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PRESIDENTS PAGE

Mark Behan

I would like to start by thanking those people who have congratulated me on becoming President of the Association. Whilst I am naturally pleased I am also well aware of the size of the job that confronts me and the challenge the future holds for the Association. However already I have some good news to report.

I am still asked from time to time what V.A.P.A. is doing for the individual shooter and clubs in general. There are of course the wide range of services outlined by Eddie Evans in an article some issues back but now there is even more. It is now FREE to take part in one of the biggest pistol competitions in Australia. I'm talking of course about the Victorian Postal Competition run by the Competition Controller Neil Stewart. In the past the clubs have had to pay an entry fee to compete in each event, but no more. As of 1996 V.A.P.A. will foot the entire bill for administration, trophies, pennants and shields and will organise the entire competition as well as the final teams competition days. Your club will pay nothing other than the cost of a stamp to send in the weekly results.

This decision did not I might add, just happen. The initial impetus came from a meeting at one of our smaller clubs, Mansfield. It was pointed out to me that their fee structure and small member numbers made entry to postal events prohibitively expensive. From there the idea to drop fees was talked over with the Competition Controller who thought the idea a good one but suggested that clubs who entered two or more teams for the same event pay for there second and subsequent teams.

From there it was a short hop to the C.O.M. meeting where the motion was put, and after some explanations and reasons given, was passed overwhelmingly by the meeting. So now there is no reason for your club not to enter a team for as many events as possible next year. If you don't then the it's through no fault of V.A.P.A.

Of course the Postal Competition also continues to get better and better. Next year we will also be running competitions not only in U.I.T. Action and Service but have added Short Barrel and I.P.S.C. So there is now a match being offered to suit almost every taste. Be sure your involved next year!

There was also another development I would like to highlight. Yarra Pistol Club, like M.I.S.C. before it, has approached the Association for a loan to effect range improvements. On the night, subject to usual commercial arrangements, Yarra was granted a loan of $30,000. Why is this important? It demonstrates that, whilst funds are not unlimited and recognising that we are not a bank, V.A.P.A. is never the less willing to invest money in our sport, especially when the loans make our Association stronger.

I hope to report many other initiatives over the coming year but don't forget that all wisdom and all ideas don't rest with the executive. We need your help and input to make sure the majority of shooters in V.A.P.A. get what they need from the Association.

EDITORIAL

An editorial as well as a Presidents Page? Well why not, there are still a few things I'd like to bring to your attention. For a start I would, on behalf of Eddie and Rose Evans and myself, like to thank Geelong Pistol Club for the opportunity to attend their recent presentation luncheon as guests. Not only was it excellent food but the company was enjoyable and the chance to see how other clubs function was great. Congratulations to all those people who were recipients of awards on the day.

As you can see from other articles in the VPN, Samaria Regions Champion of Champions competition was a great success. I would like to draw particular attention to the support the championship received from DULUX POWDER COATINGS. Not only did Dulux supply a beautiful perpetual trophy for the event but gave very positive and prominent coverage in their in house magazine "Dulux News" including colour photograph. Support for the sport is often hard to come by and when we do receive it as in this case, then I believe it is up to all members to keep those corporations positively in mind in our day to day dealings.

Could I also remind members that Victoria has the National Championships next year and it is a large undertaking. Please keep an eye out for ways that you may be able to help (ie. if your a range officer you've been contacted by the V.R.C. - have you replied?) and there may be other ways and opportunities that arise as part of your working life. Just keep us in mind!

One last thing. I am ever conscious that money is tight for nearly everyone and every dollar saved helps. To this end I am interested in how you feel you are served by the two magazines you pay for - namely the VPN (Victorian Pistol News), that's the one you're reading folks, and the Australian Pistol Shooters Bulletin (the A4, colour, glossy one from Canberra). I'm often told that both are a waste of money and that they are read by no-one.

As far as the Bulletin is concerned I must tend to agree with that sentiment and would much prefer that the money stayed here in Victoria. I'd be happy give them a few pages in the VPN to cover national issues and return the balance of the money to you in lower affiliation fees. But by the same token what about the VPN! Is it giving you what you want from a magazine? Are there improvements or articles you would like to see included?

So I'm asking what do people really think? If you're happy with your magazines and the fees charged to support them, then do nothing. Otherwise drop me a line and I'll see what can be done to improve matters or at the very least widen the debate. After all, maybe it's just a noisy few and in fact all is well.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I attended the 1995 V.A.P.A. A.G.M., and at the meeting a Mr George Rogers was introduced as a guest speaker. At the time I had no idea who he was, as he started talking it soon became apparent he was one of the moving forces in starting pistol shooting in Victoria. It was interesting to hear how it all started, some of the problems they faced and how they were prepared to police their own sport for the good of all. It appears their main purpose was for a group of people to enjoy themselves shooting pistols.

Up until that meeting I have never really thought of how pistol shooting stated in Victoria or the reasons why it started. To hear how it all began made me think of the amount of time I have been in the sport, and of the different views pistol shooters have of their pistol shooting. I have found that one concept keeps being raised at either Opens, Club shoots, and even V.A.P.A. meetings. That is the " us and them " attitude which tries to divide all pistol shooters into different categories, what difference does it really make if you just want to shoot club competitions or represent the state? Why should there be any discrimination against any match you shoot or anyone who is happy to just plink, we are all pistol shooters.

