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EDITORIAL

by Mark Behan

Some exciting news for the computer literate among you. Well perhaps "exciting" is a bit strong. Actually it's probably more a case of "about time". Either way the news is that both your beloved editor (I take this opportunity to add the "beloved" because no-one else will) and the V.A.P.A. Secretary are now contactable by e-mail. The addresses are on page one. For those of you who do not use e-mail then this information is as riveting as watching paint dry, grass grow or a Free Pistol match (Ouch! - aren't we Service Match shooters bitchy?). Anyway the future beckoned and V.A.P.A., never one to drag its feet, has responded and now the secretary is only a few clicks of the key board away. As far as my address is concerned, this will of course allow many members to put in that letter or article to the VPN that was just too much of a problem before this - well I live in hope.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANITA MACKIEWICZ 1998 BIANCHI CUP WOMENS DIVISION WINNER

Anita has featured often in the VPN - as befits a champion. The latest news is that Anita has placed first in this years womens division in the U.S. following up her efforts at this years World Championship in Adelaide. The next edition of the VPN will bring you all the results, pictures and news from Bianchi, but in the mean time well done Anita.



PRESIDENTS PAGE



I don't normally do a Presidents Page at A.G.M. time, after all I'm giving my report to you the members there. However a matter has come to my attention that isn't really suitable or appropriate to be mentioned as part of the Presidents Report but never the less is bugging me; and as you know, irritate me enough and I can't help myself. The object of my ire is none other than that fine publication the Pistol Bulletin. Yes, I hear you saying, we know you dislike it so what's new? Actually that might be the answer, NOTHING! but that's not it either. Let me explain.

First of all the "policy" in regard letters to the editor.

I could (in fact was going to) put on my English Teachers hat and demolish the current editors logic (or lack there of) but it would make poor reading. Rather I'll just point out that this magazine is yours. Paid by you and for you. If we are denied a voice in our own publication then what use is it? I can't resist however pointing out to the editor that "the process of censorship by exclusion" has already started with you John being the only person who is allowed a say, the rest of us are silenced. As for space. If I'm ever fortunate enough to get so many letters to the editor that I don't have enough space then I'll pick a representative sample from both sides of the debate and print those. Being fair, even handed, and professional is also part of being an editor.

But there's more! I received TWO Bulletins in my house. One for me, one for my wife. I only need one (remember it's too shiny for toilet paper) and I've been unable to stem the flow (Eddie Evans has tried on behalf of others too!). What's more where did it go? Yes my OLD address. Why I hear you ask. Well because even though our beloved secretary Eddie Evans sends an updated address disk every month they're still using an out of date list. Why? Well perhaps because to use the new list might save money and effort (15 returns this month alone) and new members might get their magazine quickly - and we can't have that can we?

Eddie has also been trying to get published an outline of our new Firearms Act as it applies to visiting shooters. He felt that it would be very useful for anyone visiting the state to know what the laws were so that they could avoid "complications". In fact if this were published for every state then we all might know what was going on. But no joy I'm afraid. John must consider anything from a State Association to be either a letter (doomed Eddie old pal!) or perhaps "contentious" a "Dorothy Dix" or perhaps an effort to "further a particular point of view". Perhaps just the fact that it might be of interest or use to members is enough to have it censored.

Why am I writing all this? Well I'm hoping that the content of this little piece might filter through to "some people". I know he / they read the VPN perhaps they might start rectifying a few things - well we live in hope.

Lastly, some errata from the last edition of the Bulletin. On page 16 the picture of the shooter in the VICTORIAN state team uniform is NOT Greg Armstrong from N.S.W. (hard one that) but our own Sid Pattison. Also on the same page the picture of our three juniors Sally, Kimberly and Ainsley is in fact a picture of Sally, JOY and Ainsley. True all still juniors (well at least looking like it) but just for the sake of accuracy thought I'd point it out.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A FEW THOUGHTS (QUESTIONS) ABOUT BALLISTICS

By Graham Allinson, Treasurer 3 MD Shooting Sports Club
and previously C.O. 2/15 Fd Regt R.A.A.

Dear Mark

I was very interested in the article by yourself and Eddie Evans in the March edition of VPN. What particularly interests me is your finding that maximum range achieved by handguns is at an angle of elevation of about 33 degrees.

As I remember my studies of "Motion In Vacuo" from about 40 odd years ago in High School Physics the theoretic maximum range of a projectile is when it is projected at 45 degrees. More recently I have commanded a Field Regiment of Artillery using both 25 pounder (approx 11.54 kg) and later 105 mm field guns. (The latter had a projectile weight of 33 pounds, about 15 Kg). Both equipments showed a maximum range when projected at an angle of about 45 degrees.

In the artillery we talk about the "low" angle and the "high" angle; the former being the normal elevation up to maximum range and the second being used when the gun is elevated above 45 degrees so that the round can clear a high obstacle in between the gun and the target. In other words for each increase in the angle of departure up to 45 degrees the distance in the horizontal plane increases and once the angle of departure increases beyond that the distance in the horizontal plane decreases. In other words if you fired vertically you would hit yourself on the head (I regret I can't show a diagram on my present FAX to make this explanation easier.)

The approximate maximum ranges for a field artillery gun of the 105 mm class in the "low" angle setting is achieved at approximately 42 degrees elevation and in the "high" angle is achieved at approximately 47 degrees. The difference is due

to there being a factor called "Jump" which is a small difference between the angle of departure and the angle of projection caused by such factors as the power factors of recoil and velocity and the design of the equipment etc.

So I come to my question, "Why is there such a great difference between the angle of departure required to achieve maximum range by small calibre weapons compared with large calibre weapons?"

Editor replies:

Thanks for the letter Graham. May I start by asking what have you got against English teachers? You've certainly forgotten more physics than I ever knew! Still I'll do my best to answer what is actually a damn good question. I contacted Eddie Evans to help with this and he forwarded the science and maths so here is how I interpreted what I have in front of me.

Yes you're right that 45 degrees is the ideal angle to achieve maximum distance. This was proved over 450 years ago by a guy called Tartaglia but **ONLY** if we ignore the effects of air drag.

$$R_m = \frac{V_o^2}{g}$$

Is the magic formula with the maximum range equal to the velocity squared over the effect of gravity at 32.17 fps/s. Even a simple sum will tell you that any projectile traveling at 3000 fps will travel 85 km! Obviously not true (although the Herald-Sun would love a 85 km rifle to match their 400m shotgun) so what else is at work? The answer is friction caused by the projectile moving through the thick atmosphere. Coupled with that is the shape, size, weight and speed of the projectile or more simply its "ballistic coefficient".

We need to understand that air drag is affected by the projectiles "ballistic coefficient". Hence a 16 inch Naval gun fires a projectile weighing maybe 1000kg with a velocity of only 2600 f.p.s. but the projectiles size, weight and shape give it a ballistic coefficient **30 - 50 times** greater than small arms projectiles. Thus the small arms projectile is so badly affected by air drag that only a small fraction of its theoretical maximum distance is possible, and that is achieved at a departure angle of 30 - 35 degrees. Indeed there is yet another formula with a set of tables that will give this "retardation coefficient" but suffice to say that the maths keeps coming up with departure angles in the low 30's.

So there you are Graham. You're right about your artillery due to its size and weight. Indeed one of the examples given for artillery include the fact that the projectile goes so high (several miles) that the atmosphere is thinner and the drag reduces again.

VICTORIAN AMATEUR PISTOL ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association will be held at Yarra Pistol Club, Wellington Road, Lysterfield on Friday 17 July 1998 at 7.30 pm.

The purpose of the meeting will be to:

1. Confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18 July, 1997.
2. Receive and adopt financial statements for the year ended, 30 April 1998.
3. Receive and adopt President's and Secretary's reports.
4. Elect office bearers for the ensuing year (see below).
5. Attend to any other business which may be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

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

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDER</u>
President	Mark Behan (Melton)	J Morgan	E Evans
Snr Vice President	John Gillman (Yarra)	M Behan	E Evans
Jnr Vice President	Jenny Butcher (Yarra)	N Edwards	G Shoebridge
Executive Member	Bob Lester (Oakleigh)	A Harris	R Mackereth
Treasurer	Sharon Reynolds (Oakleigh)	A Harris	J Bavington
Technical Inspector	Clive Woods (MISC)	G Horvath	D Boseley
Secretary	Eddie Evans (Melton)	A Harris	S Reynolds

Any member may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf provided that the appointment is in writing and is received by the Returning Officer at the address below by 1700 Hours on 15 July 1998.

ADDRESS: Returning Officer, V.A.P.A., P.O. Box 240,
BENTLEIGH, 3204.

Multiple Appointments are not legal and will not be accepted. It is recommended that the form provided, or something similar be used. Minutes of meeting of the Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association held at the Melbourne International Shooting Club, Todd Road, Port Melbourne on Friday 18 July 1997 at 7.38 pm.

CHAIRMAN

Mark Behan occupied the chair and welcomed the members.

