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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

This is a desperation request and I hope you or someone in pistol shooting land can help me.

I belong to the Ballarat Pistol Club and I am a keen Free Pistol shooter - not good, but keen. My problem is that I have run out of spare springs for my Toz 35 and up till the present I cannot find a supplier. Can you please help me? Maybe your advertisers can be asked to supply a list of pistols they carry spares for and this would be a great help for the many shooters like myself.

I enjoy your magazine very much and read it cover to cover. It is perhaps more relevant to the Victorian Community of pistol shooters. I do like to read Pistol Australia to keep up with the activities of some of the great people I have met all around the country. Keep up the good work.

Yours in shooting
Roy Martin

P.S. The springs I am after are:

1. accelerator spring
2. limiter spring
3. middle lever spring

ED. So can anyone out there help?

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Dear Mark,

I detect in the December issue your disappointment that only three responses resulted from your request for comment.

My non response involved three factors :
(a) You guys are volunteers, so should not be laden with negative comment from those who are not prepared to make the effort.
(b) I am a slob who merely wants to turn up, pay the required fees, and shoot.
(c) I am a cynic, made so by a million public servants working over time to waste my taxes.

With this in view, please filter the following comment accordingly.

1. VPN Content.
What is there is excellent. But 98% of content is for the 2% of champions. Sure, they deserve a pat on the back. They have put in the effort, they are there up front, they should be told where the next qualifying shoot is to be held. Maybe more space could be devoted to helping plinkers like me do a little better. More Coaches Corner.

2. Coaching.
Surely this should be a major project. A few issues back you announced a coaching school in October. That day I registered my interest. Since then silence. not even a comment in VPN. Obviously a fizzer with only 3 responses.

3. Action Match.
I am trying to interest our club in this shoot. They said you get the detail. I rang a guy whose number was in VPN. He was going to send me a semi load of information. Two months later Rob Harris gave me John Gillman's number. Fixed immediately. The message is, these volunteers should not volunteer unless they are going to follow through.

4. Anti Shooters.
Perhaps VPN should make a regular report on what these kooks are up to, then maybe we will stop yawning and get into gear.

In summary, retain that which exists, just add a few items. Hang the expense, and your extra time and effort !

I have rung you. In your absence I have spoken to your Wife. In every case 101% satisfaction.

Please, YOU keep up the good work, and take these comments in the spirit of co-operation from a lazy shooter.

Sincerely,
Mel Moyle

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Dear Mark et al,

On 27th January 1986 my public tribute [in verse] to my mother on her 70th Birthday, concluded:

"...Who despaired of the clumsy one called
Brains in class and Useless in the playground
and takes pride in her achievements
in a sport where she stands still—
and uses her brains? ...

OUR MUM"

Exactly ten years later the VAPA President Mark Behan presented trophies at the 16th State Junior Camp, and then presented me with a VAPA Plaque "For Service to the VAPA, and the Junior Camp".

Stunned, I made my acceptance speech - apologised for not having my 1982 Junior Camp poem to read (included below) - looked at the Plaque thought to myself: 'Mother Will Be Pleased' and burst into tears...

Merrolyn Wiles presented me with a special gift and card from herself and Bruce. What I thought was a spray of flowers packaged to carry on the train is a beautiful Grace de Monaco Rose Plate.

John and I will treasure the VAPA Plaque and the recognition it represents. We will display it next to my 1981 National Silver Championship Plaque.

In September 1971 I was picked up at the Coburg Tram Terminus outside Pentridge by 'two good shooters' also going to Echuca for the State Team Selection Shoot. I knew the number plate, make and colour of the car they were in. I had my shooting gear in one hand, a change of clothes and sleeping bag in the other.

My successes as a competitor and as a coach have grown from family support firstly, and the goodwill and hospitality shown to me by friends and fellow shooters all over the country, and beyond. I have not always succeeded in reaching my goals, disappointing others as well as myself. Sometimes the price proved too high, even with the prize almost gained.

Thank you to all of you who have touched my life since I started shooting. While I have had to step out of the fast lane, I am still involved in the Junior and Ladies Programs, and regular club coaching.

Yours Sincerely
'The Big E' Eileen Pile

FOR THE 1982 V.A.P.A. STATE JUNIOR TRAINING CAMP PARTY

I started shooting years ago, and went out with my John
To find out how to shoot a ten: if not, what went wrong;
I found out how to make neat holes in sheet target paper,
And why some shooters shoot to win, while others only caper.

Some caper on the range and irritate the others.
Some caper round about the place till sent home to their mothers.
Some get addicted to the sport, they savour their success.
Some stay in the clubhouse swapping yarns for happiness.

In time I wanted to improve to Victoria's Number One,
So I cadged rides with many friends, and travelled with my gun.
In six months I was the Ladies Champ., also in our State Team.
I took off on a One-Year Plan that grew beyond my dreams.

I've been away with Noel, Big John, Ron Glew, Allan and Heather,
Jonny Mac, Rodney and Ave, Julians.
and whoever followed Open Shoots, Eliminations, Finals,
Interstate Shoots, Team Events, right through to the Nationals.

Marven, Mick and Kevin have managed our State Teams:
Booked our travel, chased our scores, kept us on the beam.
Now I've made the National Squad, and learning all I'm told,
To pass on to our Juniors who'll earn their Blue and Gold.

For thirteen years I've had a ball, and won a lot of loot.
I wish you all the same success, the feeling's really beaut.
My One-Year Plan grew like a tree, growing to the Sun.
Yours can too. It's watered by the magic words: "I've Won!"