We all have our own reasons for joining a Pistol Club, so would it not be better to stand together as pistol shooters first and enjoy the sport. Why can't we go back to the ideals that Mr George Rogers and Co. had in the days of when they were starting pistol shooting in Victoria. Lets bury the " us and them " attitude once and for all. Not only will we enjoy pistol shooting a lot more but it should also make the association bigger and stronger. In finishing I would like to thank Mr George Rogers for a very interesting and enjoyable speech .

S.Pattison
Melton Pistol Club Inc.

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

The June meeting was held at M.I.S.C. with Neil Jones occupying the chair. The vexed question of mid-week attendances was raised again, and once again it was pointed out that V.A.P.A. has no policy on the matter other than attendances can be made at any time. It is up to each individual club to decide on a set of rules and apply them to their members.

A notice on motion to abandon the State Team Selection Sub-Committee was defeated and a new sub-committee consisting of Ian Ross, Kevin McAllison and Bruce Wiles was elected.

A proposal that V.A.P.A. adopt Western Action Shooting (rules and Membership forms available from the WESTERN SHOOTIST SOCIETY Inc. PO. Box 140 Para Hills SA 5096) The rules have been approved by our Technical Inspector and have also been adopted by the N.S.W. Amateur Pistol Association. As there were some questions and the clubs needed time to look at the proposal the adoption was put on notice to be voted on at the September meeting.

Following the A.G.M.(see elsewhere for this report) The July meeting at Yarra commenced with Mark Behan in the chair.

As we are short on grading cards it was decided that a new card that catered for all the disciplines shot by V.A.P.A. be designed (by the new executive) and adequate copies be produced.

A letter was sent to the National Referee Council at the suggestion of Eddie Evans to address the totally inadequate paperwork that accompanies the latest U.I.T. Range Officers exam. Eddie noted that there were still 14 objections to the paper which was in fact the 1990 paper with some alterations in Rapid Fire -this with the N.R.C. budget of $74,000 this year. One would think that they could afford a new paper to address their base level of membership without whom they would have no reason to exist.

New delegates were appointed to the Shooting Sports Council namely, Bob Lester, Ian Ross, Bob Cleaver and Gary Fliegner. This Association also nominated Rod Johnson for the position of treasurer of the S.S.C.

The August meeting was held at Oakleigh Pistol Club. The first item was the need to convene the sub committee looking at pistol application guidelines. This was done and set for the 30th of August.

A letter from the registry was tabled and it was noted that the some ranges might need "Additional signs to be placed on boundary fences and likely places of public access such as the rear of the backstops." Also "All existing back stops must be a minimum height of 4 metres... (some) have eroded to below the minimum requirements. In future all new backstops will be required to be 5 metres."

V.A.P.A. has approved the loan of $30,000 to Yarra Pistol Club for range improvements necessary to run the 1996 Nationals. The loan approval is subject to satisfactory investigation into the clubs ability to service the loan.

The Association is also supporting the Variety Club of Victoria in their work with underprivileged children. Not only do we support a good cause but we also gain some free commercials on radio as well as some exposure on Channel 10.

Sub-Committee members etc. were elected at this meeting with -Fund Raising (3) C. Lee, P. Davis and D. Lee International Competition Committee Delegate (1) R. Johnson Vic Sport Delegate (1) I. Ross Competition Controller (1) N. Stewart Director Metallic Silhouette (1) No nomination Publicity Officer (1) Chris Durston

There were seven notices on motion voted on (please see your secretary for details) but there has now been changes in how often you must attend to be eligible to purchase a pistol, composition of postal teams, and the inclusion of additional matches in the postal competition. On that subject there was also a motion passed that from next year the postal competition will be FREE to enter in all events. The costs will be borne by V.A.P.A.(except where the club enters two teams in the same event, where there is still a charge for the second team).

The October C.O.M. meeting at Warragul-Drouin was moved to the 27th of October so that members of the executive (and hopefully many other members) would be free to travel to the Hamilton Service Open on the 20th

THE 1995 A.G.M.

The AGM this year was a straight forward matter with nothing on the agenda accept reports and the election of office bearers. As Neil Jones, outgoing President, was unable to get his report on the notice of A.G.M. he took the opportunity to read it out to the meeting.

In essence he thanked those who had supported him and the Association during his time in office but posted a warning that times were changing and that the Association needed to change with them. He encouraged all members to put the past behind them and face up to the responsibilities and challenges of the future.

Those Office Bearers elected were:

President	Mark Behan
Senior Vice President	John Gillman
Jnr Vice President	Gary Fliegner
Executive Officer	Clive Whelan
Treasurer	Sharon Reynolds
Secretary	Eddie Evans
Technical Inspector	Clive Woods

At the end of the A.G.M. prior to the start of the July C.O.M. we had the pleasure of a guest speaker in the person of George Rogers. George and his wife Rita were responsible for pistol shooting ever getting started in Victoria and went on to be instrumental in the establishment of what is now Pistol Australia. The meeting was impressed by what George had to say and I would recommend you read the article elsewhere in the VPN on what George and Rita did in establishing this Association.

THE HISTORY OF PISTOL SHOOTING IN VICTORIA

From The Australian Pistol Shooters Bulletin
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This continues a series of articles drawn from our archives.

Up until 1954 there was no such thing as organised competitive target pistol shooting in Victoria. Several attempts had been made but none succeeded. The then most recent attempt had been made in 1951 by a group lead by the late Col. C. Carre Riddle. This group, although unsuccessful in its attempt to form a Pistol Club, eventually became the nucleus of the present Victorian Sporting Shooters Association, a group which welcomes all types of shooters, from the man interested only in vary serious target shooting through the rabbit shooters, duck enthusiasts, wild pig addicts up to the 'big game' men who are only happy when they can organise themselves a trip 'up North'.

