applaud Noel when he was presented with his eighth place. Where did you all go folks, where you on holiday or something?

The shooting is over. Time to get to the Presentation Dinner. Team Managers Night Off, we are not driving the buses tonight. Presentation Dinner venue is easy to find (Birdswood Casino) only 3 kilometres down the road. Missed the turn off, oh well we can do a U Turn down the road a bit. OOOPPPSSS, forgot about football at the W.A.C.A. Traffic almost like the South Eastern Carpark on a Friday night, I didn't think there were this many cars in Perth. The Great Eastern Highway does not have Armco barriers in the middle, just a large plantation. Our intrepid driver upset the environmentalist's (and probably the Hire Car Company) and U TURNED over the plantation (Who cares, he got Us to the Presentation Dinner on time.)

After the dinner some Team Members decided to try their luck at the casino. One female Team Member knows how to play roulette and managed to make a profit for the evening.

Most Team Members are departing this morning and the busses are ready to shuttle to and from the airport. The first bus load thought the driver knew a different way to the airport. It was only as they turned into the range the driver realised the shooting was over and he should have been at the airport. I won't say which Team Manager was driving but he was the older of the two.

All in all the Nationals were well run and very friendly. N.S.W. continued their dominance winning the Manton shield by 114 points over W.A. with S.A. third. Victoria finished fourth 347 points behind. Lets put in some hard work next year and win the shield on our home turf.

VicHealth 5th Australian Masters Games

by Des Boseley

The pistol shooting events in the VicHealth 5th Australian Masters Games will be conducted on the Melbourne International Shooting Club range at Port Melbourne from the 5th to the 14th of October this year.

The games are open to all shooters from 30 years of age upwards and are expected to attract a wide field of competitors from both interstate and overseas.

The events being conducted, and dates are: Service Pistol- Thursday 5th., Unrestricted- Friday 6th., Black Powder 50 m - Sunday 8th., 25 m Monday 9th. and International- Saturday morning 7th., Rapid Fire- Tuesday 10th., Free Pistol- Wednesday llth., Standard Pistol- Thursday 12th., Centre Fire/Women's Sport Pistol (Precision)- Friday 13th., Centre Fire/Women's Sport Pistol (RFS)- Saturday 14th.

There are three age groups for women and five age groups for men competitors. Distinctive trophy medals will be presented for first second and third in each grade regardless of entries. Entry forms are being distributed at open shoots and VAPA meetings but anyone missing out on these venues may receive one by phoning 03-9666-4214.

Other main activities planned for the games are an opening march up Bourke Street to Parliament House, a challenge jog around the Botanical Gardens and a closing ceremony and supper at the Glass House. Lots of other social events will be available for those seeking outside entertainment.

A registration fee of $50 enrols entrants for all these events and includes the use of the Hospitality Centre at Olympic Park at any time. Entry fees for the shooting events are $10 per event. Games T shirts, windcheaters and other distinctive items will be available as memorable keepsakes.

As most of the events will be conducted in normal working hours the pistol shooting organisers would be most interested to hear from shooters who could donate some of their time to help with the running of these events. Range officers would be a much appreciated commodity.

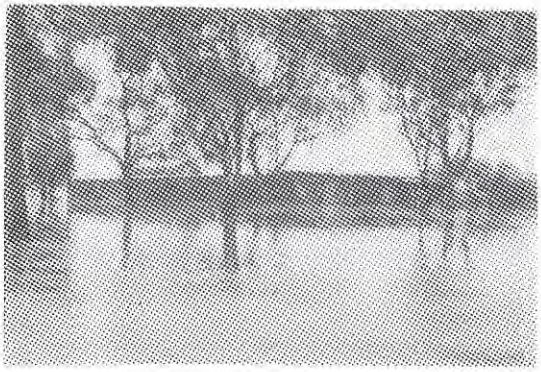
For any further details or enquires contact Des Boseley on 03-9318 1013.

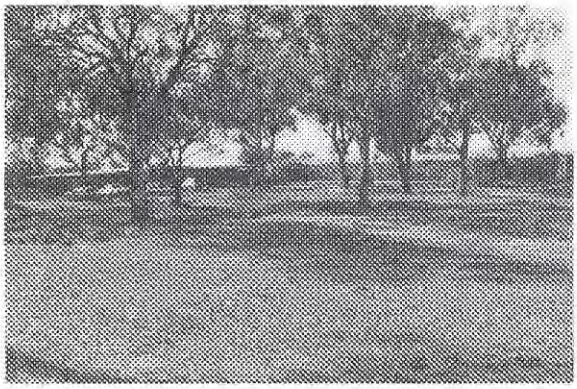
CENTRAL VICTORIAN PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

by Garry Grey

On the weekend of 16th and 17th of September the Shepparton Amateur Pistol club will once again host and run the Central Victorian Pistol Championships at the Pine Lodge range. The Club has been involved in these championships for nearly 25 years.