APOLOGIES: Were received from; A Skerry, N. Stewart, L. Ryan, P. Patton, B. Sandman, C. Whelan.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 19 July 1996 were confirmed on the motion of J. Hawsworth, seconded P. Davis
Carried

REPORTS

It was moved G. Scougal, and seconded J. Gillman that the Treasurer's, President's and Secretary's reports as circulated with the notice of annual general meeting be accepted
Carried

CHANGES TO STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND RULES

(1) clause 23 (1) to read -

- (a) a President
- (b) a Senior Vice President
- (c) a Treasurer
- (d) a Secretary
- (e) an Executive Officer
- (f) a Director of the Victorian Referee Council
- (g) a Director of the State Coaching Council
- (h) a Junior Vice President
- (i) a Technical Inspector

(2) clause 32 to be amended to read -

(A) The Director of the Victorian Referee Council

- (1) shall possess the qualification as a Judge B or higher of the National Referee Council of Pistol Australia Inc, or such other qualification deemed acceptable by the committee;
- (2) shall be appointed by the annual general meeting; and shall hold such office until the next annual general meeting of the association or: until such time as he ceases to be a member of the committee.
- (3) shall be responsible for the running and chairmanship of the Victorian Referee Council.

(B) The Director of the State Coaching Council

- (1) shall possess the qualification as a Coach Level 1 or higher of the National Coaching Council of Pistol Australia Inc. or such other qualification deemed acceptable by the committee;
- (2) shall be appointed by the annual general meeting and shall hold such office until the next annual general meeting of the association or until such time as he ceases to be a member of the committee.
- (3) shall be responsible for the running and chairmanship of the State Coaching Council.

(C) The Technical Inspector of the Association

- (1) shall possess the qualification as a Judge B or higher of the National Referee Council of Pistol Australia Inc. or such other qualification deemed acceptable by the committee;
- (2) shall be appointed by the annual general meeting and shall hold such office until the next annual general meeting of the association or until such time as he ceases to be a member of the committee.
- (3) Shall be responsible for the inspection and approval of sites proposed to be used or which are used as a pistol shooting range by affiliated clubs; and
- (4) shall be responsible for advising affiliated clubs on matters pertaining to range safety requirements if and when requested by the clubs or the committee or at his own instigation.

(3) clause 23 (2) be amended to read -

Not more than three (3) full time members of any one club shall be elected as officers of the Association.

Due to technical problems with the motion, it was withdrawn by S. Pattison.

ELECTIONS:

All Executive Positions were declared vacant.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDER</u>
As there was only one nomination for the following positions, B. Wiles moved and P. Davis seconded that the nominees be declared elected.			
President	Mark Behan (Melton)	S. Pattison	G. Gallagher
Snr Vice President	John Gillman (Yarra)	R. Beard	B. Wiles
Treasurer	Sharon Reynolds (Oakleigh)	R. Lester	J. Morgan
Technical Inspector	Clive Woods (M.I.S.C.)	D. Boseley	P. Wolf
Secretary	Eddie Evans (Melton)	N. Whybrow	A. Whybrow

Following a ballot,

Jnr Vice President Jenny Butcher (Yarra)
was declared elected.

R. Beard

B. Wiles

S. Reynolds moved, R. Lester seconded that Weber Bowman & Co be appointed
auditor for 1997-8

Carried

Executive Member Mark Behan (Melton)

G. Gallagher

S. Pattison

There were a number of speakers;

R. Beard; Appreciated that Mark was the only nominee, but was concerned about the clause in the constitution which stated that no more than two persons from one club can be elected to the Executive, as you would be holding two positions, would you be considered two persons? Also believed that the intent of the constitution is that seven different persons hold the seven positions on the Executive.

Mark Behan then vacated the chair in favor of J. Gillman.

R. Beard: Is keen to adhere to the format. With the current situation (new firearms act) it could be an onerous load, it might be better to have a separate person specifically targeted to that job, there are others willing to do that job.

J. Gillman; Pointed out that nominations were called, and Mark's was the only nomination. Having two roles was not a problem, If it is a constitutional problem he will listen to the argument.

B. Wiles; Expressed concern that Mark would be entitled to two votes plus a casting vote at meetings.

J. Gillman; Did not consider that with the voting power available to the club delegates this would be a problem.

A. Eagle; Was of the opinion that if the President was also the Executive Officer, he should be accompanied to Pistol Australia meetings by one of the Vice Presidents.

R. Johnson; The constitution does not say that a person can not hold two positions on the Executive, but believes that the intention is that two separate people will hold these positions.

J. Gillman; Ruled that although there was nothing to state that one person can not hold two positions, it is unreasonable to expect that the President should also hold the position of say Senior Vice President. This would logically flow through to the position of Executive Officer, and ruled that the President could not hold two positions.

N. Ryan; Does this mean that it is now a casual vacancy?

J. Gillman; No.

N. Sayers moved and G. Horton seconded, that the meeting accept the ruling
Carried

J. Gillman then called for nominations for the position of Executive Officer:

R. Lester	nominated	S. Reynolds	seconded	J. Hawksworth
K. McAllison	nominated	R. Johnson	seconded	G. Horton

After a ballot R. Lester was declared elected.

Mark Behan resumed the chair, and thanked J. Gillman for handling the situation.

Closure: The meeting was declared closed at 8.25pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1998

Once again my year has been dominated by the new Firearms Act and the associated fall out. Last year I was cautiously optimistic in regard the new Act, and I still feel that much of the alarmist rhetoric I heard will not come to pass. We are creatures of habit and are often threatened by change. This is not to suggest that there was not a better way to do things. Indeed the unnecessary level of work created and the unprofessional way the half baked Act was rushed through into law still rankle (just read the Secretaries report). However, that said, our sport continues to operate and the reality is that the total impact of the Act on the average member is small.

That the Act is also now a vastly different document to the one originally drafted is in no small way the result of hard work by your Executive, especially Eddie Evans. We have had a policy all along that we, as an Association, would not align ourselves with any political party. That does not mean however that we do not operate, when required, in the political arena. In this too we have been somewhat successful. We are beginning to make our presence felt but not as a part of the "gun lobby", but rather as what we are - a sport with legitimate aims and aspirations including a desire to compete at Club level, State level, Nationally and if so honored, the dream of representing our country.

If there is any area where we could improve it is simply the lack of growth. Whilst our numbers have not fallen away dramatically over the last year neither have they shown much improvement. This is disappointing as the facilities at our clubs continue to evolve and the level of professionalism in the manner and quality of competition has never been higher. We really must make an effort in this coming year not only to retain our current members, but show our sport off to the wider public. To help clubs do this V.A.P.A. is now part of a group called Target Sports Victoria. This is a group of sports that share two common areas. We each use firearms as equipment in our sport, and we are all affiliated through our National bodies with the Commonwealth Games and

Olympic movement. TSV will soon be running State wide advertisements to let people know what our sports do. Given time we hope to change a little of the negative image surrounding our sports and to consequently increase membership.

The unified approach exhibited so well with TSV is unfortunately still lacking in the wider context. Once again it appears our clubs will be subject to inducements to leave the Association and affiliate elsewhere. Strangely this is merely disappointing rather than worrying, as there is little doubt that a close look at the offer to change affiliations is really an offer to hand over all assets and rights to self determination. Never the less it is sad that in the current atmosphere this nonsense still goes on.

On a more positive note our teams did extremely well at this years Nationals. Individual efforts aside, a mere two or three point average improvement would have given Victoria the Manton Shield. Perhaps next year.

Finally I would like to offer my thanks to those people who selflessly labor to make this sport what it is. To the Executive, Directors, Team Managers, Competition Controller, Fund Raising, Members of the C.O.M., Club Officials and lastly, you the members. Thankyou all for your support and the cheerful and responsible way you participate in this your chosen sport.

Mark Behan

TREASURER'S REPORT 1998

We have ended the year with an operating surplus of \$8,349, which is about half as much as last year, but is still an acceptable result. Income was down considerably - capitations having reduced due to a reduction in membership numbers. In addition interest receipts are down due to falling interest rates. On the bright side expenditure was also down, despite the increase in honoraria. Expenditure on capital items included the purchase of a RIKKA air scoring machine, a digital camera, and computer upgrades for the secretary & VPN Editor. Once again a large slice of our funds went to the production of the VPN, with other major expenditure being incurred by the state team and its associated activities. As usual all trading profit has been credited to the team fund.

Once again there will be a small increase in VAPA fees. In order to maintain a good liquidity position we need to ensure our cash incomings (from members and trading) are adequate. No increase this year could have left us with the unenviable task of raising fees by more than CPI in future. Funds have been made available for loans to affiliates - each application is considered on its merits and all loans over \$5000 are secured. Loans have been approved to Mid-Murray and Oakleigh Clubs (the latter has not yet been taken up) during the year. Both Yarra and MISC have fully repaid their loans. Further loans will be dependent on the liquidity position of the Association bearing in mind that we cannot use the Fighting Fund cash for this purpose.

Finally, thankyou to all the members of VAPA for their support during the past year.