However, in 1955 George Rogers, who was then President of the Victorian Sporting Shooters Association, saw that the day might be coming when an attempt to form a target pistol club would succeed. He was very conscience of two facts - one, that Victoria would be staging the 16th Olympiad in 1956 and two - that Victoria had acquired a new Chief Commissioner of Police who might, conceivably, be persuaded that target pistol shooting was a legitimate, respectable, Olympic sport and as such deserved it's rightful place among our sport-loving Australians.

There were two possible approaches to the problem of gaining recognition - he made both. On 2nd March, 1955 he and his wife who was also keenly interested, were given an appointment (after some persuasion) by Mr. E. J. H. Holt the Technical Director of the Organising Committee for the 16th Olympiad. During this lengthy interview they explained their ambitions to Mr. Holt who was interested as he was anxious for Australians to field a full team in the forthcoming Olympics. He promised to do all he could to help and when he was told that the Rogers had arranged an interview with Commissioner S.H. Porter for the coming week, agreed to write Mr. Porter and back their attempt to form a club.

The following week their interview with the Chief Commissioner seemed most encouraging. Mr. Porter, whilst not particularly fond of pistols, was sympathetic and ready to admit that target pistol shooting, if properly organised, was a possibility. He agreed to think the matter over. At Mr. Porters instigation, a meeting was arranged for Mr. & Mrs. Rogers with Inspector R.R. Thomson, the Officer in Charge of the Police Training Depot in St. Kilda Road, Melbourne. Again they were lucky - Inspector Thomson proved to most helpful and co-operative. They explained to the Inspector just what was required in order to commence training for the forth coming Olympics and how anxious they were to see Victorians have an opportunity to compete.

There followed a very busy few weeks, several more interviews with Mr. Porter and Inspector Thomson, all of which resulted in Mr. Porter giving his permission for a pistol club to be formed, Inspector Thomson arranging for practice to be carried out on the range at the Police Training Depot and George Rogers calling a Meeting together on 23rd May, 1955 for the purpose of forming a club.

From the time the club was formed (originally known as the V.S.S.A. Pistol Club) it was two months before shooting actually commenced, and men who today may chafe somewhat at a six month wait before they can own their own pistols would do well to remember this - when Victoria's first club commenced shooting it was with ONE gun, a .22 automatic which had been confiscated. The police kept this gun at the Depot and held George personally responsible for it while it was in use on the range. The club's 30 odd Foundation Members had to queue up to use it and its ONE magazine! Needless to say conditions of this sort weeded out the men from the boys and the club was left with only those members who were really keen.

There followed a period of much spade-work. The club rebuilt the range at the Depot, and commenced serious training. By showing the Police Department, over a period of time, that its members were responsible people, the club and its executive were given more freedom. George was permitted to authorise other members, whom he had to guarantee as thoroughly reliable, to be responsible for Club Pistols which were acquired very slowly and painfully.

At the same time work had to go ahead to form an Australian Union of Pistol Shooters as the Australian Olympic Federation would accept entries for the Games only from a fully representative body. The A.O.F. was very disappointed that at that time the only State with properly organised Target Pistol Shooting was South Australia and was most anxious to see a minimum of three States amalgamated to form a Union. After a great deal of work from all concerned, our present Amateur Pistol Shooting Union of Australia was formed, consisting of South Australia, New South Wales, Tasmania and Victoria with Mr. Fred Bott of South Australia as its first President.

By this time Victoria was beginning to outgrow its early teething troubles of formation. Eventually the V.S.S.A. Pistol Club changed its name to the Melbourne Pistol Club and in February 1956 Victorias second pistol club was formed - the Dandenong Pistol Club (now known as the Yarra Pistol Club) followed by the 4th/19th Prince of Wales Light Horse Pistol Club in April 1956. Along with this growth came the formation of the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association Inc. and a period of consolidation and 'tidying up' followed.

It is past history now, that with this very short background of target pistol shooting, Victoria still managed to win two places in the Australian Olympic Team of four pistol shooters - the two places of honour being won by Rod Johnson for Free Pistol and Johnny Maitland for Silhouette. At the same time, George Rogers had the honour of being appointed Chief Range Officer to run the pistol events in the Games, in conjunction with Fred Bott as Arena Manager.

Although the Victorians were clearly given to understand, on many occa-

sions, that target pistol shooting would cease immediately the temporary Act terminated on 31st. December, 1956, nevertheless, as a result of many conferences with the Assistant Chief Secretary, Mr. Murray Porter, constant guidance and support of their Patron, Sir Rupert Clarke and the tolerant attitude of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. S.H. Porter, progress was made and eventually, on 9th. July, 1958, the present Act to allow Target Pistol Shooting as a sport in Victoria, was proclaimed.

During this struggle for legislation, it is interesting to note that a Hammerli Free Pistol was taken to Parliament House by George on the occasion of the first reading of the Bill. Whilst the Bill was under discussion, the pistol was actually handed from Member to Member - creating considerable interest and a distinctly favourable impression.

Since then Victorians have further demonstrated the growth of the sport in their State by winning two events out of three and securing second place in two, in the first Australian Championships in Hobart, in January, 1958.

Now, in July, 1959, Victoria has just registered its seventh club and has three more awaiting the Chief Commissioner's approval.

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COACHES CORNER

FROM

Des Boseley, Hon. Secretary, Coaching Council.