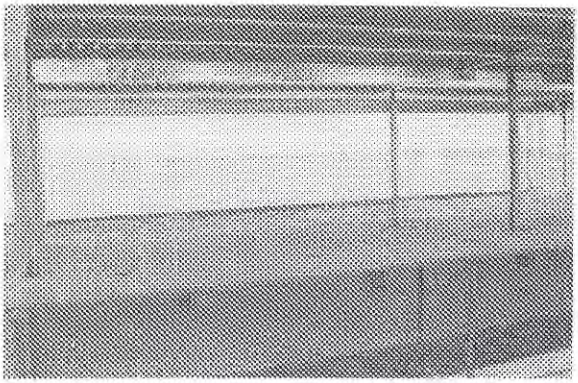
The Club suffered some water damage during the October 1993 floods mainly to the kitchen and lounge areas with only minor damage to the ranges and air pistol shed. Working Bees with the usual number of people attending, soon cleaned up the areas and the kitchen area now has new cupboards and benches.



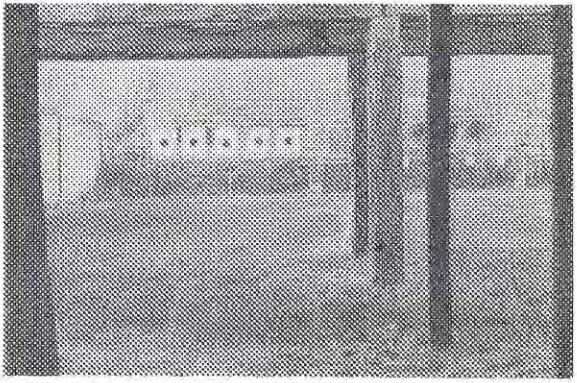


The Club moved to its present site in 1978 after having shot for years at the old range in Daldy Rd.. We share a recreation reserve with the Pine Lodge Tennis Club and is an easy 10 km east of Shepparton.

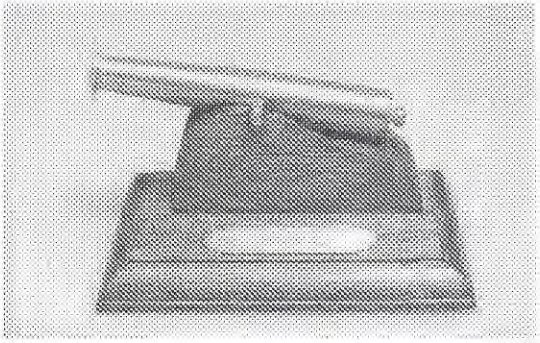
We have 3 ranges at 25 metres, each with turning targets; a 28 bay, 50 metre range; a fully enclosed air pistol shed, with 15 bays and electric returning targets; a kitchen serving area and a large lounge / club room.



Pistol clubs should have application forms into their Clubs within the next month or two: if not contact our Secretary Murray Shields at P.O. Box 554, Shepparton, 3630 for information or forms. Every year we have a small number of interstate shooters attend. The City of Shepparton has a number of fine, moderately priced motels, hotels and camping grounds for overnight accommodation (only 10 kms away) although a number of people camp out at the Club grounds - water and toilets are available. Shepparton is a large modern City, centrally located within easy driving of a large number of interesting tourist attractions.



For first place we give the highly sort after brass and wooden cannons for each event and grade, with monogrammed glasses for the minor placing's (if sufficient shooters). We also award an aggregate - 3 match trophy, based on Centre Fire / Sports Pistol, Standard and the first 40 shot Air Pistol scores. The kitchen sells a good supply of hot and cold food and drinks during both days with a smorgasboard tea and drinks on the Saturday night for a very modest cost.



Why not get a group of shooters together from your club, post off the application forms and get in return a guaranteed weekend of shooting and meeting old and new friends. We will do our best to give you an enjoyable and full weekend of shooting.

AMENDMENTS TO 1996 STATE TEAM SELECTION METHOD

On 28 April, 1995 the VAPA Committee of Management approved the following five (5) amendments.

To overcome the problem of some nominated competitions not catering for all events, those eligible to eliminate be advised that they are allowed to select a further two competitions intrastate or interstate, providing they notify Neil Stewart at least seven (7) days prior to that competition, and that they notify Neil within seven (7) days of their scores.

Reason: Some of the nominated selection competitions did not fully cater for all UIT events and it was felt that some eliminators could be disadvantaged as a result.

(2) When giving consideration to selection of the State Team for 1996, the scores shot by eliminators in the 1995 Victorian State Titles and/or 1995 National Championships be considered in addition to the already nominated open competitions and/or two additional open competitions selected by the shooter.