Sharon Reynolds

VICTORIAN AMATEUR PISTOL ASSOCIATION INC
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH APRIL 1998

<u>1997</u>		<u>Note</u>	<u>1997</u>
	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
334,368	Cash & Bank	2	400,917
15,126	Receivables	3	11,501
<u>42,339</u>	Inventories	4	<u>51,254</u>
<u>391,833</u>	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>463,672</u>
	<u>NON CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
109,912	Receivables	5	49,377
<u>18,260</u>	Equipment	6	<u>19,888</u>
<u>128,172</u>	TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		<u>69,265</u>
<u>520,006</u>	<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>		<u>532,937</u>
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
<u>204,036</u>	Creditors & Borrowings	7	<u>205,543</u>
<u>204,036</u>	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>205,543</u>
	<u>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
<u>39,657</u>	Creditors & Borrowings	8	<u>42,732</u>
<u>39,657</u>	TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>42,732</u>
<u>243,693</u>	<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>		<u>248,275</u>
<u>276,313</u>	<u>NET ASSETS</u>		<u>284,662</u>
	<u>MEMBERS ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		
<u>276,313</u>	Accumulated Fund		<u>284,662</u>

VICTORIAN AMATEUR PISTOL ASSOCIATION INC
PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 1998

<u>1997</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>1998</u>
INCOME		
97,282	Subscriptions (net)	94,016
2,401	Advertising (VPN)	2,635
13,639	Interest Received	6,763
3,000	Government Grants	-
975	Junior Camp	-
-	Profit on Sale of an Asset	88
822	State Coaching Council	85
929	State Referee Council	1,564
541	Sundries	12
<u>119,588</u>		<u>105,163</u>
LESS EXPENDITURE		
975	Audit	1,217
1,265	Affiliation Fees	1,171
	Allowance for Bad Debts - increase	596
617	Banking Fees & Taxes	662
1,800	Champion of Champions competition	-
1,206	Coaching Council	819
6,520	Depreciation	6,613
5,986	Donations & Tributes	1,355
-	Grants Distributed	-
11,432	Honoraria	16,392
15,121	Insurance	13,690
1,709	Junior Camp	-
1,822	Legal expenses	-
-	Magazines & Journals	92
3,384	Postage	2,074
4,786	Postal Competition Deficit	3,367
1,449	Printing & Stationery	2,419
3,345	Promotions	3,142
5,139	Referee Council	6,688
555	Rental (meeting rooms)	590
1,346	Repairs & Maintenance	1,578
500	State Squad Training	5,198
109	Sundry Expenses	165
1,627	Technical (Range) Inspections	1,161
2,010	Telephone	2,097
96	Training seminars (external)	25
1,167	Travel & Accommodation	1,960
5,328	Competitions - excl. Postals	2,490
22,345	Victorian Pistol News	20,590
<u>50</u>	Workcare & Superannuation	<u>663</u>
<u>101,690</u>		<u>96,814</u>
17,897	Surplus for the year	8,349
<u>258,416</u>	Add Accumulated funds as at 1st May 1997	<u>276,313</u>
<u>276,313</u>	Accumulated Funds as at 30th April 1998	<u>284,662</u>

SECRETARY'S REPORT 1998

Last year I spoke about primary school children being able to do a better job on the Firearms Act than our political masters. I have not changed my opinion, we have had three amendments to the Act so far, and it is still not right.

At this time last year I had only attended five 'User Group' meetings with the police. By the time you read this I will have attended the 12th, plus an extra three just about pistol shooters. We still have a long way to go.

You will be pleased to know that you are doing your bit to solve the unemployment problem. Your increased licence fees are now supporting some 80 employees at the Registry. This has a down side. With the previous administration, I knew just who to ring in the Registry to solve problems, the last time I rang the Registry switchboard I got a message telling me to ring my local District Firearms Officer, brilliant, this solves all. I sympathise with members trying to get any kind of satisfaction from Registry staff, I am having the same problem, but at least I can resort to ringing the Manager. I should not need to do this, and I sometimes feel sorry to bother a manager (but not too often, if you are reading this David) with problems that should be fixed at a lower level. Unfortunately I cannot see this improving in the short term, as there does not seem to be any move to make a particular person responsible for specific areas (as it used to be).

The new "Permit to Acquire" system is now in operation after delays at the police end. Permit applications are being returned to club secretaries if they do not have club endorsement. Do not send your applications direct to the Registry, that will only delay things. Talk to your club secretary.

I have received quite a number of phone calls telling me that the local police said this, or the District Firearms Officer said that. In general, they have been wrong. Your club secretary is provided with up to date information sheets on how the Firearms Act effects you. Talk to them, not the police.

Late last year the Federal Government requested tenders to produce a "National Handgun Safety Course". This was to be produced within three months of the closing date for tenders. Unfortunately there is no further news. Little Johnny managed to turn our world upside down in less time than this, yet he can't even produce a simple safety course. This means that pistol shooters moving into Victoria from interstate have to do a safety course to get a Victorian licence, ludicrous. I will be making sure that neither my vote or preference will go to my sitting member in the upcoming election.

On a brighter note. You may be aware that we have been very active in campaigning to get the Act changed. This has taken a lot of work, and, as usual, the workload fell on very few people. Your Association provided the paperwork necessary for your club to contact your local politicians in an effort to get the Act changed, I am particularly disappointed that the vast majority of clubs' could not be bothered putting in any effort whatsoever. Despite this lack of interest from the clubs' we have managed to get;

Juniors able to shoot without having to get a licence first.

The weight of your safe reduced from 500 kg to 150 kg before it needs to be fixed down.

Club guns to be carried by any committee member rather than just the "Nominated person".

Unlicenced members being able to use any handgun, rather than only handguns owned by the supervisor.

Interstate transfers being able to keep and use their handguns whilst waiting for a Victorian licence.

There is still more to be done of course, and the Justice Department is considering our latest submission. But to be quite frank, if the clubs' can't be bothered putting in an effort, I am not terribly optimistic.

On the same subject. You are being levied \$10 to go to Pistol Australia to pay a professional consultant to produce a promotional / education package that will be used by clubs' to promote our sport with politicians and the media. This is essential if we are to continue enjoying our sport, but once again, without some effort at club level this will be a waste of time.

In 1994 I attempted to produce an up to date edition of the booklet "Pistol Clubs In Victoria". Only 25 out of 70 clubs bothered to respond to my questionnaire, so the project was shelved. Early this year I once again sent out a questionnaire and picked up an extra 19 clubs that did not bother to respond in 1994. Very disappointing? A waste of time? The project is once again shelved. Thank you to those club secretaries who did respond, I will try to produce a special edition and send you a copy.

Lastly. Club secretaries and their assistants take the brunt of the administration load and members complaints. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their efforts and suggest to you, that you take the time to thank them as well. Don't forget that they like to shoot also - that's why they joined.

Eddie Evans

Coaches Corner

by Des Boseley

Tips For Service Match Beginners.

Following are a few things that new shooters to service match may find to be of help. More experienced shooters would know it all and could probably supply some tips, more important than these. However here goes, if you find them useful use them, if not, do what you do now.

First tip is to know the "course of fire". Buy a rule book and read it all. Make a list of the course of fire to get it engraved in your memory. Never be disadvantaged because you did not know what you had to do.

Second tip is to count your shots. "One, two, three, four, five and six". Some top shooters do not do this and waste about four seconds at 47.7 meters by firing a seventh shot on an empty chamber at each position. This is four seconds you could devote to being extra accurate on the weak hand barricade position. The same applies at other distances. Another reason for counting is if you get a misfire in your revolver, you can count the number of clicks to bring the chamber around to that position for a second go at the cartridge. Generally it will fire on the second hit.

Shooters wearing normal glasses may have trouble seeing the sights in the prone position. A nose bridge lifter fitted to the glasses will help get a clear view of the sights when lying down. Some shooting glasses have this fitting as standard but a small piece of PVC, silicone or rubber hose will do the same thing, if neatly cut to fit between the lens frames. The lifter can be used throughout the whole 47 meter series and taken out for the rest of the match. Keep it in the case with your shooting glasses.

Ammunition is very important in this match. The first requirement is consistency. Every round **MUST** go off and with exactly the same amount of recoil as the others. If you load your own set up a procedure that guarantees 100% consistency even at the cost of production output. Progressive loader owners take special note. Every case must have its uniform powder charge.

Primers not seated flush with the case are a good way to jam up a revolver. A tip - where you have time to do it at the start of a series, is to always lift the hammer slightly and spin the chamber. A high primer will not let the chamber turn. In this case dump the rounds and reload again.

Service Pistol rules demand a projectile weight multiplied by velocity factor of 120,000 grain-feet per second. Don't take the reloading manual velocities as gospel. For serious matches have your ammunition chronographed.

Speed loader use is quite important at 47.7 meters, 22.8 meters and 6.4 meters, so a bit of practice in their use is always helpful. Use snapcaps. **Always check that they are snapcaps.** Then in a safe position, go through the motions of firing six shots, dumping the rounds, draw and use the speed loader and fire the next six rounds. An old alarm clock with a sweep second hand, set up out front, is useful to make sure you accomplish all this in the set time. Get used to ejecting the rounds with the muzzle pointing upwards to get maximum gravity assist for dropping the empties. Hold the empty cylinder open and pointing downwards with the weak hand while the strong hand works the speed loader to let the rounds go into the chambers with gravity assisting.