More questions about taking the correct grip.

QUESTION SEVEN - What is the last part of the shooting hand to contact the pistol ?
(a) The thumb. (b) The trigger finger. (c) The little finger. (d) The ring finger.

ANSWER - There is only one answer to this question from both an accuracy and a safety point of view and that is (b) - The trigger finger. Putting your finger on the trigger before finalising your grip will not result in accurate shots ana with a loaded pistol is dangerous.

QUESTION EIGHT - How much pressure should the thumb exert on the pistol ?
(a) Just enough to steady the pistol. (b) Quite firm pressure. (c) Only light pressure. (d) None.

ANSWER - (b) Will result in the pistol moving each time your heart beats as there is a large vein in the thumb. (d) Is why monkeys don't shoot well; they don't have an opposing thumb. (c) Is half right. How light is "light"? (a) Says it all. Just enough to steady the pistol.

QUESTION NINE - Why is a high grip on the pistol frame desirable ?
(a) To get near the centre of gravity of the pistol. (b) To minimise recoil jump of the pistol. (c) To get the sighting line lower. (d) To minimise the hammer or firing pin inertia.

ANSWER - (a), (c) and (d) are red herrings. The real reason is to get the recoil, as near as possible, going straight up your shooting arm. This will keep down the recoil jump of the pistol and lead to accurate shots.

QUESTION TEN - What does heavy fingertip pressure do when firing a pistol ?
(a) Gives a steady hold. (b) Nothing. (c) Low shots on the fingertip side of target. (d) Causes trembling during shot let off.

ANSWER - (a) Is not right, just try it when dry firing. (b) Defies Newtons law of reactions. (d) Can happen if the fingertip pressure is very heavy. (c) Low shots are the result as shown on the Caswell chart, if you have one. More next issue.

COACH ACCREDITATION SEMINAR 13th and 14th. of August.

The coaching council was almost overwhelmed with sixteen candidates taking part in the accreditation seminar held at Oakleigh Pistol Clubs facilities. It was good to see three lady shooters participating and we expect great things from them in future.

Coaching Director Bruce Wiles is very pleased with the outcome of the seminar and expects all the candidates to become qualified as Level One Coaches. This will happen after they conduct seminars back at their home clubs and send in reports on their endeavours.

Bruce would also like to thank the Oakleigh club for their generous assistance and the active coaches who helped run the seminar.

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I.P.S.C. CORNER

by Brent Wilkerson

Although I said that this quarters column would be on "Guns of IPSC" there has been a few changes in priority. I hope you don't mind. Due to a vote at the last V.A.P.A. meeting IPSC is now about to take its place as part of the Postal Competition and there is also the Steel Challenge coming up in November. As these are of immediate interest to the members I thought we'd cover them in this edition.

To help me I have enlisted the services of two fellow shooters. Warwick Thornhill has put together some notes on the Postal Shoot whilst Paul Nowack has compiled information on the Steel Challenge.

1996 IPSC POSTAL MATCHES

Commencing next year, the Victorian Postal Matches will include IPSC teams' competition. Once the competition controller, Neil Stewart, has had time to absorb the different logistics, match running, design, and score comparison requirements of practical shooting, he will publish the rules by which this match will be conducted, through five postal events and a shoulder-to-shoulder finals event. As a lead in the competition will probably go something like this...

The event is open to 4 person teams (no sex separation) from any VAPA-affiliated Club, although some ladies may wish to enter all-girl teams. Clubs who do not or cannot mount IPSC events will be encouraged to enter where they are in a position to be invited to shoot at the range of another Club where IPSC is shot. Competitors will need to be holster-qualified. There will probably be two categories; teams who choose to shoot IPSC Standard Division pistols and teams who choose to shoot Open Division pistols. Because both categories of teams will be shooting the same Match, teams will not be able to shoot in both categories.

There are two IPSC scoring levels, based on major (175,000) and minor (125,000) power factors. Competitors may choose whichever power factor they wish, and will be scored accordingly. Each of the five matches will be different, based on 60-90 rounds minimum (300-450 points) per shooter, and five or more stages. The Matches will be drawn up by the Competition Controller, in conjunction with participating IPSC Clubs. The Finals may be a slightly longer Match. Match details and sample score sheets will be published by the Competition Controller. Each Match can be shot at any time during each six-week Postals cycle, at each team's discretion. The Match should be able to be completed in about 90 minutes for each four competitors. Score sheets which were provided will be sent in by each team to the Competition Controller, where they will be scored as though all the teams had shot together.

Ongoing scores and positions will be published as at present. The Final Match or

Matches (Open and Standard Divisions) will be held at one host Club on one day in the Spring of 1996. This Match may be a little longer than the Postal Matches, but will be all the more interesting, because very little will be published in advance, except who, where, when and how much ammunition will be needed.

THE STEEL CHALLENGE

The Steel Challenge match is a test of the competitor's ability to shoot fast and accurately, and consists of seven handgun stages, three shotgun stages and six rifle stages. All stages consist of five metal plates set in various patterns which are engaged by the competitor in the competitor's own time. Times taken to hit the targets are recorded, and the fastest time wins.

This mix of speed and accuracy makes shooting and watching the match very exciting, since the hits on the steel plates are seen and heard by all. It also lets shooters of all skill levels participate and enjoy themselves since all are shooting at the limit of their own ability, unconstrained by arbitrary time limits.
Through the generosity of sponsors competitors always receive product valued in excess of the entry fee, irrespective of placing. Everyone also got a piece of what was surely one of the richest prize tables ever seen, and the next match should double the prizes. The reputation of this match has spread far and wide, and has created enormous interest across the country.