(3) That, regardless of a shooter attaining qualifying scores during the selection shoots, they only be considered for the 1996 State Team as a last resort if they did not perform to a satisfactory standard, being near their qualifying score and/or averages, in the Victorian State Titles and/or National Championships.

Reason: During the past four years it has been noted that, albeit a shooter may qualify during the elimination period, they have not shot their qualifying scores in State Titles and at the National Championships at which time they are then members of the State Team. It is considered that, if shooters are unable to handle a perceived pressure at such competitions, they are not worthy of State Team membership.

(4) That the discretionary powers be widened to allow the selection of non-qualifiers if the selectors are of the opinion that a non-qualifier would be a worthy team member.

Reason: The Team Managers consider this amendment will improve the chances of providing full teams in each event as, in the past, the rules have prevented the inclusion of shooters who have not qualified but may have been "knocking on the door".

By not being able to include near qualifiers (if they are considered worthy) the selectors are required to make up teams of those who have already qualified and, in some instances, those making up the relevant teams may not normally shoot that event.

This is not meant to reflect on those particular team members, but it is unfair on them and, also, can be detrimental to their other performances if and when they put in a poor score as a member of that ad hoc team.

(5) If an eliminator wishes to compete in an open competition of similar standard interstate which is being held on the same weekend of any of our already published nominated shoots, they may do so by advance application in writing to either of the two Team Managers, but this does not apply to a Victorian State Title.

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COACHES CORNER

FROM

Des Boseley, Hon. Secretary, Coaching Council.

More questions about taking the correct grip.

QUESTION FOUR - How should the lower three fingers grip the pistol ?

(a) Firmly applying pressure straight back as in a vice. (b) With pressure everywhere the fingers touch the pistol. (c) In a relaxed manner. (d) With equal pressure on each finger.

ANSWER - (c) Is obviously wrong. We want the pistol to stay pointed in the scoring area when it fires. (d) Looks good but then each finger has a different strength level and will apply a different pressure. (b) Can get you into trouble pointing the pistol and is too stressful. Which only leaves (a). Here the middle pads of the fingers apply pressure straight back to avoid movement when the trigger finger does its job and to help control the recoil when the pistol fires.

FIFTH QUESTION - What pressure should the little finger exert ?

(a) None. (b) As much as possible. (c) Less than the stronger fingers. (d) Lots but not on the tip of the finger.

ANSWER - It is not (a). The little finger is there so get some value from it. (b) Would have the finger turning white and the sights pointing at the ground. (c) Is correct. The little finger should apply pressure proportional to its strength without undue stress. (d) Is a bit gung-ho.

SIXTH QUESTION - Where should the trigger finger contact the pistol ?

(a) Everywhere it can gain support. (b) On the first knuckle. (c) Only on the tip of the finger. (d) Only where it is to apply trigger pressure nowhere else.

ANSWER - To get a good shot away the trigger finger must apply smooth clean pressure straight back on the trigger. If (a) was used a straight pull would not occur. (b) and (c) may be right for some shooters and some matches but are not universal. Choice (d) puts it right in a nutshell. All the ingredients for a perfect trigger pull with no disturbing influences.
More next issue.

LADIES ON-THE-LINE COACHING SEMINAR

Eleven Ladies took part in a practical on-the-line coaching seminar conducted by the Coaching Council over the weekend of 5th. and 6th. of May at the Oakleigh and Yarra pistol club ranges.

A Sport Pistol match was conducted on Saturday after a quick refresher of the basics, as some ladies had not previously shot the match under competition conditions. The scores were not all that great but the rate of learning was. Some long time shooters found out about faults they never knew they had. This brought home the fact that good scores result not from just a few good shots but by avoiding bad shots.

The coaching team were led by State Director Bruce Wiles, who set the example for Eileen Pile, Des Boseley, Ian Ross and Ian Wright.

This was a first off effort majoring on practical shooting and should lead to an expansion in this type of coaching. The coaches will look forward to seeing some of the ladies names appearing in future results.

The Coaching Council thanks all the participating coaches and specially thanks the Oakleigh and Yarra clubs for making their facilities available for the seminar.

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CLUB INQUIRES WELCOME

BLAST FROM THE PAST!

You will remember in the last edition me thanking Ron Glew for coming to the Association's rescue with past editions of the VPN and the Australian Pistol Shooters Bulletin. Two things have come from that generous donation of back issues.

The first is that there are still large gaps in our copies of the VPN, in fact Ron was able to supply only one of the then missing copies, March 1990. However Ron also supplied two copies of an even earlier publication (Vol. 4 No.'s 2 and 3), "The Pistol". The copies I have (Official Newsletter of the V.A.P.A.) were registered with the G.P.O. cost 9d (nine pence) each and were dated April and August 1966. By my calculations V.A.P.A. had an official magazine as early as 1962. Effectively Ron has supplied three of the missing magazines but has shown we are shorter of back issues than we thought!