If you do not carry all your loaders on your belt, position them in convenient places. The loader for the sitting position can be right beside where you do sit. Remember the rules say you must unload, change position, and then reload for the next series. Departures from this order are unsafe and attract ten point penalties.

Auto loader users should practice their magazine changes similarly. Don't fumble trying to find the magazine well. Turn the pistol almost upside down and place the magazine squarely in its position, giving it a positive push to make sure the magazine catch engages.

More next issue.

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1998 NATIONALS....

....Let's get the problems out of the way early!!

By Neil Stewart

Two days before we are due to depart John Mitchell falls over and damages the knee he has had repaired. Deciding its a bit difficult to shoot when you can't stand up John reluctantly withdraws from the team. What else can go wrong?

Arrived at Tullamarine in plenty of time for the flight, checked Daniel Repacholi's guns in, no problems so far. John Gillman invites us to the Golden Wing Lounge to relax until our flights board. This appears to be the best way to relax while waiting at airports. With the amount of flying the Team will do over the next couple of years I think it would be a great idea for V.A.P.A. to enrol both Team Managers in the Golden Wing and The Qantas Club.

Our Qantas flight leaves on time and we assume John Gillman is about five minutes behind us on the Ansett flight. Paul Hutchins is supposed to be on our flight but I can't find him anywhere. Ah well the flights pretty full so he could be somewhere. Arrived at Brisbane and found all the bags, but not Paul. Checked at the enquires desk, all they could tell me was that Paul did not get a seat allocated in Mildura. Wait for John to turn up and then get the bus organised. After about 20 minutes, decided we better go down to Ansett and see where John has got to. Checked the arrivals board, flight is running 1 hour and 55 minutes late. Nothing to do but wait. John finally arrived about the same time Sid Pattison was scheduled. Sid walked off the plane with none other than Paul Hutchins. Apparently Paul's flight from Mildura was put forward an hour but nobody told Paul.



Finally everyone is organised and its into the bus to try and find the motel. I think some mechanic had taken the motor out of the bus and replaced it with a lawn mower engine. Going up the Gateway Bridge its down to second gear and I swear a bloke on a pushbike passed us.

The underpowered bus.

The bridge is a toll bridge and I'm glad they charge by the vehicle. If they charged for the time it took to cross the bridge we would have been up for a fortune.

Found the motel and then went looking for the shops. Lucky we did, at 5.00 pm Saturday afternoon Brisbane shuts down for the weekend and nothing is open on Sunday.

The practice days are uneventful, apart from trying to get the lawn mower over the Gateway Bridge a couple of times to pick up more arrivals at the airport

At long last the competition commences. Our Service Pistol Team of Les Clark, Paul Hutchins and Phil Blake put in a credible performance to place the Team second behind WA and one point in front of Queensland. Les was fifth with 868 and Paul almost matched him with 867 for sixth place, talk about the Team sticking together.

Over in the non smokers range the Black Powder 25 metre team of Greg Vincent, John Sammartino and Les Clark (Yes he has a busy couple of days ahead) have shot their precision stage and are lying in third place, not far off the lead.

One match complete and one podium finish, not a bad start at all.

Unfortunately day two was not as successful has hoped. The heat and humidity must have got to the teams. Service Unrestricted finished fifth out of six, and would have been last if a Western Australian had not got a projectile stuck in the barrel. Phil Blake was the best of the team with 871 for 13th place. The wheels also fell off in the Rapid Fire stage of Black Powder 25 Metre. Les Clark was our best with 360 for fourteenth place with the team finishing in fourth place. Maybe tomorrow will bring better results.

The new day starts off well with Linda Ryan shooting 379 in Ladies Air to lead the field after most of the State Team members have shot. The Black Powder 50 metre team were not smiling as they walked off the range. The team finished fourth with John Sammartino the best placed in seventh with a 358. The only Victorian smiling was Jim Cox. Jim bought a gun from David Moore and David used the gun to shoot a new Australian record of 380. You can't blame the gun any more Jim!

Meanwhile a major drama is taking place at equipment control. While Bruce Quick was getting all his guns checked, somehow the firing pin in his Free

Pistol was broken. After much hunting another was found and all is well.

The hassle obviously did not upset Bruce in Standard Pistol. He topped the field with 570 and Linda Ryan finished with 561 for seventh place. They combined with Noel Ryan to place Second in the Team event.

Another podium finish and our first National Champion this year. Maybe everything will get better from here.



Our Ladies Air Team.

In Ladies Air Pistol all State Team Members have shot except those in the Queensland Team. Western Australia has 1105, South Australia 1102 and Victoria 1101.

Linda is leading with Annemarie Forder still to shoot. Annemarie shot 385 in Junior Women's Air to smash the Australian record she shot last year by nine points. As this is Annemarie's last year as a Junior her record

may stand for a very long time.

Good Friday turned out to be an excellent day for Victoria. Sally Taylor and Ainsley Alexander shot Junior Air, and while they were not too happy with their scores the Team is in with a chance. Over on the Free Pistol range Bruce Quick, Terry Marshall and Andy Miller are competing in the marathon. At least the range is equipped with pit changing for the targets. When you finish your ten shots just push a button on your shooting bench and the people in the pit at the target line will change your target. No waiting for everyone on the line to finish the series.

Results are posted and Victoria has won the Free Pistol Teams. The last time we won this some of our current Team members had not even been born. Bruce and Andy go into the Final in first and second place with 557 and 548 respectively.

As time for the Final approached storm clouds were gathering over Brisbane and it is getting very dark. About half way through the final the heavens opened up and it was almost pitch black. Floodlights illuminated the targets but it did not really help the shooters. Bruce had retained his lead but Andy was under attack from Damien Rogers (NSW) for second place. After the ninth shot Bruce was still leading but Andy had dropped backed to fourth. In almost total darkness, Andy's last shot was a 10.5 and he finished third behind Bruce and Damien. The last Victorian to win Free Pistol was Ron Glew, way back in 1967. I would love \$100 for every year since the last time two Victorians were in the top three in Free Pistol.

After the presentations the Team Managers were invited to the Queensland Team dinner. The fare of prawns, mud crabs and sea perch was too much to resist. After the dinner we heard the caretaker doing his rounds of the ranges and it sounded like he was practising his golf shots. Well almost, a piece of timber for a club and cane toads for the ball. He reckons a good night is 25 plus, with par for the course around 15.

We must be getting close to the end, there are two finals today. We won't talk about the Rapid Fire Final because we had no one in it. Best Placed Victorian was Will Crossman with 552 in 12th place. The Team of Bruce Quick, Noel Ryan and Greg Howard combined for fourth place, 41 points behind NSW who won the event.

Ladies Air Pistol was a better result with the team of Charlotte Bryant, Linda Ryan and Annette Taylor placing 3rd, only 4 points behind the winners, Western Australia. Linda was our only representative in the finals and she maintained second place to finish with 473.5

Mean while the juniors have tried their best and finished fourth in Junior Air. I think this is about 4 years in a row we have placed fourth in this match. Daniel Repacholi lead the team with 547 to finish 6th in Junior Mens Air, while Sally Taylor and Ainsley Alexander placed 6th and 9th respectively.



Our Juniors with proud Team Manager

After the precision stage of Ladies Sport Pistol the team of Janice Brommer, Joy Mullens and Linda Ryan are in 3rd place, eight points behind NSW and SA who are tied for first, and only one point ahead of NT. The Juniors are also fourth, 25 points behind South Australia.

The men had shot their air pistol and no one was happy. The team placed fifth, 38 points behind NSW. Best placed was Terry Marshall in 18th with 564.

The Ladies all shot well in the Rapid fire stage of Sport Pistol, with Linda and Janice going into the final in second and eighth place respectively. Joy Mullens was not far out of the final in 11th place. The ladies in the other teams crashed in this stage and Victoria won the event by a comfortable 26 points. The Juniors also performed well to beat NSW by three points with Ainsley 3rd, Daniel 4th and Sally 17th. This bodes well for the future as both Ainsley and Daniel have several years ahead of them in the Junior ranks.

In a tense Sport pistol final Linda and Janice maintained their positions, with Linda gaining on Annette Woodward to miss out on first by only 1.2 points.

The men have shot the precision stage of centre fire, and while they are not that happy the team is lying fourth behind NSW, Queensland and WA, only 15 points off the pace.

The last day is basically one detail of centre fire rapid fire stage, with all the team members shooting at the same time. Bruce Quick was fantastic with 295 to give him 580 for the match, Alan Wattz recovered from a malfunction and a long delay in deciding which one of his shots was the double to finish with 555 and Noel Ryan was his usual consistent self and finished with 572, 286 in each stage.

Waiting by the scoreboard for the final results and there is all sorts of scuttlebutt. The Queenslanders all crashed, Phil Adams had a late shot, no one had a really good score. Sure enough the results are posted and Bruce is first with Noel seventh and the team first capping off one of our best Nationals for many years.

The Holy Grail of Nationals, The Manton Shield is getting closer and closer. In our best result for many years Victoria finished second in the shield, only 40 points behind NSW. When you consider the Manton is decided out of a possible 12,000 points, 40 points is not a lot to make up. Hopefully there will be big rewards next year when we win the Manton.