Because of this interest, IPSC Victoria and The **Practical Shooters Australia** Pistol Club will host the **1995 Steel Challenge** at the **SSAA range at Little River in Victoria,** and Australia's fastest **Rifle, Shotgun and Handgun** shooters will meet again on 4th and 5th November 1995 to sort out who is the best.
For the uninitiated, the **Steel Challenge** is probably one of the simplest of the action shooting disciplines to take part in. All that is required is a legally owned **Centrefire Rifle,** 20 gauge or larger **Shotgun,** a minimum 38 special /9mm **Handgun,** and the nerve to push yourself to the limit in the most exciting shooting event ever seen in Australia. Apart from competing for the outright awards, awards are given for classes such as revolver and many others, so no one need feel non-competitive because of their particular equipment. There is even no requirement to compete in all the events, so you could choose to only shoot, say, the shotgun event.

Whilst the newest race guns with high capacity magazines and optical sights will be there putting in a good showing, it is comforting to know that iron sights on conventional handguns, including revolvers, not only can, but do win the matches. And in the hands of world class shooters like Jethro "The Jet" Dionisio, open sighted 1911 style autos have set world records. Jerry Miculek has won stages at the World Championships with a stock S&W model 27. The shotgun events have been won with what most people would consider as duck guns. The carbine event could be won with a $200 SKK. So rest assured, there is no need for anyone to feel outgunned, you don't need a $5000 handgun, or $3000 AR-15 to compete. You also have a ready made excuse if you don't win.

After all this talk about speed shooting, you are probably wondering about just how fast the best are. In the handgun stages, how about a draw and five accurate shots on five separate targets in under two seconds? That's not a misprint. From start signal to first shot, which includes bringing the hands down from shoulder high, drawing the pistol and aiming, takes a master less than one second. Four more shots follow spaced about a quarter second apart. If you don't believe it, come to the Steel Challenge and see for yourself. Shotgunners shoot about the same speed, with the riflemen a bit slower.

The only thing stopping a pistol shooter from competing would be the lack of accredited holster proficiency. This means that a pistol competitor requires to be either IPSC or Pistol Australia qualified, or a member of the Australian Police and Service Association, which is open to Police and Military personnel only. One other thing that can stop you competing is, as a civilian competitor, to come to the match dressed in camo or military style clothing.

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Planning is well underway for the Nationals next year and every qualified range officer should have received a questionnaire together with a stamped addressed envelope. If you have not already done so please complete and return it as soon as possible. Update workshops will be arranged once we have worked out the most suitable times & venues of necessity priority will be given to those who have indicated they will be available for the Nationals.

We still need expressions of interest from people who may be available to work on the range for part (or all) if the time. We need: Range Officers Target Officers Register Keepers Scorers Patchers Working at the Nationals is probably easier than working at your own Open - there are more judges to help you, and every range will be fully manned so that you will be less hassled. Will ANYONE who thinks they can help please contact either

° Sharon Reynolds, Box 817 GlenwayMDC, Mulgrave 3170 Ph. 03 9560 6652, or
° Bob Cumberland, c/- Yarra Pistol Club

We also plan to arrange billets for range workers from country areas, if required.

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Elsewhere in this publication there is an article on the Samaria Champion of Champions competition. What the article does not tell you is that the spin off is some 35 - 40 range officers in training in the area. The overall concept is a good one and with some minor changes Bob Lester plans to get the system up and running in the Dargo Region soon. Dargo encompasses Gippsland and the peninsula - so all you shooters down there keep your eyes and ears open for more information shortly.

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NOTICE

YEAR 2000 - SYDNEY OLYMPIC GAMES

This letter is to advise you that the Association will be running a course to coach and develop shooters who wish to try for the Sydney Olympic Games. The course will start after the 1996 Nationals and will run for twelve months on a trial basis.

The course will cover the olympic style shooting events which are as follows:-

Free Pistol	-	Men's
Rapid Fire	-	Men's
Air Pistol (60 shot)	-	Men's
Sport Pistol	-	Women's
Air Pistol (40 shot)	-	Women's

The course will be open to shooters who are between the ages of 16 and 24 years of age (although we will consider any shooters who are just outside this age group).

As this is only an attempt to solicit interest and is to help with our costing and budgeting, we won't go into much detail, but we can say that the Association will be funding it in regards to some of the cost of ammunition, travel expenses etc. More details will be forwarded to those who express an interest in the course.

If you are the type of shooter who wants to go to the top of the shooting tree, and become an athlete in the true sense of the word, please forward your name, address and contact phone number to:-

Ian Ross
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We will send details and further information as soon as all details are finalised.

NOTICE

Yarra Pistol Club wish to advise that due to range alterations and preparations for the 1996 National Championships we will be unable to run our UIT Open as planned.

It is now requested that we reschedule our UIT Open for the weekend 25/26 November 1995 which is our normal Service Match open. As a result our Service Match open for this year is CANCELLED. Any queries please contact the Secretary David Haddon c\o Yarra Pistol Club.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Jennifer Finn
President, Samaria Region

The inaugural competition for the Samaria Region of the Champion of Champions. competition was held with great success on the weekend of 24 ~ 25 June 1 995.

Euroa Pistol Club was the venue and many thanks are extended to their President, Ian Gibson and to the hard working members for all their efforts in getting their ranges set up, and for the hospitality extended to all who attended.