The second thing is the exciting news. The Association now has what appears to be a complete record of the 'Bulletin' starting with Vol. 1 No. 1 February 1959. And unlike the current version it makes fascinating reading. In fact so interesting is it that I'd like to, over the next few editions, quote from them and fill you in a little on our sports history and how things have changed. This is of particular interest to V.A.P.A. members as in the history of Pistol Australia we feature prominently. Oh, and in case you feel that it's all old news, in the coming editions there will be names from these early magazines, 36 years old, that you will still recognise.

The first edition cost the members 6d (six pence) and was sent out to clubs who then sold it to their members - if they wanted a copy. How do I know? Well the answer to that lies in Vol. 1 No. 2 (July 1959). The price has dramatically doubled (that's right folks it now cost 1/- (that's a shilling to those of you too young to remember the nomenclature)) and inside the following explanation can be found -

"The first Bulletin was a great success and many letters of congratulations were received. Financially however, it was run at a loss of some £15.

This edition is bigger, better and well illustrated. It is also dearer. Never the less, the profit margin is so small as to be nonexistent. If the Bulletin is to continue, every pistol shooter must buy one, more advertisers must be found, and more contributors with matters of local interest must come forward.

If you like this Bulletin, help us by making sure every member of your club buys one. Don't complain about the cost - help us lower it."

Quite a change from the current Bulletin with a budget of over $200,000 (that's the Bulletin folks NOT the lowly VPN). However some things don't change. From the editorial of Vol. 1 No. 2 -

"Strange as it may seem, some people and authorities who support and permit reliability trials, speed car and motor cycle racing, boxing etc., with their associated high mortality rate, still regard pistol shooting as a dangerous and socially undesirable pastime."

I'm glad to report that there has been some changes in our attitude to this situation though. The editorial went on to say that the only way to combat this attitude by the public was to do away with "plinkers" and "heavy calibre" shooting. "Field shooting" it was noted was fun but not what the "Union" was about.

As an appetiser for the next instalment I thought I'd mention a little about the import regulations in 1959. I'll go into more detail in the September edition but how would you like to be living under these rules? If you wanted a pistol from the U.S.A. you had to make application to the "Union" (read Pistol Australia) and a ballot would be drawn to see who would miss out. Miss out? That's right folks the Department of Trade in 1959 allowed only Twelve (12) pistols per year to be imported into Australia from the U.S.A., and you were in a ballot to get a licence. Thank heavens some things do change.

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VICTORIAN AMATEUR PISTOL ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association will be held at the Yarra Pistol Club, Wellington Road, Lysterfield, on Friday 21st July 1995 at 7.30pm.

The purpose of the meeting will be to:

1. Confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22nd July, 1994.

2. Receive and adopt financial statements for the year ended, 30th April 1995.

3. Receive and adopt President's and Secretary's reports.

4. Elect office bearers for the ensuing year (see below).

5. Attend to any other business which may be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following members have been nominated for the positions as listed.

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER
President	Mark Behan	E. Evans	S. Reynolds
Snr Vice President	John Gillman	M. Behan	E. Evans
Jnr Vice President	Gary Fliegner	A. Cameron	G. Hateley
Executive Member	Clive Whelan	R. Beard	D. Haddon
Treasurer	Sharon Reynolds	J. Bennett	R. James
Technical Inspector	Len Steel	M. Behan	E. Evans
" "	Clive Woods	D. Boseley	P. Davis
Secretary	Eddie Evans	B. Robertson	J. Repacholi

Any member may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf provided that the appointment is in writing and is received by the Returning Officer at the address below by 1700 Hours on 19th July 1995.

ADDRESS: Returning Officer, V.A.P.A., P.O. Box 301, ALTONA, 3018.

Multiple Appointments are not legal and will not be accepted.

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

Minutes of meeting of the Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association held at Melbourne International Shooting Club, Todd Road, Port Melbourne on Friday, 22 July, 1994 at 1930 hours.

CHAIRMAN

Mr. Neil Jones occupied the chair and welcomed the members. He explained that since the notice of Annual General Meeting was circulated Geoff Horton had withdrawn his nomination for Treasurer.

APOLOGIES: Were received from; B. Hare, R. Boyce.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 30 July 1993 were confirmed on the motion of B. Clark, seconded M. Behan. Carried

REPORTS

TREASURER:

Geoff Horton submitted the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 1994.

J. Gillman questioned as to the meaning of the Treasurers statement about percentages of expenditure. Geoff explained that he considered more money should be spent on shooting rather than administration and the Pistol News.

Geoff then moved the adoption of the report seconded C. Lee. Carried.

PRESIDENT:

Neil Jones thanked Rod Johnson and John Gillman for their assistance throughout the year.