Eileen Pile

ED. For more about Eileen and her presentation see the article elsewhere in the VPN

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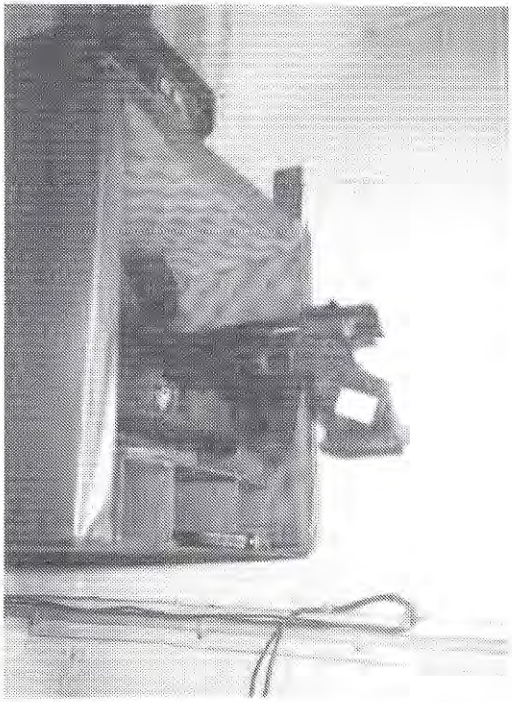
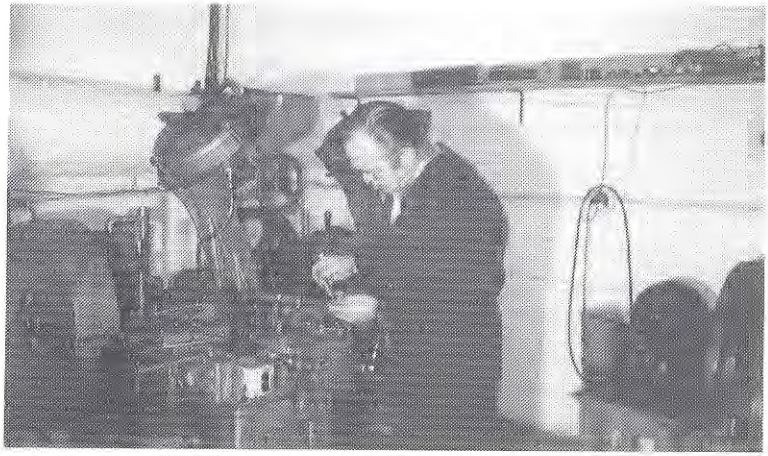
Dear Mark,

Jim Walls and I, both members of M.I.S.C., recently travelled to Frankston to visit Hank Vanetten at his Bullzi factory. Our intention was to purchase a quantity of .32 projectiles.

We both feel that our reception by Hank warrants a mention in your publication.



Hank has installed a Pistol testing and ammunition device, which is used in conjunction with a chrono-graph to complete the full cycle of tests.



Hank gave our own pistols the full treatment, including advice about projectile size for our respective barrels. We were most impressed with the results and I have inclosed a photocopy of groups obtained.

10 shots
Bullzi "0.314"
Walther 0.312 Barrel

10 shots
Bullzi "0.312"
Walther 0.312 Barrel

There was no special selecting of stock, just the stock that was on the bench in a large pile, some .314 - some .312, the groups were fired without warm ups or any other preparation, which to me, only reinforced the quality of results obtained.

Hank intimated to us that these facilities are available to all who care to make the trip to his factory, together with a great willingness to see that the shooter is satisfied.

Finally Mark, please keep up the good work in your publication.

Kindest Regards
Bill Elmslie & Jim Walls

PRESIDENTS PAGE

Welcome to another quarter and another, I hope, dose of good news. We are always trying to promote our sport in the wider community for several reasons. Firstly a strong and growing organisation means that it makes our sport more secure and less prone to outside attack. It is also important to be able to identify with a accepted and well thought of sport. It was interesting (or is that disappointing) to learn that many of our members do not let it be widely known that they are pistol shooters as they are wary of the reaction it might evoke. Lastly the better known our sport is the more chance to win sponsorship and that means greater benefits for our members.

So to pursue that line V.A.P.A. is looking to appoint a sponsorship coordinator. That position will allow a person or company to raise money on a commission basis (no outlay by us) for our organisation. They will, we hope, also raise the sports profile. Already an advertisement has been run in the Age newspaper and there has been some initial interest. If all goes well we may soon have some corporate backing for our sport.

Another initiative we are undertaking is to raise V.A.P.A.'s profile with our own members. Whilst V.A.P.A. is there doing much behind the scenes, there is often little or no contact between us and the ordinary member. The time has come to change that. From now on all new members will receive from V.A.P.A. a membership package. They will receive on the month following their joining a package in the post that will contain - their blue V.A.P.A. I.D. badge, their grading card, a cloth V.A.P.A. badge, a members information booklet and a back issue of the VPN. This cost will be totally borne by V.A.P.A. It's also worth noting at this point that there will be no fee increase this financial year. In fact at the April C.O.M. Meeting we will even be asking for a vote to waive this years C.P.I. increase so that all our commitments will be met at no additional cost to you the member.

And there's more! We are proposing to hold an annual training and information camp. What we envision (assuming it gets through the April C.O.M. Meeting) is an annual two day residential camp starting on September 28th and 29th 1996 for the Presidents and Secretaries (or two other delegates) of all affiliated clubs.

This camp is to be wholly paid for by the Association (also within budget) and a typical agenda will cover:

- How V.A.P.A. is organised and functions, with particular reference to the individual role of the club. Discussion of V.A.P.A.'s five year plan again with particular reference to the role clubs may play.

- Facilities, help etc. offered by V.A.P.A. such as
  - Coaching Council
  - V.R.C.
  - VPN
  - Loans
  - Membership drives
  - Running opens

- Training and best use of V.A.P.A. equipment ie.
  - Portable air pistol range/trailer
  - Scat coaching machine (if we have one)

- Best practice advice (and requirements) from:
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary
  - President

- Feedback to V.A.P.A. from clubs on:
  - Services required
  - Coaching and V.R.C.
  - Services offered
  - Use of fighting fund
  - Things we can do better?

- Discussion on introduction or expansion of:
  - V.A.P.A. safety course
  - Regional competition (eg. Samaria)
  - Postal competition
  - Western style shooting
  - 1500 match
  - International postal competitions

- Start of co-operation on establishment of central purchasing and planning register.

A typical breakdown of both cost and facilities offered, using one of the Victorian Sport and Recreation Camps "Lady Northcote" in Rowsley, would be $35 per head and would include, with an arrival time of 10.30 am. Saturday and a departure time of 3.00 pm. Sunday - Lunch, Dinner, Breakfast, and Lunch, with tea / coffee and biscuits always available. Saturday evening drinks and nibbles supplied by us. We also want to make the camp available to any other members but other than the two club delegates, typically president and secretary, it will cost additional members the $35.

In fact I'm keen to hear from members prior to the camp about things they would want to see taking place during the weekend. If it's the success I hope it will be this must be a regular event and hopefully the Association will go from strength to strength.