Competitors came from many clubs in the state, some people travelling for considerable distances.

Much help was given on the range for the usual duties of scoring, patching, etc., by shooters and members of families. There were two Judges in Training present as well as many shooters currently aspiring to become Range Officers. All pitched in,.and made the whole competition friendly but at the:same time well run. Bob and Dee Lester (Oakleigh Pistol Club) volunteered their time and knowledge to do the scoring and this was very much appreciated.

The duties of Range Officers were carried out entirely with range officers in training. This was quite an achievement, and much knowledge was gained over the weekend to help the people with the training process: The Samaria region now has approximately 40 people currently going through range officer training which seems to be a state record. Samaria also have one Judge in training.

Trophies were awarded to all 1 st, 2nd and 3rd place getters in all grades, as well as to the competitors who are in the Samaria Region.

These.shooters were eligible to compete in the off-gun as well as the handicap parts,of the competition.

Dulux Powder Coatings were a major sponsor and they presented a silver cup as a perpetual trophy for the three match aggregate, off-gun for the Samaria Region. A smaller silver cup was also presented to the winner to keep. The interest shown to our sport by DULUX POWDER COATINGS is much appreciated. Andrew Johns is now the proud recipient of this trophy. Andrew is a.member of Yackandandah Pistol Club and is also President of the Rennie Pistol Club in NSW.

Ian Gibson (Regency Funerals) sponsored the Samaria handicap aggregate, trophy, which was also won by Andrew Johns - he had an excellent weekend and also won medals in his grade on other events as well as achieving two grade breaks.

Specially made badges were given as trophies for the Samaria winners, and hopefully these will be put onto shooting jackets and "shown off" at other shoots. VAPA donated their badge to go along with these.

Many thanks must go to Kate Rogers, Samaria Captain (Shepparton Pistol Club), David Langshaw, Secretary, Treasurer, Competition Controller . (Yackandandah Pistol Club), Phil Meehan, Range Officer Training (Mansfield Pistol Club), Ian Gibson, President, Euroa Pistol Club and especially to Jim Morgan (Yarra Pistol Club) who is the originator of the whole concept of the Champion of Champions Competition. Without the help, hard work, and long hours given by these people, the competition would not have been successful.

The second part of the Samaria Region competition will be Black Powder, Action and Service to be held at a later date and the Committee is now working towards when (and where) this will be.

This next part was sent in by **Sharon Reynolds** *and as she saw the whole thing from a slightly different perspective I thought it complemented Jennifers piece well so why not publish them as a double!*

The inaugural 'Champion of Champions' competition was held recently in the Samaria region - at Euroa pistol club to be exact. The competition was a "3 in 1", with competitors having the opportunity to enter the 'Open competition', the 'Handicap competition' and/or the 'Champion of Champions'. This latter was for members of clubs within the Samaria region only - the others were not restricted.

One of the aims of this competition is to get members not usually seen around the traditional competition circuit involved. Well, it certainly succeeded - in fact Andrew Johns of Renny/Yackandandah scooped the pool, winning not only individual trophies but also the 3 match aggregate perpetual trophy as well.

The weekend was a prime example of what can be achieved when clubs get together to organise an event. The Samaria president, Jennifer Finn (Yackandandah), together with the committee, did much of the preliminary work. The members of Euroa pistol club worked hard to have the range ready, Shepparton pistol club virtually ran the 'score room' and range staff were drawn from all clubs (and competitors). Many of the range officers were trainees, using the event to get practical experience. Despite a slow start on Saturday (I think we set the record for the longest standard pistol detail ever) the weekend went well, and any hitches were dealt with quickly and effectively - thanks in large part to Jim Morgan & Bob Lester who used their experience to assist when necessary.

The concept of a regional 'Champion of Champions' competition has certainly got off to a good start in Samaria. The other regions will have to be on their toes - they have a high standard to meet. Well done to everyone involved and to all the shooters who made the weekend the success it undoubtedly was.

GETTING A GRIP ON IT

As those who know me are aware, my real interest in shooting is Service Match (well actually Service Unrestricted) and I do also like to play at Short Barrel Match (Snubby!). However my wife shoots only Rapid and as there are few opens that cater to us both, then often, one has to miss out. To get over that I decided to start shooting Centre Fire again.

Why Centre Fire? I believe that the basics of any pistol shooting is "sights and trigger" and so any U.I.T. event would have helped my scores in Service but shooting Centre Fire meant that I would not have to reload an additional round. I would just use my 'light' Unrestricted loads. Of course that turned out not to be the case. What went well out of my 7" Unrestricted gun did not do so well out of the Centre Fire gun (and, as a point of interest, went even worse out of my 1 7/8" Snubby pistol. In fact out of the short barrel many of the projectiles cut oblong holes. Yep! They were hitting the target high right and side ways.) So a new load was developed for the Centre Fire pistol and will also be used out of the Snubby. But I get ahead of myself ...

With the help once again of Sid Pattison of Pattison Firearms, I soon had a new Centre Fire pistol based on a Smith & Wesson 'K' frame with a custom 1 in 14 twist barrel, the new light weight Aristocrat sight rib and a single action, target hammer and trigger. The only thing I needed to complete the outfit was a set of really nice target grips.

I rang a few people who were I hoped 'in the know' and soon had a few names to try. But explain as I might, few grip makers seemed to realise that the nature of this new Centre Fire (that looked more like a Service gun) made the task of a suitable grip to fit the box a little more unusual than the standard ask. In the end it looked like I was going to have to go interstate when it was suggested I try John Sammartino.