Neil moved the adoption of the presidents report as circulated with the notice of A.G.M. seconded C. Woods. Carried

SECRETARY:

Eddie Evans having nothing further to add to the report as circulated with the notice of A.G.M. moved that it be accepted, seconded B. Wiles. Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

Statement of Purpose and Rules: as published in the February 1994 issue of the Victorian Pistol News, moved B. Clark, seconded M. Behan Carried

ELECTIONS:

All Executive Positions were declared vacant.

N. Jones vacated the chair in favour of B. Wiles.

Bruce thanked the outgoing executive for the hard work that they had done during the year, and expressed the opinion that they had done a good job.

As there was only one nominee for each position (with the exception of Treasurer) those nominees were declared elected.

Neil Jones being the only nomination for president was declared elected.

Brian Clark being the only candidate for the position of Senior Vice President was declared elected.

Mark Behan being the only candidate for the position of Junior Vice President was declared elected.

Alex Eagle being the only nomination for the position of Executive Member was declared elected.

Clive Woods being the only nomination for the position of Technical Inspector was declared elected.

Eddie Evans being the only nomination for the position of Secretary was declared elected.

Bruce handed the chair to Neil Jones.

Neil called for nominations for the position of Treasurer.

Sharon Reynolds was nominated B. Wiles, seconded B. Clark. Carried

Closure: The meeting was declared closed at 1947 hours.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1995

TREASURER'S REPORT 1995

VICTORIAN AMATEUR PISTOL ASSOCIATION INC

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 1995

1994		1995
	INCOME	
103,005	Subscriptions (net)	112,820.00
4,238	Advertising	2,240.75
6,906	Interest Received	9,265.19
2,060	Govemment Grants	250.00
-	Postal Competition Surplus	952.99
1,207	Junior Camp	1,818.80
1,107	Seminars	324.50
16	Sundries	
118,539		**127,672.23**
LESS EXPENDITURE		
760	Audit	840.00
1,035	Affiliation Fees	1,414.00
275	Administration	3,111.14
-	Bad debts written off	194.00
1,747	Coaching Council	3,295.15
5,729	Depreciation	6,759.20
-	Donations & Tributes	2,283.60
1,038	Freight & Cartage	271.80
2,060	Grants Distributed	250.00
-	Hire of Equipment	60.00
11,167	Honoraria	10,664.00
15,993	Insurance	14,138.46
1,942	Junior Camp	162.25
30	Legal expenses	550.00
128	Magazines & Journals	625.15
390	National Championships A.M. 1992	-
3,750	Overseas Competitions	-
4,006	Postage	4,855.56
2,393	Postal Competition Deficit	-

4,641	Printing & Stationery	5,143.82
1,509	Promotiions	2,189.61
1,270	Referee Council	1,585.90
446	Rental (meeting rooms)	460.00
1,519	Repairs & Maintenance	1,205.75
2,737	State Squad	3,282.61
8,833	State Team	2,373.95
547	Sundry Expenses	125.83
433	State Govemment Taxes	606.62
2,045	Technical (Range) Inspections	1,256.60
1,636	Telephone	2,396.68
1,373	Travel	1,828.66
684	Trophies	3,411.56
325	Victorian Championships	1,524.60
19,181	Victorian Pistol News	19,126.98
51	Workcare Insurance	50.00
99,673		**96,043.48**
18,866	Surplus for the year	31,628.75
168,171	**Add** Accumulated funds as at 1st May 1994	187,037.65
187,037	Accumulated Funds as at 30th April 1995	**218,666.40**

VICTORIAN AMATEUR PISTOL ASSOCIATION INC
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH APRIL 1995

1994		Note	1995
	CURRENT ASSETS		
233 294	Cash & Bank	2	279,078.59
46 750	Receivables	3	15,568.30
31,981	Inventories	4	59,351.47
312,025	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**353,998.36**
	NON CURRENT ASSETS		
62 448	Receivables	5	62,448.36
13 747	Equipment	6	10,731.50
76,195	TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		**73,179.86**

388,220	**TOTAL ASSETS**	427,178.22
	CURRENT LIABILITIES	
173,193	Creditors & Borrowings 7	176,367.82
173,193	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	176,367.82
	NON CURRENT LIABILITIES	
27,990	Creditors & Borrowings 8	32,144.00
27,990	TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES	**32,144.00**
201,183	**TOTAL LIABILITIES**	208,511.82
187,037	**NET ASSETS**	218,666.40
	MEMBERS ACCUMULATED FUNDS	
187,037	Accumulated Fund	218,666.40

* At time of going to press we still were waiting on confirmation from the auditors.

SECRETARY'S REPORT 1995

Once again a sincere thank you to all the club secretaries who have helped to make life easier for Rosanna and myself. I have probably ruffled the odd feather here and there, but in general, relationships have been excellent. As usual, club secretaries are changing with the 1995 club annual general meetings. The job is not easy to "get in to" when going in "cold", it would make life a lot easier if clubs' would set up a decent filing system so that the new secretary has all the information they need, at hand.