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

The December meeting was held at Oakleigh Pistol Club. In business arising it was agreed that as 'Finals' were not part of the State U.I.T. Championships when Melton bid for the weekend, it was decided that for 1996 finals would not be held. However it was noted that any club bidding for state titles in future would be required to include finals.

A report was given by Will Crossman (Melton) that the trailer for the new portable air pistol range has been delivered and that testing on a suitable canvas had been completed.

To finish the evening a short video on Western Action was shown to the meeting as a sample of the typical course of fire shot. It looked like a lot of fun and more no doubt will be heard on this new (to us) discipline.

The January meeting was held at M.I.S.C. It was pointed out to the Association that it appears that we are, via our postal competition, sanctioning matches under the I.P.S.C. discipline. This of course is the prerogative of the I.P.S.C. state body to do this so the entries in future will be for the 'Practical' match rather than I.P.S.C. match.

A motion was passed for V.A.P.A. to advertise for a sponsorship coordinator who would raise money for the Association on a commission basis. The ad to be placed in the Age newspaper. A package for members was also passed (for more on both of these items see the Presidents Page).

The draft for our five year / development plan was tabled after discussions with Strategic Sports to upgrade the original draft to better suit our needs. When the final report is completed it will be circulated to clubs. It was also noted that the Association STILL does not have a publicity brochure for promotion purposes. However it was noted that part of our proposed development plan was the production of that brochure by the end of 1996.

The February meeting was held at Bendigo. Letters from the Registry were tabled re approval of ranges. All with only one exception were passed with little or no comment. Bendigo range had a much bigger list of corrections but the meeting was assured by Bendigo delegates that the list looked worse than it was and that the club saw little problem in getting the range up to scratch. The point was made that all clubs have a responsibility to meet guidelines and to maintain the suitability of their ranges for the matches shot. The technical inspector is drawing up plans to have all ranges inspected on a regular basis.

The Association also requested advice from our insurers re a claim that arose from one of our clubs. Whilst the details are too long for this article one important point has arisen. Under no circumstances can a club give or extend indemnity or change

any aspect of our insurance cover without the express written permission of our insurer. To fail to do so will leave your club uninsured and liable to all costs etc. If you have any doubts or queries then please talk with Eddie Evans our V.A.P.A. secretary.

Gary Fliegner presented the report from the Shooting Sports Council which, amongst other things, included the news that both the Sporting Shooters Association and the Australian Deerhunters Association have disaffiliated from the S.S.C.V.

From Pistol Australia the news was also poor. It appears there has been a cash blow out of between $150,000 and $180,000. P.A. claims that the Bulletin is the main cause but until there is a report from the auditors we are really non the wiser. At the meeting some speculation was invited but the Executive Officer suggested we'll know more when the A.G.M. reports are circulated.

A revamped notice of motion re the purchase of a 'scatt' machine was tabled with an approximate cost including a computer of $7000. A further notice of motion was tabled re a information and training camp (more about this in the Presidents page).

A report on the Nationals that all is progressing well in spite of inclement weather and all will be in readiness for April. The meeting also passed the production of a new booklet (designed by Eddie Evans) that will be sent to all new members as part of their initial package.

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EILEEN PILE - A PROFILE

This January, at the conclusion of the 1996 Junior Training Camp, I had the pleasure of presenting a V.A.P.A. Plaque to Eileen Pile for 'Services to the Junior Camp and V.A.P.A.' (Her thankyou can be found in the letters section of this edition along with some of her poetry).

For those of you who have never met Eileen, or even those who have and don't appreciate her history in the sport of pistol shooting, the following is a brief snap shot of her life and shooting career.

Married to John, two adult children, fourth grandchild due after Easter.

Most adult years caring for chronically ill family members, voluntary work in the community (Meals on wheels 2-3 days a week, Roster Convenor & Instructor / Examiner for K District Firearms Safety Classes, Wireless Institute Civil Emergency Network)

6/8/68	Joined Geelong Pistol Club
6/6/69	First Pistol
6/69	First Open Comp/First Trophy 3rd Rapid Fire Hcp Mid Murray
69-81; 82-96	GPC Committee of Management:

1 yr Vice-Captain

15+ yrs Secretary or Assist Secretary

3 yrs Senior Range Officer

20+ yrs Interclub Team Member

Ladies Sport / Air / Free / Standard

20+ yrs UIT Open Comp sub-committee

20+ yrs VAPA Delegate

10+ yrs VAPA Delegate Corangamite PC

79 Range Officer UIT

72-83	State Team Member (LM M-Grade 1973)
	10 years Ladies Match and/or Ladies Air Pistol
72-74-76	State Champion Ladies Match
80-82-84	State Champion Ladies Air Pistol
81	National Silver Champion LAP 376 11 pts up on Elim. Average
	Broke into Master Grade, beat Patti Dench on C/B
	Equalled old Nat Record on day Enid Boothby set new one
	National Team Training Squad
80's	VAPA delegate to VICSPORT
81	Level One Coach 1st accredited female Coach in VAPA
82	Level Two Coach Ditto
81-92	VAPA Coaching Council Executive member, various roles
	Active Coach, Novice to Elite levels all over Victoria
	UIT, Black Powder, Service, Action, IPSC, even a successful Army Team, but no Metallic Silhouette
	Coach Accreditation, Local and Regional Seminars
	Lectured at NCC Seminar at AIS Canberra
	Coached at NSW Junior Camp at Sydney
	Coached Tasmanian State Team at Hobart
85-90	State Team Training Coordinator
85-90s	Ladies Only Weekends, High & Low Profile Female Guests, Coaches, Range Officers
89-92	State Coaching Director

88-90	National Junior Coach [with John Tremelling and Jim Olds]
89	NCC Nominee 'Sport for Life' Seminar Colorado Springs US

Following her return, her own and other family health problems impaired her efficiency as Coach and Administrator, so she did not nominate for a second term as State Director, did not complete her Level Three Accreditation, or nominate to continue as a National Junior Coach.

81-On	State Junior Training Camps (16 years) Coach & Admin
81-84	Coach/Mentor to Junior State Team Members
82-on	Tri State Competition Coach (missed 2)
10/95	Life Member Geelong Pistol Club Inc
27/1/96	VAPA Plaque 'For Service To VAPA and Junior Camp'

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Range Officer Training has been ongoing, with over 50 new range officers qualified and more 'in the pipeline' . If you are still waiting be assured that your turn will come. Nothing is likely to happen now until the Nationals are over and we have all recovered!