John Sammartino

John is a member of Mountain District Pistol Club and is a cabinet maker by trade. He started making grips for his brother in law who is left handed and things just grew from there. I spoke to John on the phone and he explained all he would need was a tracing of my hand and the type of gun it was going to fit. As John was coming to an open at Melton within a few weeks I told him I would wait to see him there and show him the gun in question.

John looked at the pistol, took the tracing of my hand and said he would post the grips to me as soon as they were finished. I joked that three weeks would be fine as that would let me get the feel of them before I used it at the Mid Murray open. Johns reply was ... well let's just say he didn't make any promises. However almost three weeks to the day, in the post office box are my new grips.

Deep red in colour (they're made from Malaysian Rose Wood), beautifully carved and presented with deep grooves for my fingers and an all over stippled effect on all the surfaces that come into contact with the hand. Most importantly they fit my hand perfectly. Not only do they feel comfortable to hold but my trigger finger reaches perfectly without having to alter that most comfortable and perfect grip a smidgen.

Of course the grips fit the pistol really well and, thanks to the allen key supplied, the three screws can be done up snugly to not only eliminate any chance of movement but to also eliminate even the line where the two halves come together. Lastly there was a stylish brand on the obverse side making sure all who examined the grips new they were the work of a craftsman.

As I suspected however they were a tight fit in the box. The gun went in our box at Melton but there was no room for even the slightest variation and as good as our box is, what if I were to run across one that was even the slightest bit smaller?

At Mid Murray (where the new Centre Fire pistol won me a second in 'C' grade with a 535) I mentioned this to John who was also competing there, and explained that I would feel happier with a millimetre or two to spare. John's reply was very reassuring. Bring the gun and a box to his house at my convenience and he would alter the grips to make them fit better or even make new ones if necessary and all at no cost. What more could I ask for?

Having made the necessary arrangements I arrived at Johns house and was conducted out to his workshop where he began work on the grips. Several mm's were removed from the base of the grip and a different camber put on the newly prepared surface. Then the grip was re-lacquered (I won't give away any of John's secrets but the 'varnish' used not only brings out the best in the wood, but also won't yellow, dries quickly and is extremely hard).

Within an hour my grips were smaller and back on the gun. They were still a little finicky to get in the box properly but the gun does go in and I know there is room to spare. All in all I am very happy with the grips and am glad that I was able to buy such a fine product locally.

Do I feel I can recommend John as a maker of fine pistol grips? Indeed I do. If you're in search of a grip then why don't you give John a ring on (03) 9727 2975. He normally can supply in about 4 weeks and can make grips for almost any pistol. As for the cost, his grips are $120, which for the amount of work that goes into a grip is cheap. If you don't believe me then shop around, I think you'll still end up back at John's.

SHOOTING CALENDAR

SEP	2 POSTAL FINALS BLACK POWDER ACTION 3	9 POSTAL FINAL SERVICE ACTION CUP 10 ST. IVES	16 SHEPPARTON U.I.T. BENDIGO 17 ACTION	23 24	30
OCT	NRA NATIONALS 1 BERRI S.A.	7 MELTON U.I.T. 8	14 M.I.S.C. 15 SPORT PISTOL	21 HAMILTON SERVICE 22	28 MILDURA U.I.T. 29
NOV	4 YARRA BLACK POWDER HORSHAM 5 U.I.T.	11 BALLARAT 12 ACTION	18 C.O.P.C. U.I.T. 19	25 YARRA U.I.T. 26	
DEC	2 ECHUCA BLACK POWDER 3	9 10	16 17	23 ALMOST MERRY CHRISTMAS 24	30 HAPPY 31 NEW YEAR
JAN	6 7	13 14	20 GEELONG ACTION 21	27 POSTALS START 28	
FEB	3 CASTLEMAINE U.I.T. 4	10 ARARAT U.I.T. BALLARAT 11 ACTION	17 BENDIGO BLACK POWDER WARRIGUL DROUIN 18 UIT/SERVICE	24 SERVICE STATE TITLES BALLARAT 25 EUROA U.I.T.	
MAR	2 **BLACK POWDER** **STATE TITLES** **ECHUCA**	9 U.I.T. STATE TITLES 10 MELTON BENDIGO 11 ACTION	16 17	23 24	30 31
APR	1 ***U.I.T./PA*** ***NATIONAL*** TO ***CHAMPS*** ***YARRA VIC*** 8	6 ***U.I.T./PA*** ***NATIONAL*** ***CHAMPS*** ***YARRA VIC*** 7	13 14	20 HAMILTON U.I.T. KERANG 21 ACTION	27 28
MAY	4 MELTON SERVICE / BLACK POWDER 5	11 ECHUCA U.I.T. 12	18 M.I.S.C. U.I.T. 19	25 WARRNAMBOOL U.I.T. 26	
JUNE	1 2	8 MID MURRAY U.I.T. 9 SERVICE BLACK POWDER 10	14 16	22 23	29 30

VICTORIAN TOP TEN 1995

COMPETITIONS ADDED IN THIS ISSUE:

Warragul-Drouin U.I.T.,Echuca U.I.T., Warrnambool U.I.T., M.I.S.C. Anniversary Open, Ballarat Service, Echuca Action, Mid Murray U.I.T., Service, Black Powder ,NSW Action State Championships,Kerang Action.