Relations with "The Registry" have been good, staff shortages have been addressed recently and paperwork continues to be handled in a reasonable time.

There have been a couple of disagreements with the Registrar, one of which is not yet resolved. The first concerned a six month probationary period for re-joining members, The Registrar required a sliding scale, which depended on how long it had been since the re-joining member had last been a member of a club, if it was

over eight years a full six months had to be served. This was not acceptable to the Association, our policy is that the six month probationary period need be served only once. The second is a little more complicated in that it involves interpretation of the Firearms Act. The Registrar maintains that it is illegal for any of our members to purchase ammunition unless they have a firearms licence (Shooters Licence or Pistol). This would make it impossible for many of our members, including new members to participate unless some good fairy were prepared to give them ammunition. We have obtained legal opinion which allows for the sale of ammunition to these members on club ranges. An appeal was made to the Firearms Consultative Committee, and they agreed with our legal opinion. The matter is now back with the Registrar to obtain further legal opinion. Clubs' will be notified immediately we receive further information.

Neil Jones, Brian Clark and myself met with the members of a group set up by the Minister in March. Their brief was to simplify the paperwork processed by the Registry. Some good ideas were tossed around, including sweeping changes to pistol applications, but don't hold your breath, any changes would need to be within the current Firearms Act. Their report should be with the Minister by now.

Unfortunately it seems that we are about to lose Sporting Shooters Pistol Club. The Sporting Shooters Association (Vic) have instructed them to dis-affiliate. This is a purely political move, and takes no account of the wishes of club members. Those members who wish to be involved in competition or merely support their State and National team members will be forced to join other club's. This could be quite expensive for those members, and seems unnecessary considering that they already belong to a perfectly good club. Hopefully interested members of the Sporting Shooters Pistol Club will be able to convince the Sporting Shooters Association (Vic) to reverse their decision. The Association will endeavour to assist our members affected by this decision in any way possible.

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS:

Members as at 30/05/94 3951

Members as at 30/05/95 4641

It is good to see an increase in membership, but the increase is only due to the formation of Victoria Ranges and P.S.U. pistol club's. Allowing for transfers we have a net loss among the other clubs' of approximately 70, last year it was 32. With the increased attacks on the ownership of firearms it is important to have a large membership base, please make an effort to increase your membership.

Kind regards,
Eddie Evans

FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I _____ being a member of the _____ Pistol Club and the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association, hereby appoint _____ on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association to be held on the Twenty First day of July 1995 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

Signed _____ Date ___/___/1995

My proxy is authorised to cast my vote as set out below

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Len Steel	
Clive Woods	

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

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140 GN RN
150 GN SWC
158 GN SWC
158 GN RN

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130 GR RN
140 GN RN
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1995 SHOOTING CALENDER

JUN	3 4	10 MID MURRAY U.I.T. 11 SERVICE BLACK POWDER	17 18	24 25	
JUL	1 2	8 BALLARAT SERVICE 9	15 ECHUCA ACTION 16	22 23	29 GEELONG U.I.T. BOOLIGAL NSW ACTION 20 STATE TITLES
AUG	5 KERANG ACTION 6	12 13	19 ECHUCA ACTION STATE TITLES M.I.S.C. U.I.T. 20	26 POSTAL FINALS U.I.T. M.I.S.C. 27	
SEP	2 POSTAL FINALS BLACKPOWDER& ACTION 3 BENDIGO	9 POSTAL FINALS SERVICE WARRACKNEALONG ACTION CUP 10 ST IVES	16 SHEPPARTON U.I.T. BENDIGO 17 ACTION	23 YARRA U.I.T. 24	30 MILDURA SERVICE/ACTION NRA NATIONALS BERRI S.A.
OCT	MILDURA SERVICE/ACTION NRA NATIONALS 1 BERRI S.A.	7 MELTON U.I.T. 8	14 M.I.S.C. SPORT PISTOL 15	21 HAMILTON SERVICE 22	28 MILDURA U.I.T. 29
NOV	4 YARRA BLACK POWDER HORSHAM 5 U.I.T.	11 BALLARAT ACTION 12	18 C.O.P.C. U.I.T. 19	25 YARRA SERVICE 26	
DEC	2 ECHUCA BLACK POWDER 3	9 10	16 17	23 24	30 31

1996 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SERVICE PISTOL	BALLARAT	24 & 25 FEBRUARY
BLACK POWDER	ECHUCA	2 & 3 MARCH
U.I.T.	MELTON	9,10 & 11 MARCH
ACTION	BENDIGO	17 & 18 AUGUST.