Judge 'B' qualifications have also been achieved by 3 of our members - Aileen Tate (Action Match), Sharon Reynolds (UIT) and Mark Behan (Service Match) are now qualified Judges, and Clive Woods, Peter Davis, Jim Morgan and Bob Lester have also enhanced their qualifications to include extra disciplines.

Review of the VRC Charter remains on the agenda. Hopefully this will get underway fairly soon - the current charter has hardly been amended since the formation of the Council. It will take time but you will be kept informed!

Champion of Champions Competition is programmed to be introduced into more zones following the successful pilot in Samaria last year.

Refresher Workshops for Range Officers are on the drawing board, and should eventually become an ongoing feature of Council activities.

Nationals planning is well in place, with most range staff allocated. However, if you have not yet volunteered and would like to do so it is not too late! ! **There will be a range familiarization day at Yarra on Saturday March 23rd, at 2pm, for as many range staff as can be there. If you can make it please do so - you will find it a big help if you know the range BEFORE you have to work at a competition.**

A special election was held recently for Director of the Council, to hold office until the end ofthe current 3 year term (ie June 1996). There were 2 nominations and Jim Morgan was the successful candidate. The position will be recontested at the 1996 AGM.

For all Council Members - the next meetings will be:

Quarterly Meeting - Sunday April 7th 1996, 3.45pm at Yarra Pistol Club

Annual General Meeting - Sunday June 30th 1996, 1.00pm at Oakleigh Pistol Club Quarterly Meeting - to follow immediately after the AGM

Sharon Reynolds

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1996 SHOOTING CALENDER

JAN	6 7	13 14	20 21	27 M.I.S.C. U.I.T POSTALS START 28	
FEB	3 CASTLEMAINE U.I.T. BALLARAT ACTION 4	10 11	17 WARRAGUL DROUIN UIT/SERVICE 18	*24* *SERVICE* *STATE TITLES* *BALLARAT* *25*	
MAR	*2* *BLACK POWDER* *STATE TITLES* *ECHUCA* *3*	*9* *U.I.T. STATE* *10* *TITLES* *MELTON* *11*	16 GEELONG ACTION EUROA UIT 17	23 BENDIGO ACTION 24	30 YACKANDANDAH U.I.T. 31 *UIT/PA NATS* *1ST - 8TH APRIL*
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MAY	4 MELTON SERVICE BP & SNUBBY 5	11 ECHUCA U.I.T. 12	18 M.I.S.C. ANNIVERSARY U.I.T. 19	25 WARRNAMBOOL U.I.T. 26	
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BLAST FROM THE PAST - REVISITED

A few editions back I started a series of articles based on anecdotes from the old editions of the Bulletin and VPN (then called "The Pistol"). At the time I said there was more to come, but then I became sidetracked with other news and ... well nothing really, I just didn't get around to continuing. This article is an attempt to do just that, so where was I ... ?

The magazine I've just picked up is "The Pistol" August 1965. It's interesting because it follows the A.G.M. for that year and gives us a snapshot of where pistol shooting was at 31 years ago.

On the national scene the A.P.S.U.A. now known as Pistol Australia, had a total membership of **2,514** (cf. approximately 25,000 today) and had made some interesting decisions such as -

- Buying leather shooting jackets for National team members.
- Admitting Queensland Amateur Pistol Shooting Association as a member.
- Increasing affiliation fees from 15 shillings to 19 shillings ($1.90).
- Giving all National team members an identifying badge.

Here in Victoria Rod Johnson was elected President (replacing Neville Sayers who was accorded Honorary Life Membership at this meeting) and V.A.P.A. had 32 clubs (cf. 71 today) with a total membership of **1,150** (cf. approx. 3,600 today) We had a total income of £5,300 ($10,600 - but of course money went a lot further then) with a surplus of £1,300, and apparently we were having a successful time of it. There were 270 pistols passed in the previous year (about two thousand now) and the average attendance at V.A.P.A. meetings was 18, not much of an improvement there unfortunately.

The advertisements also make great reading how about some of these new pistol "Specials"

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Finally I can't finish this article without some observations on aspects that are relevant today. I notice that even then P.A. was upping its fees and there was one letter of complaint - some things never change! The other thing that really leapt out at me however was the membership numbers. Back in 1965 V.A.P.A. made up nearly 46% of Australia's pistol shooters, today we make up only 14%. N.S.W. with a similar population to us has 9,500 members and Queensland with a smaller population than us has 5300 members. I wonder why?

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3	WRIGHT Jim	547
4	CLARK Les	540
	EDWARDS Norm	540
6	CROSSMAN Will	536
7	BUTCHER Peter	535
8	HOWARD Greg	533
9	WATTZ Alan	532
10	RYAN Noel	529

CENTREFIRE

1	QUICK Bruce	591
2	RYAN Noel	581
3	SLATTERY Tom	576
4	WRIGHT Jim	575
5	DAVIS Wayne	572
6	IGLESIAS Jose	568
7	BOWRON Peter	566
8	GALT Roger	565
	McMILLAN Jon	565
10	CUMBERLAND Nick	562
	ROMANO Tony	562

RAPID FIRE

1	HOWARD Greg	574
2	RYAN Noel	573
3	QUICK Bruce	572
4	CROSSMAN Will	568
5	GALT Roger	567
	EDWARDS Norm	563
7	HOLDEN Jack	563
	HUNTLY Graham	560
9	WRIGHT Jim	559
10	BUTLAND Ian	558

STANDARD PISTOL

1	QUICK Bruce	579
2	CROSSMAN Will	567
3	SLATTERY Tom	566
4	RYAN Noel	559
	TURNER Val	559
6	RYAN Linda	558
7	DAVIS Wayne	557
8	LAWTON David	554
9	BOYLE Kevin	553
10	IGLESIAS Jose	552
	McMILLAN Jon	552
	WRIGHT Jim	552

MENS AIR PISTOL

1	QUICK Bruce	573
2	IGLESIAS Jose	572
3	EDWARDS Norm	570
4	CROSSMAN Will	568
5	RYAN Noel	568
6	BOYLE Kevin	567
7	GALT Roger	566
	ROBERTSON Colin	566
9	BATTISTA Vince	563
	WRIGHT Jim	563
10	HOLDEN Jack	562