Bruce Quick won the Men's five match aggregate and Linda Ryan won the Ladies three Match with Joy Mullens seventh. Daniel Repacholi was third in the Junior two match and Les Clark finished fourth in the Service/Black Powder aggregate. Seventeen top ten places were won by Victorians with seven of these being top three. Add to this four team wins, two seconds and a third and we have a truly great effort.

The team are to be congratulated on the way they performed and worked together, the camaraderie and team spirit was fantastic and John and I are proud to work with such a team. Lets go one step better next year and wipe the smirk off the NSW faces when we win the Manton.

The presentation dinner wasn't a bad night and along with the usual presentations Bruce Quick was awarded the Silver Bull for the top International Free Pistol score.

One last trip in the lawn mower over the Gateway Bridge and this one is a nightmare. With nine people and luggage for twelve the poor old bus is really struggling. I've found the way to check in luggage with pistols without any hassles. Just have four people with seven bags check in at the same time and they don't bother to check anything.

Once again we retire to the Golden Wing, its a very popular spot with three quarters of the people in there being pistol shooters. John's Ansett flight is scheduled to depart about 20 minutes before our Qantas flight and sure enough even of the way home things are going wrong. Johns flight was delayed half an hour.

1998 NATIONALS



Linda & P.A. President Nick Sullivan



Our Juniors in the No. 1 spot.



Unbeatable

Bruce is No. 1.





The Service boys.

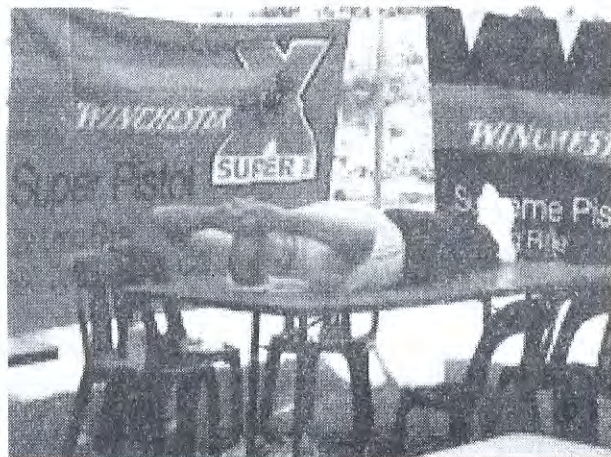


There's what back there!?!



The men relaxing.

John flat out on day one



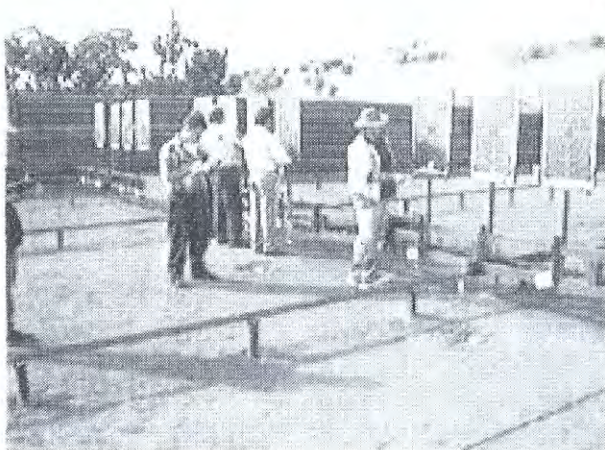
Melton Pistol Club Inc

1998 Service and Short Barrel Open

May 2nd & 3rd

by Sid Pattison

What can I say about the weather for the weekend? Blue skies, just enough wind to blow the smoke away, temperature around the 20's. Normal for Melton.



A smooth running range.

elimination shoot at another club and were squadded for last detail. I was told they had a leisurely drive over to Melton Saturday afternoon and they never once exceeded the speed limit to get there on time.

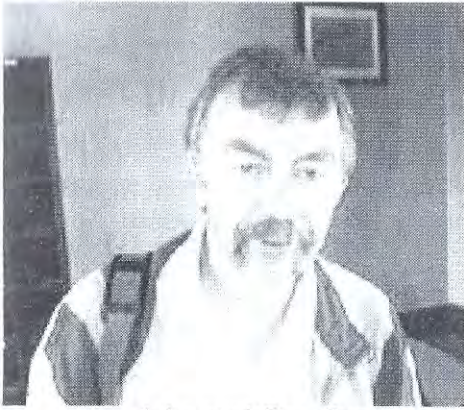
Sunday was Service Unrestricted and again all the grades were hotly contested, the day ran smoothly with no mishaps. But if anything had happened we had no less than 6 1/2 Judges (1/2 = judge in training) waiting to make a decision. To those Service match shooters who travel around to the opens, Alex Eagle remembered to set his sights at 50.

Short Barrel was shot over the weekend and was the most popular match. We had grade breaks to Paul Jensen of Warragul-Drouin, Clive Woods of M.I.S.C. and Frank Tait of Ballarat. Ercole Anastasi and Phil Blake both shot the new master grade score

Saturday started with Service Pistol, the scores were down a little but competitive in each grade with Peter Blahut of Melton breaking grade - congratulations. We were power factoring rounds from every shooter but one of our members absent mindedly went home and forgot about it. Like a good sportsman he accepted the judges ruling. Good onya Phil. We had three shooters attending an



Erc ready to shoot.



A harried Org. Sec.

and then had to have a shoot off which Ercole won 96 to 87. Congratulations guys.

I would like to thank the canteen staff led by Marie, all our members who worked so hard around the club for the weekend, and members from other clubs who donated their services. Thank you all very much. To the competitors who attended over the weekend, thanks for coming and hope to see you all again next year.



And a good time was had by all.

Erc with his Snubby





*Short barrell match
under way.*



The Mountain Men.



How big was it Les?

VICTORIAN TOP TEN 1998

COMPETITIONS INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE:

ACT UIT Championships, M.I.S.C. Australia Day Open, Ballarat Action Warragul Drouin U.I.T., Service State Championships. Geelong Service & Short Barrel
Traralgon U.I.T., U.I.T./P.A.Nationals. Black Powder State Championships Wagga Veterans Games. UIT State Championships. Melton Service & Short Barrel
Castlemaine U.I.T., Yarra U.I.T. Ballarat U.I.T.

FREE PISTOL

State Record 555

John Gillman (1976) Bruce Quick (1998)

1	QUICK Bruce	557
2	MILLER Andy	548
3	EDWARDS Norm	540
4	IGLESIAS Jose	534
	MARSHALL Terry	534
6	CROSSMAN Wil	528
7	LAWTON Dave	524
8	HOLDEN Jack	520
9	WATTZ Alan	519
10	HOWARD Greg	517

CENTREFIRE

State Record 585 Bruce Quick (1996)

1	QUICK Bruce	580
2	RYAN Noel	572
3	WATTZ Alan	566
4	GRANT Ray	563
5	BOWRON Peter	562
6	IGLESIAS Jose	560
7	DAVIS Wayne	559
	MOTTON Ralph	559
9	HOLDEN Jack	556
10	TOMASSINI Paul	552

RAPID FIRE

State Record 575 Peter Oliver (1990)

1	QUICK Bruce	577
2	HARVEY Graeme	568
	RYAN Noel	568
4	HOWARD Greg	563
5	CROSSMAN Will	558
	HOLDEN Jack	558
	HUNTLY Graeme	558
8	EDWARDS Norm	556
9	ALEXANDER John	551
10	FINKEN Herman	540

STANDARD PISTOL

State Record 578 Phil Adams (1995)

1	QUICK Bruce	573
2	WOODWARD Annette	562
3	RYAN Linda	561
4	RYAN Noel	558
5	IGLESIAS Jose	554
6	WATTZ Alan	545
7	HOWARD Greg	542
8	CROSSMAN Wil	539
	MULLENS Joy	539
10	SMITH Ern	537

MEN'S AIR PISTOL

State Record 575 Greg Schultz (1997)

1	QUICK Bruce	574
2	ROBERTSON Colin	569
3	MARSHALL Terry	567
	WATTZ Alan	567
5	EDWARDS Norm	565
6	CROSSMAN Wil	563
7	IGLESIAS Jose	561
	MILLER Andy	561
9	DAVIS Wayne	560
	RYAN Noel	560

WOMENS SPORT PISTOL

State Record 578

Annette Woodward (1992 & 1998)

1	WOODWARD Annette	578
2	RYAN Linda	574
3	MULLENS Joy	565
4	BROMMER Janice	563
5	TURNER Val	557
6	ALEXANDER Ainsley	554
7	TAYLOR Sally	553
8	BOWRON Doreen	549
	LESTER Dee	549
10	RYAN Helen	548

WOMENS AIR PISTOL

State Record 385 Annemarie Forder (1998)

1	RYAN Linda	380
2	WOODWARD Annette	377
3	TAYLOR Sally	372
4	BRYANT Charlotte	371
	KUBIAK Carol	371
	TAYLOR Annette	371
7	MULLENS Joy	369
8	BROMMER Janice	366
	KIRKPATRICK Kerry	366
10	RYAN Helen	364

JUNIOR SPORT PISTOL

State Record 578 Andrew Gonczol (1990)