VICTORIAN TOP TEN 1995

COMPETITIONS INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE:
Geelong Action, SSPC Metallic Silhouette, Oceania Championships, Ballarat Action. State Championships Service, Black Powder, U.I.T., Castlemaine U.I.T., M.I.S.C. U.I.T. Bendigo Action, Ballarat U.I.T., Nationals, Hamilton U.I.T., Melton Service & Black Powder, Hiroshima World Cup.

FREE PISTOL

1	IGLESIAS Jose	549
2	WRIGHT Jim	547
3	CLARK Les	540
4	RYAN Noel	529
	WATTZ Alan	529
6	BUTCHER Peter	527
	EDWARDS Norm	527
	MILLER Andrew	527
9	HOLDEN Jack	525
10	CROSSMAN Will	524

RAPID FIRE

1	RYAN Noel	573
2	HOWARD Greg	570
3	GALT Roger	567
4	HOLDEN Jack	563
	EDWARDS Norm	563
6	HUNTLY Graham	560
	CROSSMAN Will	560
8	BUTLAND Ian	558
9	YOUNG Gavin	557
10	CLARK Les	555

STANDARD PISTOL

1	SLATTERY Tom	566
2	TURNER Val	559
3	RYAN Linda	558
4	LAWTON David	554
5	IGLESIAS Jose	552
	McMILLAN Jon	552
7	DAVIS Wayne	551
	RYAN Noel	551
9	WOODWARD Annette	550
	WRIGHT Jim	550

JUNIOR MENS AIR PISTOL

1	MILLER Andrew	551
2	KORENY Danny	512
3	GRAY Jason	506
4	WILLIAMS D.	483
5	JEFFREY A.	473
6	REPACHOLI Daniel	446
7	CROSSMAN Alan	291
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JUNIOR LADIES AIR PISTOL

1	TAYLOR Sally	336
2	KORENY Yvette	335
3	COOK Kim	319
	FRANKE D.	319
5	KIBELL Amanda	310
6	KIBELL Fiona	224
7	MIKOLAJEWICZ D	220
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CENTREFIRE

1	SLATTERY Tom	576
2	WRIGHT Jim	575
3	RYAN Noel	571
4	DAVIS Wayne	568
5	BOWRON Peter	565
	GALT Roger	565
	McMILLAN Jon	565
8	IGLESIAS Jose	562
	ROMANO Tony	562
10	LAWTON Dave	558

MENS AIR PISTOL

1	IGLESIAS Jose	572
2	RYAN Noel	568
3	GALT Roger	566
	ROBERTSON Colin	566
5	WRIGHT Jim	563
6	HOLDEN Jack	562
7	CHANDLER Paul	561
	CROSSMAN Will	561
9	BUTCHER Peter	559
	MOTTON Ralph	559

WOMENS SPORT PISTOL

1	WOODWARD Annette	583
2	RYAN Linda	577
3	TURNER Val	575
4	MULLENS Joy	567
5	BOWRON Doreen	552
6	KUBIAK Carol	548
	SLIFKA Eva	548
8	FINN Jennifer	541
9	RATH Stephanie	539
10	RYAN Helen	538

WOMENS AIR PISTOL

1	WOODWARD Annette	386
2	KUBIAK Carol	374
3	RYAN Linda	371
4	MULLENS Joy	370
5	TURNER Val	369
6	BRYANT Charlotte	366
7	RYAN Helen	365
8	BOWRON Doreen	363
9	LESTER Dee	362
10	SLIFKA Eva	358

JUNIOR SPORT PISTOL

1	MILLER Andrew	548
2	GRAY Jason	513
3	KORENY Danny	509
4	COOK Kim	494
5	MARSH Phil	492
6	TAIT Frank	486
7	KORENY Yvette	480
8	TAYLOR Sally	463
9	SIMMONS Adam	454
10	O'BRIEN Leigh	434

BLACKPOWDER 25 METRE

1	MITCHELL John	372
2	DAVIS Wayne	370
3	VINCENT Greg	363
4	VAN VEEN Alex	362
5	HIGGINS Brett	358
	MORGAN Geoff	358
7	CLARK Les	356
8	EAGLE Alex	354
	HASTIE David	354
10	McCANN David	353

SERVICE PISTOL

1	HUTCHINS Paul	869
2	BLAKE Phil	863
3	BEHAN Mark	848
4	ANASTASI Ercole	847
	CLARK Les	847
6	EAGLE Alex	844
	GORDON Glenn	844
8	BOND Ian	841
9	PATTISON Sid	840
10	MALLIA Len	837
	SHOEBRIDGE Graeme	837

BLACK POWDER 50 METRE

1	CLARK Les	364
	DAVIS Wayne	364
3	REDSTON Rocky	356
4	MORGAN Geoff	349
5	VINCENT Greg	348
6	MITCHELL John	346
7	HIGGINS Brett	326
8	VAN VEEN Alex	325
9	HASTIE David	322
10	WATSON Tony	319
	WOODS Clive	319