WOMENS SPORT PISTOL

1	WOODWARD Annette	583
2	RYAN Linda	580
3	TURNER Val	578
4	MULLENS Joy	571
5	RYAN Helen	553
	SLIFKA Eva	553
7	BOWRON Doreen	552
	RATH Stephanie	552
9	LEE Cheryl	551
10	KUBIAK Carol	548

WOMENS AIR PISTOL

1	WOODWARD Annette	386
2	TURNER Val	378
3	RYAN Linda	376
4	LESTER Dee	375
5	KUBIAK Carol	374
6	BOWRON Doreen	371
	BRYANT Charlotte	371
8	MULLENS Joy	370
9	CHILLER Kitty	368
10	RYAN Helen	365

JUNIOR SPORT PISTOL

1	MILLER Andrew	571
2	KORENY Danny	540
3	TAYLOR Sally	535
4	GRAY Jason	525
5	TAIT Frank	517
6	KORENY Yvette	514
7	SWIFT Lennie	513
8	SIMMONS Adam	501
9	O'BRIEN Leigh	495
10	COOK Kim	494

JUNIOR MENS AIR PISTOL

1	MILLER Andrew	566
2	GRAY Jason	534
3	KORENY Danny	512
4	REPACHOLI Daniel	509
5	WILLIAMS D.	483
6	WHITE M.	477
7	JEFFREY A.	473
8	APPLEBY J.	443
9	GOWER Matthew	438
10	O'BRIEN Leigh	429

JUNIOR LADIES AIR PISTOL

1	TAYLOR Sally	356
2	KORENY Yvette	347
3	COOK Kim	338
4	FRANKE D.	319
5	KIBELL Amanda	317
6	WALDRON Maurita	237
7	KIBELL Fiona	224
8	MIKOLAJEWICZ D	220
9	BEARD E.	216
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BLACK POWDER 25 METRE

1	MITCHELL John	374
2	DAVIS Wayne	370
3	VINCENT Greg	368
4	SAMMARTINO John	365
5	McCANN David	363
	WATSON Tony	363
7	VAN VEEN Alex	362
8	REDSTON Rocky	360
9	HIGGINS Brett	358
	MORGAN Geoff	358
	MOTTON Ralph	358

BLACK POWDER 50 METRE

1	CLARK Les	364
	DAVIS Wayne	364
	REDSTON Rocky	364
4	VINCENT Greg	354
5	MORGAN Geoff	349
	SAMMARTINO John	349
7	MITCHELL John	346
8	HOLDEN Jack	336
9	HASTIE David	335
10	WATSON Tony	330

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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

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2	HUTCHINS Paul	882
3	BEHAN Mark	877
	HANCOCK Colin	877
5	PATTISON Sid	876
6	CLARK Les	875
7	GORDON Glenn	867
8	MALLIA Len	866
9	ANASTASI Ercole	865
	EAGLE Alex	865
	LOWE Greg	865

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1	MOTTON Ralph	589
2	CORBIDGE David	585
3	LOWE Greg	583
4	DILG Bill	576
5	SCHUETTKE Dietrich	573
6	EAGLE Alex	568
	GORDON Glenn	568
8	ANASTASI Ercole	563
9	BEHAN Mark	558
10	PATTISON Sid	551

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Craig works at Kingswood parts recovery in Dorset Rd. Bayswater and he told me that the tools would be well used.

DRUGS IN SPORT - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

(Yes you the humble club shooter as well ...)

One of the things I get passing through my hands, both as Editor and President, is information on drugs in sport. Now perhaps you, like I used to, think that this information is for our top athletes only and has no relevance to the humble club shooter. Well, yes and no!

Perhaps if I explain. I began attending National competitions some five years ago. I did not feel I was a top athlete rather it seemed a logical way to extend the enjoyment I was getting at open competitions. Having attended one Nationals I was hooked and intend to keep going for as long as the enjoyment is there. One year I was even good enough (lucky enough?) to win a top ten brassard. The point I'm struggling to make is that attending the Nationals, or even State Titles, are not purely the realm of the top few. Rather they are just a higher level of competition that anyone can, and should, enter (at least once). Remember that at state titles there is still the grade shoot as well.

However, and this is where it might effect you, at Nationals (and soon even State Titles) you are subject to random drug testing. How this can be a problem was amply demonstrated to me at the Blacktown Nationals in 1994. I'd entered the comp, arranged leave from work, booked plane tickets for my wife and kids to join me later, booked accommodation, and made those myriad other arrangements (like heaps of practise before hand) that need to be made before any big trip / holiday. A couple of days before I was due to go I came down with the dreaded flu!

I went straight to my doctor, explained that this was months of planning and I simply couldn't afford to be sick. He asked (and in retrospect he did well to think of it) was I subject to drugs testing? Now I had never seen it and simply was not up to speed on the rapidity of change and answered NO. He prescribed some capsules and also advised taking some well known cold and flu tablets. Science may not have a cure for the common cold but it certainly can deal with most of the symptoms. I was fine for the competition and managed to put in a lousy score all by myself with no help from those pesky flu germs (in fact feeling well was a shame as I was really looking for an excuse).

It was also at that very competition, the day after I finished shooting, that I saw my first drug tests being taken and boy did that put a cat amongst the pigeons as far as I was concerned. I immediately borrowed a book from a friend (I have since acquired my own) on what drugs were permitted. I was relieved to discover that my prescription drug was okay. Later on, thinking over my doctors comments on drug testing, I went back to the book. Of course you may have already guessed what I found. Whilst the prescription drug was okay. the cold and flu tablets were not. Had

I been tested I may have failed the test. I repeat - I'm not one of the top shooters but, almost unknown to me, the issue of drugs in sport was relevant to me!

So what can I tell you about the issue from the information I have at hand. Perhaps the best suggestion is write away (or call) the Victorian Institute of Sport who will supply you with a book and detailed information on drugs in sport. Remember one of the major points that keep coming through in the literature I have is that many of the banned drugs are found in medications used to treat illnesses. It is also important to note that in many cases there is an alternative treatment that does not contain the banned drug. A further note is also made that often doctors and pharmacists are not aware of what drugs are banned in sport - an important point to keep in mind.