1	REPACHOLI Daniel	561
2	ALEXANDER Ainsley	556
3	PATTISON Jarrod	545
	TAYLOR Sally	545
5	MULLENS Colin	537
6	FINKEN Lucas	527
7	KORENY Chris	526
8	COOK Kim	513
9	FINKEN Lucas	508
	TAIT Frank	508

JUNIOR MEN'S AIR PISTOL

State Record 567 Chris Shentall (1998)

1	REPACHOLI Daniel	547
2	MULLENS Colin	530
3	TWITE Travis	524
4	KORENY Chris	523
5	FINKEN Lucas	499
6	PATTISON Jarrod	494
7	TAIT Frank	477
8	MILLS Matthew	453
9	SHOEBRIDGE Michael	442
10	MONK Kieran	216

JUNIOR LADIES AIR PISTOL

State Record 385 Annemarie Forder (1998)

1	TAYLOR Sally	370
2	ALEXANDER Ainsley	358
3	DUNBAR Rebecca	344
4	COOK Kim	341
5	McNAUGHT Rebecca	334
	RIELLA Emma	334
7	GERS Demelza	252
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BLACK POWDER 25 METRE

State Record 378 Noel Ryan (1980)

1	TAIT Peter	370
2	SAMMARTINO John	368
3	BURGESS Grant	367
4	MITCHELL John	364
5	LUKSCHANDERL Rupert	362
	ROWAN Dave	362
7	CLARK Les	360
	VINCENT Greg	360
9	REDSTON Rocky	355
10	COX Jim	354

BLACK POWDER 50 METRE

State Record 374 Dennis Martin (1998)

1	SAMMARTINO John	360
2	MITCHELL John	358
3	VINCENT Greg	352
4	CLARK Les	349
	COX Jim	349
6	REDSTON Rocky	329
7	KIRKPATRICK Kerry	325
8	JENSEN Wayne	323
9	MONK George	313
10	BELL Graham	307

SERVICE PISTOL

State Record 887 Peter Muscat (1992)

1	CLARK Les	868
	DOHERTY Joe	868
3	HUTCHINS Paul	867
4	BLAKE Phil	866
5	ANASTASI Ercole	861
6	BEHAN Mark	847
7	ERVIN Geoff	846
8	EVANS Eddie	844
9	EAGLE Alex	843
10	MALIA Len	839

SERVICE UNRESTRICTED

State Record 886 Peter Muscat (1989)

1	HUTCHINS Paul	882
	PATTISON Sid	882
3	ANASTASI Ercole	880
4	CLARK Les	874
5	HANCOCK Col	873
6	BLAKE Phil	871
7	DOHERTY Joe	869
8	MALIA Len	868
9	BEHAN Mark	864
	MOTTON Ralph	864

SHORT BARREL MATCH

State Record 612 Ercole Anastasi (1998)

1	PATTISON Sid	616
2	ANASTASI Ercole	615
	BLAKE Phil	615
4	MOTTON Ralph	613
5	OLSEN Stuart	609
6	CLARK Les	607
7	LOWE Greg	602
8	EAGLE Alex	597
9	SCHUETTKE Dietrich	594
10	BEHAN Mark	593
	HANCOCK Col	593

ACTION MATCH

State Record 1920 164X Brian Kilpatrick (1993)

1	BANNISTER Roy	1920	169X
2	TATE Brad	1914	172X
3	WHITEHEAD Tom	1908	153X
4	ANASTASI Ercole	1907	162X
5	HARDY Brian	1898	144X
6	CLARK Les	1886	145X
7	MACARTNEY Darren	1886	117X
8	CILIA Noel	1874	126X
9	LOWE Greg	1873	138X
10	ERVIN Geoff	1872	130X

GEELONG 1998 SERVICE MATCH AND SHORT BARREL OPEN STATE TEAM SELECTION MATCH MARCH 21st & 22nd

By Ed Major

After having the above dates approved for the Geelong Clubs first venture into an open competition for Service Pistol and Short Barrel we sat back, secure in the knowledge that we had months in which to prepare. Several months later this same sense of security eroded a little as time steadily ran out. Did we panic? Of course we did! But in an organized and well-supported chain of events the "hard core element" (every Club seems to have one of these) rallied and things began to happen.

At the beginning of the New Year we had no (0) qualified RO's for these matches. By January 31st we had eight (8) (inexperienced I will grant you but) qualified range Officers. Timing equipment was upgraded, problems with the number of barricades required were resolved, catering was planned, computer programs for scoring organized and countless practice matches were run with RO's testing each other by performing safe but subtle (sometimes outrageous) breaches of the match rules. An observer here might comment that in setting up for these events you might devote more time to the things you want not to happen than those you do - perhaps the one complements the other.

With squadding and times for each squad to shoot the match well organized (an observation made in retrospect) Saturdays matches in Service Pistol and Short Barrel were shot in ideal weather conditions and some excellent scores recorded. Sundays weather was hot with blustery winds creating havoc with backing targets and making conditions in "the pit" less pleasant than we would have liked.

The contingent from Melton were in fine form for the Short Barrel match and in true spirit of the sport gave each other, in good fun, as hard a time with wit and imagination can be stretched. Totally unsupported reports indicated that Eddie was buying the beers.

Organization of the trophy presentation took longer than thought and a number of competitors had gone home by the time the awards were made. We hope by now, that all trophies have been received and thanks to those who carried trophies back to their club for other members. We will get this part of the program up to speed for future events.

While hopefully everyone who did anything that contributed to the organization and running of this open was thanked on the day we would like to thank Match Referee Wally Dunstan who quietly supported our RO's and Eddie Evans who helped us out as a Range Officer.

We are keen to do it again - perhaps again in '98 but definitely on the calendar for next year. Some of our RO's will appear on your competitor entry lists for Service/Short Barrel Matches to be held at your Clubs during this year and would be most enthusiastic in RO'ing a match or two to give your range staff a break during these times. Jamie Carney can be contacted at the Geelong club on this matter.

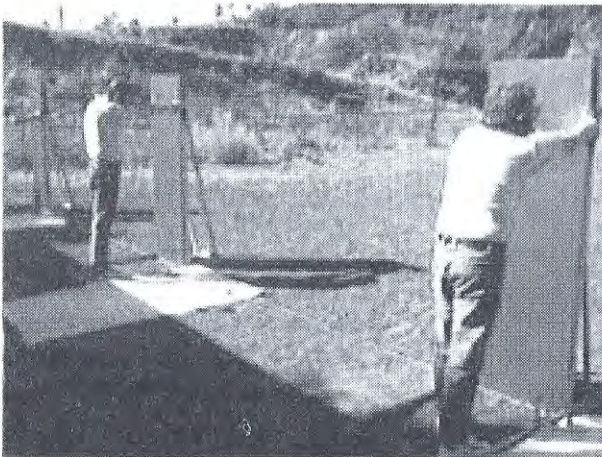
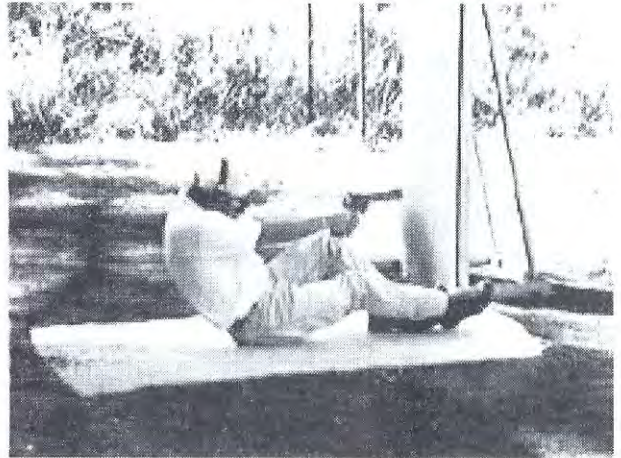
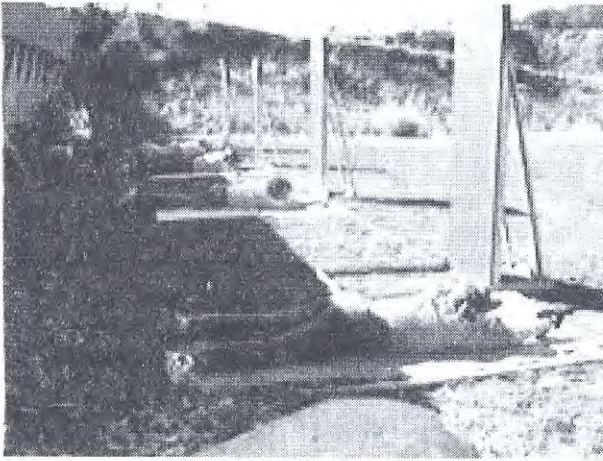
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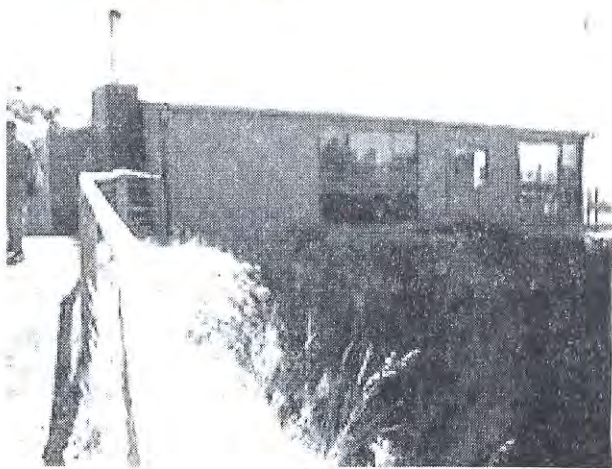
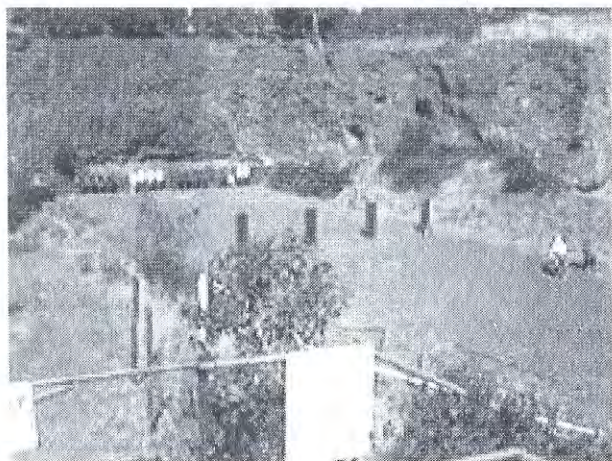
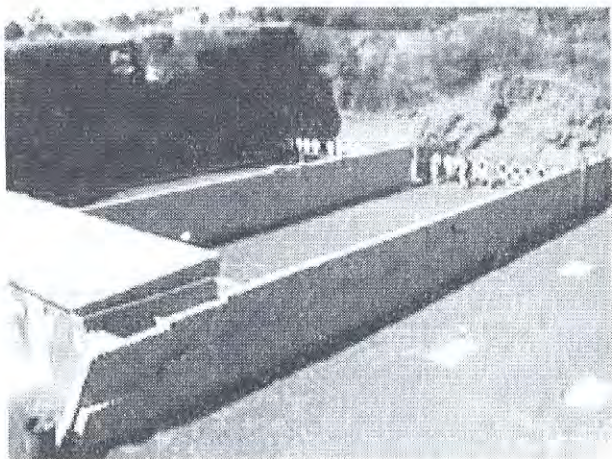
SERVICE MATCH GRADE	WINNER	SCORE
M	Ercole Anastasi	853
A	Les Clark	861
B	David Corbidge	827
C	Steve Couchman	760
D	Adam Van Vledder	804