ACTION MATCH

1	KILPATRICK Brian	100.00 %	175x
2	BANNISTER Roy	99.90%	171x
3	GORDON Glenn	99.79%	149x
4	CRAMER John	99.69 %	169x
5	MACKIEWICZ Anita	99.69%	157x
6	HARDY Brian	99.69%	148x
7	REHLICKI Ivan	99.58%	154x
8	TAIT Frank	99.48%	147x
9	De BREVI John	99.48%	145x
10	MUSCAT Peter	99.38%	169x

SILHOUETTE UNLIMITED

1	SCOTT David	37
2	WOODS Clive	11

SILHOUETTE REVOLVER

1	THORNIDON P.	12

SERVICE UNRESTRICTED

1	HUTCHINS Paul	882
2	BLAKE Phil	879
3	BEHAN Mark	877
4	PATTISON Sid	876
5	MALLIA Len	866
6	ANASTASI Ercole	865
	EAGLE Alex	865
8	CLARK Les	864
9	LOWE Greg	856
10	REEVES Craig	854

SILHOUETTE PRODUCTION

1	SCOTT David	27
2	BICKHAM Mark	26
3	WOODS Clive	13

SILHOUETTE STANDING

1	LACIS Alf	13
2	RUTHOWSKI R.	11
3	BICKHAM Mark	10
4	SHEPHERD J	7
5	McALPINE John	5
6	EATON S.	2

MID MURRAY STATE TITLES

by Robyn Waldron

The very thought of hosting the state U.I.T. titles was enough to strike terror into the hearts of our fearless few. Anyway our club only had two votes to cast, we couldn't possibly out do the big metropolitan clubs, or could we? Some lateral thinking soon had us convinced it was very possible.

Our ever talkative secretary promptly started calling as many clubs as possible, selling our proposal and canvassing votes. we were astonished when we were granted the titles but we soon got over that and it was down to work for all hands.

The committee decided that our range would be far more flexible for squadding if all of the ranges were multi-functional. The members agreed, with the condition that only one range at a time would be decommissioned. The work had to be carried out by our usual criteria, the best possible for the least possible. Working bees were almost impossible to organise, dodging wheat, fruit and grape harvests. The drought and heat also impacting heavily on our workers.

Our "sister club" Melton, had offered the loan of equipment and manpower, an offer we were only too happy to accept. A number of other clubs also lent timers and range staff. Now is an appropriate time to again thank each and every one of them for their tireless efforts working in very trying conditions, mostly without complaint.

Being the first time the titles were open to interstate shooters, we were a little disconcerted at the apparent lack of concern by the V.A.P.A. Executive on our progress. However we did take this as a mark of faith in our skills and continued on our way, making contact whenever we needed assistance.

We had many moments questioning our own sanity and the sanity of those in immediate communication with ourselves.

We were advised that should an interstate shooter win a state trophy they would not be taking the trophy home as it would be too hard and too expensive when they had to be returned. We were also advised all trophies would be here on time. Wrong. There were a number of trophies not re-

turned at all and the trophies that did eventually turn up were in the most appalling condition. Embarrassing to say the least when presentation time came around.

About a week before the shoot our brand new timer blew up, we had only ever used it for one particular match causing the fault to be hidden, some quick action and the assistance of a S.A. shooter overcame this problem. Then at the eleventh hour Murphies Law really hit us. During final testing there was a major breakage to frames. Our trusty repair team flew into action welding (and cursing) with a vengeance.

The titles did go ahead even though the club house was declared a national disaster area on the Friday morning. Some visitors, making the mistake of early arrival, were quickly seconded to waste management division. As predicted the flies were in plague proportions, which could have been worse - lucky the council did spray on Friday. We endured some time delays and some breakdowns with the record eight minutes from breakage to shooting. The only sure remedy for the heat and dust was liquid refreshment which was in plentiful supply. This treatment was willingly undertaken by many at every opportunity so as to prevent recurrence of the problem.

**Editors Note: As can be seen from the V.A.P.A. minutes, Mid Murray ran a very successful and professional state titles. Congratulations from the Association, and no doubt all who attended, were and are conveyed.*

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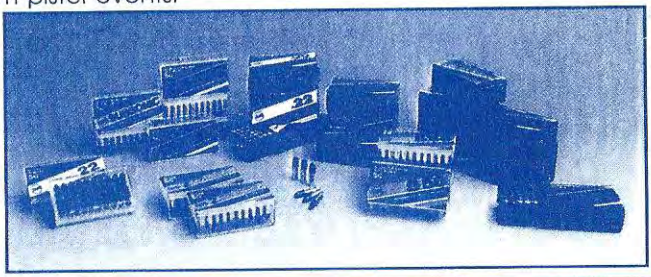

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