As a last resort there is also an Australian Sports Drug Agency hotline (008 020506) which can give you up to the minute advice on many aspects of drugs and sport. So all that is required is that you are aware and take a little care. I also know that if you do have doubts or questions then our State Team Managers John Gillman and Neil Stewart are up to date on the issue and will be glad to answer your queries.

There are of course instances where there is no alternative drug available and in those circumstances you will need to declare your medication before the competition. Each situation and each drug is looked at differently and individually so if you are on a banned medication it might not necessarily knock you out of the competition. Also telling the organising body before hand also will be taken into account if a positive result is returned.

Some banned drugs occur in the food we eat and then it is a case of how much of the drug we have in our system. Such a drug is caffeine. As a stimulant it is banned in large amounts and recent studies have shown that the amount of caffeine an athlete would need to take to return a positive result can be very different from person to person. Caffeine is banned when the concentration in the urine is more than 12 micrograms per millilitre, so a cup of coffee, bar of chocolate or cola drink before a competition MAY NOT give a positive reading for most people but MAY for some.

However you would normally need to take 5 - 10 cups of tea, coffee or 10 cans of cola or 3 family bars of chocolate in a short time (1 - 4 hours) to go over the 12 microgram limit. Unusual to do but not impossible!

As you can see there is quite a bit to this subject and certainly not in the scope of the VPN to list, for instance, all the permitted drugs. Once again I'd refer you to the 'Drugs in Sport Handbook' available from the Victorian Institute of Sport, the A.S.D.A. hotline and our own State Team Managers. You may resist my constant urgings to get involved in open competition and certainly manage to avoid State Titles and Nationals but even at club level the majority of sports people would not be seeking an unfair advantage so it wouldn't hurt to find out would it?

SOME AMERICAN STYLE SERVICE

In the March 1995 edition of the VPN was published a letter from Peter Trewern of Warragul Drouin P.C. about the service and support he had received from Dillion when his loading press had been damaged (and later confirmed destroyed) by fire. At the time I made the observation that I too had had similar tremendous support from several American firms and had asked you, the readers, to let me know if you had had any similar experiences.

Well although I've heard nothing from you once again I have received some great service so I thought why not pass the story on. The firm in this case is Hornady. The first progressive press I ever bought was a Hornady Pro-7 and I suppose I bought it some 10 years ago. It is one of those really well built presses that laughs at loading small pistol rounds and is equally at home with monster rifle rounds such as the Winchester 458 Magnum. In reality it was never too stressed with whatever I threw at it especially as I loaded only pistol cases and the occasional Winchester .243 rifle case. Easy to use and change calibre with, I loaded .32 S&W longs, .38/.357's, 9mm and .45 auto as well as the rifle round.

The big disadvantage with the press was that it was a little less automatic than the presses I use today. You had to remove the loaded round and put in an empty case and at the top of the stroke you had to throw the powder charge manually. It sounds cumbersome but I still managed 300 rounds an hour and as a five stage press I produced some great auto rounds with the addition of the taper crimping die.

But while the press itself was very strong eventually the adjustments began to go and tuning the press for flawless smooth operation became impossible. So what to do? This was about three years ago, and I still have the paper work to confirm things. I wrote a letter (before my FAX days) to Hornady in the States and pointed out that to send them the press for repair would have been too expensive (the thing is **heavy**) so could they suggest an alternative?

They wrote back straight away and said that whilst they would normally stand by their warranty, which states all presses must be returned to the factory for repair, considering the distance that there might be an alternative. They would be willing to send me the conversion kit that would update my Pro-7 to the newer Pro-jector if I was willing to either engage a gunsmith or try to do the conversion myself. They also asked that I send them all of my shell plates in the various calibres and they would replace them with Pro-jector shell plates free of charge.

For the meagre sum of $67.00 (including the postage and the new shell plates) I had within weeks a complete conversion kit at my house and so comprehensive was the manual that came with it that I was able to rebuild my press myself . The new Pro-jector was easier to use and had some advanced features, such as ejecting the loaded rounds itself and improvements in the primer feed system. Was I happy? Of course.

Which brings me to the next stage in the story. These days I use Lee 1000's to load with as, whilst no where near as strong as the Pro-jector, they are faster and less work and really don't need to be that strong to load pistol rounds. So, about to buy another Lee to load .45LC for my new Vaquero, I realised that I would be loading so few why not use my single stage press, an old R.C.B.S. rockchucker? Then I remembered the Pro-jector which has sat for several years gathering dust. All it would need was a new shell plate and I'd be in business.

I rang the local Hornady supplier in Sydney (I won't bother mentioning names) the next day and asked if they had a shell plate in .45LC in stock. "Yes" was the answer but no you can't have it. Seems that my offer of cash was not enough and although I was a dealer they couldn't be bothered with an order for one plate and I should get "someone" (not really helpful here) who had an account with them to order it for me. I suggested I could get it easier from the U.S. They indicated total disinterest.

Now as I live in Bacchus Marsh to buy it locally was going to mean phone calls to the city and possibly a trip in to Melbourne to pay for and pick up the shell plate. All in all I felt it was unnecessarily complex for what should have been a simple purchase. Then I remembered the comment I'd made over the phone. Why not go back to Hornady in Grand Rapids, Nebraska and also experience once again some American style service.

I jotted down what I was after, quoted my VISA number and faxed them on a Thursday night. On Tuesday afternoon my wife checked my mail box and guess what. Yes indeed, five days from the fax being sent there was the shell plate in Bacchus Marsh with a slip debiting my VISA card for $US 19.95. Now that is what I call service. Simple, polite and quick and anyone with a fax machine and an internationally recognised credit card can do it. When I consider some of the service we get here in Australia (or is that **don't** get here in Australia) I wonder why more people don't do it.

WHO DO YOU SUPPORT?

I was looking through the last VPN the other day and it came to me that we have not really highlighted the people who support you through their support of the VPN. I'm talking of course about the advertisers. True they are show casing their wares which they hope you will buy, but they have many different ways to advertise. By using the pages of the VPN they are putting something back into the sport of pistol shooting and I believe they deserve our support in return.

The other interesting thing when I looked at the ads was that I had used products from all of them. True I want us all to support these people but the good news is that in doing so you will be also buying the best. I thought I'd run through our advertisers and tell you what I discovered when I've used their products or services.