SERVICE MATCH - UNRISTRICTED		
M	Ercole Anastasi	874
A	Sid Pattison	863
B	Ralph Motton	843
C	Paul Jensen	809
D	Jamie Carney	802

SHORT BARREL		
M	Ralph Motton	595
A	Sid Pattison	616
B	Adam Van Vledder	550
C	Robert Boyce	504
D	Don Forbes	497

**GEELONG
1998 SERVICE
MATCH AND
SHORT
BARREL OPEN**





**VICTORIAN AMATEUR PISTOL ASSOCIATION
1998 OPEN COMPETITION CALENDER**

JAN	3		10		17		24	M.I.S.C.	
	4		11		18		25	U.I.T.	
FEB	JAN 31	CASTLEMAINE	7	BALLARAT	14	Warragul Drouin	21	SERVICE STATE TITLES BALLARAT	
	1	U.I.T.	8	ACTION	15	U.I.T.	22		
MAR	FEB 28	BLACK POWDER STATE TITLES YARRA	7	U.I.T. STATE TITLES	14		21	GEELONG	28
	1		8	HORSHAM	15		22	SERVICE & SNUBBY	29
APR	4	U.I.T./P.A NATIONALS APRIL 4-12 BRISBANE	11	U.I.T./P.A NATIONALS APRIL 4-12 BRISBANE	18	BALLARAT	25	HAMILTON	
	5		12		19	U.I.T.	26	U.I.T.	
MAY	2	MELTON SERVICE & SNUBBY	9	YARRA	16		23	M.I.S.C.	30
	3	ECHUCA U.I.T.	10	U.I.T.	17		24	ANNIVERSARY U.I.T.	31
JUNE	6	MID MURRAY	13		20		27		
	7	U.I.T. SERVICE BLACK POWDER	14		21		28		
JULY	4		11		18	ECHUCA BLACK POWDER	25		
	5		12		19		26		
AUG	1	BAIRNSDALE	8		15	BALLARAT BLACK POWDER ACTION STATE TITLES BENDIGO	22	POSTAL FINALS U.I.T. OAKLEIGH	29
	2	U.I.T.	9	M.I.S.C. RECORDS DAY	16		23		30
SEP	5	ACTION NATIONALS DARWIN 3rd- 5th Yackandandah U.I.T.	12		19	POSTAL FINALS ACTION M.A.P.C. SERVICE & SBC OUTTRIM	26	POSTAL FINALS PRACTICAL SALE	
	6		13		20	SHEPPARTON U.I.T.	27		
OCT	3	YARRA	10	MELTON	17	HAMILTON	24		
	4	U.I.T.	11	U.I.T.	18	SERVICE	25		
NOV	OCT 31	HORSHAM	7	YARRA BLACK POWDER	14	OAKLEIGH U.I.T.	21		28
	1	U.I.T.	8		15		22		YARRA SERVICE
DEC	5		12		19		26		ECHUCA BLACK POWDER
	6		13		20		27		

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WESTERN ACTION NEWS

by Mark Behan & Peter Butcher

Things are moving slowly but they are moving. There was a great response to the form in the December VPN with about 54 members registering with the new Victorian Western Action Society (VWAS). In simple terms that means we have started our own data base, have undertaken our own alias register and all we need now is some opens to shoot at.

How will this operate? If you wish to shoot at any open competition here in Victoria run under the auspices of the Victorian Western Action Society (i.e. V.A.P.A.) you will be able to do so - end of story.

However if you wish to compete on the wider National circuit (mainly S.S.A.A. run and organized, but not exclusively) you will need to register your alias by paying \$25.00 (\$10.00 nomination fee and \$15.00 annual fee) to:

Damion Faith
National Discipline Chairman
S.S.A.A. Western Action
P.O. Box 231M
Manunda Qld. 4870

Of course if your aspirations tend towards International competition then you will have to affiliate with the Single Action Shooting Society in the United States. I'm affiliated with them as their alias registry takes precedence over all others. This will set you back about \$70.00 (but with the way the dollar is falling, this is at best a guess) but here again Damion can help you out. There are plans that at some point affiliation to S.A.S.S. will be enough for entry to National competition as well, but that is still uncertain.

So now what? Here you are having registered with VWAS (that's us) - so when do I start shooting? By the time you read this, letters will have gone out to several clubs that have expressed interest in, or currently shoot, Western Action. The aim is to invite them (and offer assistance) to hold an open competition. We are aiming at having perhaps two or three opens for the year and build on that. Those members who have registered with Peter will get personal invitations / information about the opens. We will of course advertise in the VPN as well.

Assuming we get some clubs who are willing to hold an open, and assuming we have the interest, then we will soon have an active and fun Western Action Circuit here in Victoria. If this seems like something that you want to be part of then let Peter know. I have again published the registry form to help you let us know you're interested.

Please include my name as a member of the Victorian Western Action Society.

Name: _____

Reg. Alias: _____ New/Preferred Alias: _____

V.A.P.A. Club: _____

S.A.S.S. Number (if applicable): _____ Phone Number: _____

Postal Address: _____

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National Tit Bits

by Mark Behan

Who was the female shooter who the night before the presentation dinner suddenly found that she had forgotten part of her ensemble? Undeterred she phoned home to have her shoes flown up to Brisbane that day for the occasion. Now you might think what with all the trips, cost and hassle involved that it was a tad excessive, but in her defense might I say that Brisbane was closed over Easter and to buy locally would have seen her barefoot at the dance. Still, pretty as she is, it was hard to take ones eyes off those shoes. Not only were they the most expensive pair of shoes there, they looked way too fresh to have so recently put in so many kilometers.

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Speaking of Brisbane closing over Easter. Who ever thought of having the A.G.M. on the Sunday night needs neutering! We rushed from the range to the Meeting, which started at six and didn't finish till after ten. Now to eat. Wrong! Flagging down a taxi.

Me: "Take us to the nearest food."

Taxi Driver: "Umm ... McDonalds closed at ten ... Umm ... Chinese will be closed ... Uhh ... don't think anything will be open. Maybe in the City?"

Me: (with an air of hungry dejection) "Take us to the Motel."

Dialed a take away Pizza. No answer. Dialed for take away Ribs. No answer. Left me considering the question "What does Brisbane on an Easter Sunday and the dark side of the Moon have in common?" Answer - Nothing, even the Dark side of the Moon gets hit by a meteor occasionally!