FREE PISTOL

1	IGLESIAS Jose	549
2	WRIGHT Jim	547
3	CLARK Les	540
	EDWARDS Norm	540
5	QUICK Bruce	538
6	WATTZ Alan	532
7	CROSSMAN Will	529
	RYAN Noel	529
9	BUTCHER Peter	527
	MILLER Andrew	527

CENTREFIRE

1	QUICK Bruce	591
2	SLATTERY Tom	576
3	WRIGHT Jim	575
4	RYAN Noel	571
5	DAVIS Wayne	568
6	BOWRON Peter	566
7	GALT Roger	565
	McMILLAN Jon	565
9	CUMBERLAND Nick	562
	IGLESIAS Jose	562
	ROMANO Tony	562

RAPID FIRE

1	RYAN Noel	573
2	QUICK Bruce	572
3	HOWARD Greg	570
4	GALT Roger	567
5	EDWARDS Norm	563
	HOLDEN Jack	563
7	CROSSMAN Will	560
	HUNTLY Graham	560
9	WRIGHT Jim	559
10	BUTLAND Ian	558

STANDARD PISTOL

1	QUICK Bruce	572
2	SLATTERY Tom	566
3	TURNER Val	559
4	RYAN Linda	558
5	LAWTON David	554
6	CROSSMAN Will	553
7	IGLESIAS Jose	552
	McMILLAN Jon	552
9	DAVIS Wayne	551
	RYAN Noel	551

MENS AIR PISTOL

1	QUICK Bruce	573
2	IGLESIAS Jose	572
3	RYAN Noel	568
4	GALT Roger	566
	ROBERTSON Colin	566
6	WRIGHT Jim	563
7	HOLDEN Jack	562

WOMENS SPORT PISTOL

1	WOODWARD Annette	583
2	RYAN Linda	577
3	TURNER Val	575
4	MULLENS Joy	571
5	BOWRON Doreen	552
6	LEE Cheryl	551
7	SLIFKA Eva	549

8	CHANDLER Paul	561
	CROSSMAN Will	561
10	BUTCHER Peter	559
	MOTTON Ralph	559

8	KUBIAK Carol	548
9	TAYLOR Annette	544
10	FINN Jennifer	541

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	368
7	RYAN Helen	365
8	BOWRON Doreen	363
9	LESTER Dee	362
10	FINN Jennifer	358
	SLIFKA Eva	358

BLACKPOWDER 25 METRE

1	MITCHELL John	372
2	DAVIS Wayne	370
3	VINCENT Greg	368
4	WATSON Tony	363
5	VAN VEEN Alex	362
6	HIGGINS Brett	358
	MORGAN Geoff	358
	MOTTON Ralph	358
9	CLARK Les	356
	HASTIE David	356
	HOLDEN Jack	356

SERVICE PISTOL

1	HUTCHINS Paul	869
2	BLAKE Phil	867
3	ANASTASI Ercole	859
4	CLARK Les	852
	GORDON Glenn	852
6	BEHAN Mark	848
7	EAGLE Alex	844
8	BOND Ian	841
9	PATTISON Sid	840
10	HANCOCK Colin	838
	MOTTON Ralph	838

SERVICE UNRESTRICTED

1	HUTCHINS Paul	882
2	BLAKE Phil	879
3	BEHAN Mark	877
	HANCOCK Colin	877
5	PATTISON Sid	876
6	GORDON Glenn	867
7	MALLIA Len	866
8	ANASTASI Ercole	865
	EAGLE Alex	865
	LOWE Greg	865

JUNIOR MENS AIR PISTOL

1	MILLER Andrew	551
2	KORENY Danny	512
3	GRAY Jason	511
4	WILLIAMS D.	483
5	REPACHOLI Daniel	474
6	JEFFREY A.	473
7	GOWER Matthew	438
8	PATTISON Jarrod	402
9	MAHER Ciaron	362
10	WALDRON Matthew	361

JUNIOR LADIES AIR PISTOL

1	TAYLOR Sally	336
2	KORENY Yvette	335
3	COOK Kim	319
	FRANKE D.	319
5	KIBELL Amanda	310
6	WALDRON Maurita	237
7	KIBELL Fiona	224
8	MIKOLAJEWICZ D	220
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JUNIOR SPORT PISTOL

1	MILLER Andrew	548
2	KORENY Danny	540
3	TAYLOR Sally	522
4	TAIT Frank	517
5	KORENY Yvette	514
6	GRAY Jason	513
7	COOK Kim	494
8	MARSH Phil	492
9	SIMMONS Adam	489
10	KIBELL Fiona	447

BLACK POWDER 50 METRE

1	CLARK Les	364
	DAVIS Wayne	364
3	REDSTON Rocky	356
4	VINCENT Greg	351
5	MORGAN Geoff	349
6	MITCHELL John	346
7	HOLDEN Jack	336
8	HASTIE David	335
9	WATSON Tony	330
10	HIGGINS Brett	326

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CLASS

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TOTAL				Cheques payable to IPSC Victoria

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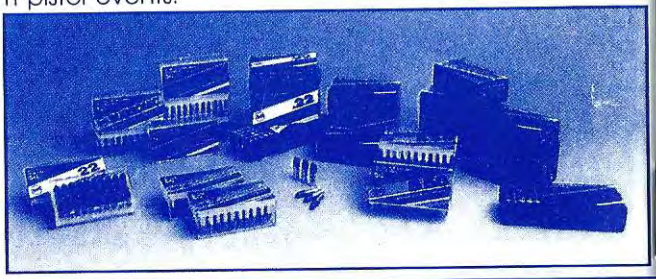

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