L.T. Harris. Although Rob Harris has his shop in Carlton many shooters would know him from his truck which brings the shop to you at a wide variety of shoots. Rob has a wide variety of merchandise and I buy plenty off him. All my gun powders are bought off Rob for the simple reason that he's the cheapest and stocks a wide range. The last thing I bought off Rob was a must for anyone who loads with a Lee 1000. It's a conversion kit that changes your current powder thrower to a Lee Pro-Auto Disk. This makes the whole set up easier to use as well as the added features of a bigger powder hopper, swivel base, state of the art seal on the disk face and an easy detach feature for pouring back the powder. The real bonus in all this is that it comes with the adjustable charge bar. This little feature means that you can make infinite adjustments on the powder measure down to very minute amounts. All this for around $35 (well when I bought it anyway, check with Rob!)

H.&C. Vanetten. A regular customer of Hanks I use several of his projectiles. In my light loads for Service Unrestricted I use Hanks 115gn H.B.W.C. In my .380 his 95gn C.N. and in my 9mm his 125gn C.N. Why? Simply because the projectiles are consistent and well priced and for regular readers you would have seen reviews I've written on how well they peform.

Clinnick & Stirton. I hope I don't have to say too much about these advertisers. If you haven't insured your pistols then do it. You've a lot of money tied up in your guns and if they're lost or stolen you will never forgive yourself. The rates these guys offer are cheap, in fact none cheaper as far as I know and the deal was worked out with your Association. They can also offer you great deals on household insurance if you tell them you're a Victorian Amateur Pistol Association member. Simply do it today!

P.L.S. Firearms. Phil Spry down at Warragul runs a top notch operation. I've bought several guns off Phil and used his mail order service for one or two and had the guns by return mail. Phil is also getting around to the shoots in his travelling shop and has the best pistol display bar none. He also carries a large variety of loading presses and general shooting accessories. The last pistol I bought off Phil was a Norinco .45 auto and I must say that for the price it is possibly the best value for money around. Check out what P.L.S. has to offer, you'll be pleasantly surprised. Also ask Phil for a special price on a matching Winchester Rifle and Ruger Vaquero in say .45LC. The perfect outfit for the budding Western Action shooter.

White Box Munitions. Cliff Ermel is your man here and he will make you most welcome. I've been to Cliff's a few times and he always has something new to show you. He also caters very well for rifle shooters with heaps of projectiles cases etc. At the moment I'm using Cliff's 148gn H.B.W.C. in my Centre Fire gun and if I can shoot a 534 with them (which I did last weekend) then a real U.I.T. shooter should be able to set records. I want to do a full article/review of what the projectiles are capable of but at this stage just let me say that they're a joy to load and are an impressive projectile with very tight manufacturing tolerances and some very sophisticated features.

Front Sight Pty. Ltd. Gary Fliegner has extensive plans for his new business. At the moment he is offering moulded silicon earplugs and believe me they do work. I bought a pair for two reasons. Firstly they offered much better protection than ear muffs and I am very careful these days with my hearing. Secondly I can wear them with a wide brimmed hat which gives me that better protection from the sun. Easy to fit, comfortable to wear and Gary will even make a trip out to your club if there are a few of you who want a pair. Get your secretary to ring him for the group discount rate. Gary is also an accredited Victorian Security Industries Firearms Instructor and will run courses for anyone in the security industry who needs to be licensed to carry firearms.

So that's our advertisers and a little of what I've found they have to offer. Once again I ask you to support them, after all you've nothing to lose and everyone has something to gain!

Coaches Corner.

By Des Boseley

Questions on Stance.

Question 1. What is the object of getting a correct stance?

(a) To provide a stable platform for shooting. (b) To fit into the shooting bay. (c) To get away a good shot. (d) To obtain the minimum arc of movement of the pistol. (e) To provide the best equilibrium with the least body strain. (f) To get the best sight picture. (g) To absorb the shot recoil.

Answer - If you picked -(a), take 10 points; that answer says it all. To fire a good shot you must be stable and a correct stance gives you stability. (e) is worth 8 points. It says the same thing in a technical way. (c) is a little too glib while (d) is getting too specific. The other answers may, or may not, apply.

Question 2. Why do even Master grade shooters have different stances?

(a) They have been shooting so long that stance does not matter to them. (b) They have mastered trigger control. (c) Their bodies are not all identical. (d) Their body weights are different. (e) Some have good eyes and some poor eyesight.

Answer - (e) Eyesight has nothing to do with your stance, similarly (d) body weight. (c) is correct; They are all built differently so their stance is different, but they are all stable shooting platforms.

Question 3. How wide apart should the feet be placed?

(a) It depends on the event being shot. (b) So you can lean back comfortably. (c) About shoulder width. (d) 500 mm at 23 degrees to the target.

Answer - (c) is a good starting position. You must feel comfortable with no undue strain on your body. (d) may be right for somebody but we are all built differently. (a) the event being shot will probably determine the angle we face the targets not our foot placement.

Question 4. Which foot should bear the most weight of body and pistol?

(a) Neither, the weight should be equal on each foot. (b) The left for a right hander. (c) The right for a right hander. (d) The front foot.

Answer - As the pistol is lifted into a single handed firing position we lean back to counter-balance the weight of the pistol. This movement should even out the weight on each foot so (a) is correct.
More next issue.

State Coaching Director at the Commonwealth Cup Matches in India.

Director Bruce Wiles reported to the Coaching Council on his recent trip to New Delhi as coach to the Australian team competing in the Commonwealth Cup matches. New Delhi is a city of 17 million citizens (All Australia has 17 million people), average temperature is 24 C. and humidity high. The air is always dusty and brings on sinus and allergy problems. Bruce's advice after copping a serve of Dehli belly is "Don't drink the water or anything that has not been boiled". The shooting range was a huge private enterprise facility. It would take 15 minutes to walk to the pistol range from the front entrance. The shooting sheds were large with lots of spectator area and at least 50 bays in each. A feature was the cloth mesh dividing walls that went all the way down range to the targets. There were outdoor practice and indoor competition air pistol ranges with lighting like daylight. The 50 metre ranges had pit marking installed. Bruce said the competition shooting conditions were very rowdy with lots of loud talking, field telephones ringing and bustling people. Australian conditions are very sterile compared to New Delhi. At target changes the pistols were not checked after the "unload" command. The Australian team sent was a "development" team, not our established "old hands". The team did very well by collecting many team and individual prizes (see the Bulletin) and Bruce says it was a very worthwhile excursion.