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On the up side I discovered that the tall handsome Victorian State Team Manager (and P.A. Vice President - so there's no confusion) has hidden talents. Managed to put together a spread at eleven at night fit for a king. From the odd scraps he purloined from the fridge and cupboard we had rich vegetable soup, buttered toast, savory biscuits with cheese and salami, and all washed down with hot tea. Left his unit feeling quite full and pampered. No wonder the State Team did so well!

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U.I.T. October 3rd & 4th
BLACK POWDER. November 7th & 8th
SERVICE MATCH. November 28th & 29th

Rules: will follow the U.I.T. and Pistol Australia rules as closely as possible. Competitors will be required to produce Grading Cards, Holster Qualification Cards for Service Match entry, and current financial V.A.P.A. Identification. (or current capitation to Pistol Australia.)

Range: 830 Wellington Road, Lysterfield. Melway: 83-H7 Range telephone: 9753 6029

Accommodation: Caravans or camping are not permitted on our facility, however, if competitors require information on local motels, please indicate.

Catering: Our renowned catering group will be operating to supply food and beverages, Licensed bar will open at the conclusion of last detail.

Trophies: Will be presented for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each grade.

Squadding: Will be sent to each competitor approximately 14 days prior to each respective open.

Entries: Should be forwarded to:

The Organising Secretary. P.O. Box 38. Pascoe Vale South. Vic. 3044.

Entries close: U.I.T.—August 29th Black Powder—Oct 3rd. Service—Oct 24th

1998 OPEN ENTRY FORM.

First name..... Surname.....

Address.....Postcode.....

Club.....Telephone. ().....

Please enter grade in box

Rapid Fire ☐ Free Pistol ☐ Men's Air ☐

Standard ☐ Centre Fire ☐ Sport Pistol ☐

Ladies Air ☐ Junior Sport ☐ Junior Men's Air ☐

Junior Ladies Air ☐ B.P. 50m ☐ B.P. 25m ☐

B.P. International (modern adj rev) ☐ B.P. International (modern single shot) ☐

Service Pistol ☐ Service Unrestricted ☐

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SATURDAY

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50mt MATCH
INTERNATIONAL MATCH

INTERNATIONAL MATCHS WILL BE SINGLE SHOT & REVOLVER ONLY

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P.O.BOX 274 SEBASTOPOL 3356

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NOTE: Some ranges have limited capacity. Enter early. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each grade for the 25mt & 50mt events and 1st, 2nd and 3rd for each of the International Matches.

CATERING: Light meals and hot drinks available both days.

RULES: Black Powder Rules will apply as far as applicable to matches and pistols. Grading will be in accordance with current P.A. regulations. Shooters must produce current grading cards on request. Trophies will be presented on Saturday at the completion of the competitions.

ENTRY FEE MUST BE SENT WITH ENTRY FORM - CLOSING DATE FRIDAY 31 JULY 1998

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CLUB _____ PHONE NO _____

PLACE GRADE NEXT TO EVENT ENTERED

25mt Match (\$8.00) _____ The 25mt Match will start at 1.00 p.m. & finish at approx. 3.30 p.m.

50mt Match (\$8.00) _____ The 50mt Match will start at 9.00 a.m. & finish at approx. 12.00 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL The International Match will start at 12.00 p.m. and finish by 1.00 p.m.
Revolver (\$4.00) _____

Single Shot (\$4.00) _____

NOTE: Events will be self squaded on the day
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CONGRATULATIONS PETER TAIT

by Mark Behan

On the 12th June Peter Tait of Ballarat Pistol Club will leave (has left?) for the International Paralympic World Shooting Championships in Santander, Spain as a member of the Australian Team (which includes eight pistol shooters). This didn't just happen but is a result of a lot of hard work.

Peter had his arm amputated following an accident in August 1965. He commenced pistol shooting in 1974. Over the years he has been a keen competitor but it wasn't until 1997 that he participated in competitions for the disabled following a National Awareness campaign aimed at individuals with some form of physical disability. He competes in the SH1 category.

His first major competition as a disabled shooter was the Paralympic Nationals in Brisbane in October 1997 where he finished first in Free Pistol and second in Sports Pistol. He then competed in designated competitions aimed at national selection. His current National Paralympic Ranking is -

Free Pistol	Second (I THINK it is now first after a recent competition in N.S.W.)
Air Pistol	Second
Sports Pistol	Third

All of this has resulted in his current selection to go to Spain. I don't have an actual picture of Peter but I hope to get him to tell us a little about his over seas trip and I'll make sure I've a picture to compliment the article we'll put together. So until his, hopefully triumphant, return we wish Peter all the best.

GOOD NEWS AND HELP - THE AIR PISTOL RANGE

by Mark Behan

I hope you are aware that the V.A.P.A. own a portable Air Pistol range. Designed as an integral part of a trailer it can be set up almost anywhere and is one of our few really successful promotional assets. A good example of how it can be used was recently demonstrated by the Warrigul-Drouin Pistol Club. At the end of March there is a BIG event in Gippsland called Farm World. Tens of thousands of people attend over the four days and the Pistol Club had the idea that this would be a perfect place to show off their sport - and even recruit a few new members.



They booked the Air Pistol trailer and as it was such a big audience (and a tad expensive) they also approached V.A.P.A. for some subsidy to help pay the site costs. Now it is policy to offer the trailer to those clubs who want it on a first come basis. It is not policy to pay money towards exhibitions BUT as this was, due to the crowds who came, a chance to show off the sport to a large chunk of Mr. And

Mrs. Public we decided to meet the club half way on the site costs.

What happened? If I can quote Wayne Roots from the clubs newsletter -

"The site was very good (being on the flat) and we were only three stands up from the car park. The range was set up on the Wednesday afternoon and with a few pot plants the site was now ready during the busy four days 356 people signed the book (i.e. shot) we handed out a quantity of information about the sport and so far have many people ready to join our club."



I went down on the Sunday and was impressed both by the size of "Farm World" and how good the trailer looked. There was a steady flow of people all day and I'm not surprised the club has gained members. It was pointed out to me that the cost of the site was easily covered by the recruitment of only a few new members. Indeed the club hope to do the same next year.

Special mention must go to Wayne Roots who I understand lived on site for five days to not only look after things (and pistols) but to make sure that there was always someone to keep the range running. Well done mate!

Coming out of the weekend were also a few suggestions on how the trailer might be improved and that is being looked into. As I said a good and successful use of the trailer. This is the "Good" part mentioned in the heading. Now for the help bit.



We are again trying to get a site at the Royal Melbourne Show. Last year they were impressed by our application (sites are hard to get as there is such a demand) but it was felt that Port Arthur was still too much in the public mind. They advised to try this year. Now at this stage we don't know if we will have a site but if we are successful then we will need people to man the trailer. V.A.P.A. will of course fund volunteers for travel, entry and meals but we will need definite commitment and reliability. Obviously we will need a heap of people too as the more we have the less onerous the task. Indeed running the trailer and introducing people to shooting can be fun - so long as you're not doing it for hours on end! Can you help? If you can then please contact the Air Range Promotion Coord. -

Will Crossman
P.O. Box 1158
Werribee Plaza 3030
Ph. 9749 3773

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The Victorian Coaching Council

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Coaching in U.I.T. Service & Action

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42 Jackson St.
Forest Hill 3131

NOTIFICATION TO ALL COACHES

**The Coaching Council A.G.M.
14th July 8.00 p.m. M.I.S.C.**

V.A.P.A. COLLECTORS GROUP

by Mark Behan

Eddie Evans was approached at club level some time back as to what was needed to set up a collectors club for those members in V.A.P.A. who were collectors. As a topic of conversation it was tossed around between the interested guys, Eddie and myself. Basically I thought it a good idea and I believe that it fell well within the V.A.P.A.'s area of interest. Eddie was happy to oblige but wanted to make sure that it had a life of its own, as he had no intention to take it on as V.A.P.A. secretary - and fair enough too. So I asked that a proposal be put on paper and forwarded to V.A.P.A. for consideration.

In due course it came but raised as many questions as it answered (most of the questions coming from Eddie). So in the spirit of giving Eddie as little to do as possible I drafted a rough structure and forwarded it to Eddie for comment (no-one said he'd escape completely). Out of that process a structure was formed and the C.O.M. passed the concept at the May meeting. The proposal has now been forwarded to the Police with our application to be recognized as a collectors body.

The Collectors Group will consist of "chapters" in clubs or zones and members must be financial members of the V.A.P.A. They will pay an annual levy of \$5 and the group will be overseen by a Coordinator, Administration Manager (Secretary & Treasurer), Publicity Officer and up to two other officers. They will have to comply with all requirements laid out in the current Act, keep a data base of collectors, invoice and receipt members, give articles to the VPN, report to the C.O.M. and organize annual elections. The details are with your club secretary for those who want the nitty gritty. The group will also be self funding.

Now in years to come the group will hold elections, but the initial body will be appointed by the Executive and C.O.M. from volunteers. So now we need some volunteers. Simple as that! If we haven't the members who are willing to put in then the idea will lapse as, whilst the V.A.P.A. C.O.M. will oversee the group, its members must run it. If you, or a group of your friends, are interested in being part of this new undertaking then all we need is a note saying that forwarded to the Secretary. Nothing formal (i.e. You don't need to be seconded etc.) just your name, address, club and what you're willing to do.

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