Coaching Council Coming Events. Ladies Only weekend seminar 11th and 12th May. All ladies will be invited.

Junior Tri-State Competition in Adelaide 8,9,10 June. (Victoria has never won this event. Could this be our year?).

VICTORIAN AMATEUR PISTOL ASSOCIATION INC.
1996 STATE TEAM.
U.I.T. , BLACK POWDER & SERVICE.
YARRA PISTOL CLUB INC: APRIL 2 - 8 1996.

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BLAKE Phil										T	T		
BRYANT Charlotte						T	T						
CLARK Les	T		T							T	T	T	T
CROSSMAN Will		T		T									
DAVIS Wayne			T	T									
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GRAY Jason								T	T				
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1996 ACT CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Neil Stewart

With the ACT PA shooting all UIT, Service and Black Powder events over the Australia Day long weekend it was decided to send the State Team for some top flight competition before the Nationals. And top flight competition there was with the majority of the NSW and ACT teams in attendance.

Victoria was well represented at the presentations, with many Team Members bringing home trophies and four ACT Championships crossing the boarder. These are:

Centre Fire	Bruce Quick
Ladies Sport Pistol	Linda Ryan
Junior Sport Pistol	Andrew Miller
Junior Men's Air Pistol	Andrew Miller

Victoria also made their presence felt in the finals with

Bruce Quick and Will Crossman	Rapid Fire
Bruce Quick and Jose Iglesias	Free Pistol
Jose Iglesias and Colin Robertson	Men's Air
Linda Ryan and Joy Mullens	Ladies Air
Linda Ryan, Joy Mullens and Charlotte Bryant.	Sport Pistol

all putting in strong performances.

The finals in Free, Sport and Air were shot on the new electronic targets which shooters and spectators alike found rather different. The spectators no longer have to use binoculars or scopes to check targets, just watch the monitor beside each shooter. All those involved in the finals commented on what an invaluable experience it was.

The spirit and camaraderie shown by all Team members was fantastic and was noticed by the other states. Many comments were passed on how well the Team performed together and supported each other. All Team Members are to be congratulated on their efforts in this area..

The weekend proved to be a very worthwhile exercise with all Team Members benefiting from the experience, and already looking forward to next years event.

Mid Murray Pistol Club
Queens Birthday Shoot
8th, 9th, 10th of June 1996

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Service Pistol	Service Unrestricted	Rapid Fire 2nd
Free Pistol	Black Powder 50m	Air Pistol
Black Powder 25m	Centre Fire rapid	Standard
Centre Fire	Rapid Fire 1st	
Sports Pistol	Twilight Black Powder Int	
	Air Pistol	

ENTRY FORM

Grades M A B C D	Grades M A B C D
Black Powder 50m	**Black Powder 25m**
Black Powder Int.	**Centre Fire**
Free Pistol	**Rapid Fire**
Sports Pistol Jnr.	**Sports Pistol Ladies**
Standard Pistol	**Air Pistol Men**
Air Pistol Ladies	**Air Pistol Jnr Men**
Air Pistol Jnr Ladies	**Service Pistol**
Service Pistol Unrestricted	

Name .....
Address .....
Telephone .....
Club .....
Events @ $8.00 each .....
BBQ Adults @ $10.00 each .....
BBQ Children $4.00 each .....

TOTAL .....

Volunteers Range Officers Scorers Patchers Target Changers

Entries Close Friday 3rd May
Entries and Enquires to the

Organising Secretary
Geoff Scougall
PO. Box 1125
Swan Hill 3585

Telephone
(050) 376420

Cheques made payable to Mid Murray Pistol Club Inc.

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Safe Key Type
610mm x 610mm x 760mm External Dimensions
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Colt .45 auto Gold Cup
With Colt .22 conversion
complete with holsters and cleaning kit
$1200
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with holsters, die set and approx 600 near new cases
$600
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36" - 40" waist
$150 (o.n.o.)
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VICTORIA RANGES

As winter approaches, consider shooting indoors in comfort with your family.

Situated at 40 Mt. Alexander Rd. Flemington
Phone: 9372 2500 Fax: 9376 6502

Open 7 days per week from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. We offer V.A.P.A. pistol shooters the most modern indoor pistol range to practice and compete in the state. We have fourteen lanes, eight fitted with computer controlled retrievable target systems, controlled from your own shooting booth.

As a visitor you can pay $10 for half an hour or $15 for an hour and shoot. Your family can sit in the viewing lounge and watch, go indoor rock climbing in Australia's biggest indoor rock climbing centre, sit in the coffee lounge area or play the amusement machines.

Regular midweek competitions are currently being held. If you wish to compete, just book in and compete on a Tuesday or a Friday night and once a month on a Wednesday night. We have regular I.P.S.C. nights and normally socialise in the BBQ area later.

Do as some club members are currently doing. Bring some other members in and form your own competition in our private range. Lock the doors, close the curtains in the tactical range, you can set up your own shooting competition in your own style. With several people it can cost as little as $5 per person for an hour of shooting.

We have a large range of stock in our Gun shop, new and secondhand guns. (We import Heckler & Koch USP's in 9mm, .40 Cal S&W and .45 Calibre).

We have no limit on calibres or ammunition types. Noise does not escape and our bullet trap can take it.

All V.A.P.A. members are more than welcome anytime, bookings are essential in the evenings.

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FUND RAISING SUB-COMMITTEE

Some items currently available through the Fund Raising Sub-Committee are listed below:

VAPA IRON-ON BADGES $3.50 each. Badge can be ironed on to almost anything. Iron-on instructions included. Consists of VAPA badge with light blue V and gold writing on navy blue background.

F.R. VAPA CLOTH BADGES (Blue) $4.00 each. Shield shaped badge. VAPA logo of light blue V on navy blue background.

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For the **SHORT BARREL MATCH** (before being officially named . . . was referred to as the Snubby Match).

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Special Technical Rule Book for U.I.T. events (e.g. Centre Fire and Rpaid Fire, etc.) – blue cover.

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Individual orders must enclose payment. Club orders will be Invoiced, if preferred.

Item:	Qty:	Colour	Size	Price per Item	Total
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ACTION MATCH

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$1100

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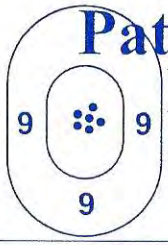

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