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Editorial

by Mark Behan

There has been a little controversy over an article in the last VPN that I would like to set straight. In the article written by Sally Taylor promoting the Inaugural Yackandandah Open the following statement was made **"...Yarra received somewhere in the vicinity of \$100,000 just to make improvements for the 1996 Nationals..."**. I must admit that I never picked up the statement when I read it, so a little of the "blame" must go to me. Even now I don't find it a big problem but it apparently has upset those in some quarters. Obviously rather than "received" the word should have been "spent" (and even then I'm not sure whether it is true?) but Sally has phoned me concerned that it has upset some people. There was NO intention on her part to suggest that Yarra was given some form of preferential treatment and indeed she never intended to suggest it was the case. Rather the meaning was changed over a series of edits and rewrites and she is as confounded as I am how it was missed in the final draft.

Obviously Yarra had to raise their own money for all range improvements and she was just trying to draw a comparison between the resources of a small club versus those of a big club. End of story. I'm sure anyone who has written a long article for the VPN (and thankyou Sally for doing it - a genuine well done!) knows how the odd error can creep in. In future I'll try to be more vigilant.

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Also in our last edition Eddie made mention of which Politicians responded to our questionnaire and what their response was. One politician who feels he wasn't given a fair shake was Keith Hamilton, Member for Morwell. He wrote to say that he never received his copy of our questions (obviously a man who reads his VPN) to respond to and wanted the opportunity to do so. Eddie forwarded another copy to Keith who responded quickly with a very positive attitude. So thankyou to Keith and I hope (this being written prior to the election) that some of the silly anomalies of the firearms act will be addressed by the new Government.

New President for V.A.P.A.

by Mark Behan

There have been some changes at V.A.P.A. As you can see from our cover V.A.P.A. has a new President. My congratulations go to Sharon Reynolds, the 14th V.A.P.A. President¹, who I am sure will be a hardworking and dynamic addition to our history. Sharon also has the unique privilege of being the first ever female to head the Association – a rarity within the shooting sports in general, and in the current political climate, a long overdue development.



Sharon is well known to many of you from the many positions she has held within pistol shooting. A life member of Oakleigh Pistol Club, she has held the positions within the club of President, Secretary, Treasurer and Club Captain. She is the immediate past Treasurer of V.A.P.A. and as such has been a member of the V.A.P.A. Executive for the last five years. She is also an I.S.S.F. Judge 'B' and is the current Deputy Director of the Victorian Referee Council. Sharon is also well known simply by the number of open shoots she attends either as a competitor and /or as a Judge. Sharon has also had a high profile at P.A. level where she regularly attends Nationals as well as

National A.G.M.'s – though from now on as a participant rather than in the gallery (win some, lose some Sharon).

As retiring President I was privileged to be presented with a Plaque in thanks for my four years as President. I would again like to share the praise with the Executive who work so hard and members of the C.O.M. who made me look good in the position.

I was also fortunate enough to be elected to the position of Executive Officer and as such we bid farewell to Bob Lester. Bob has held the position of E.O. for the past two years and we thank him for his efforts during his time in the position.



Also elected at the A.G.M. was the new Treasurer. May I take this opportunity to welcome Robyn Waldron from Mid-Murray Pistol Club. A retired call centre manager with Telstra, Robyn brings a wealth of managerial experience as well as 'people skills' to the job. She will also be able to put a personal perspective

on issues of concern to the smaller country clubs, I am sure she will soon make her mark within the Association.

¹ There have been a total of 14 "terms of office" (ranging from one year to seven years) covering V.A.P.A.'s history since 1957. There have been however only twelve actual people to hold the position of President. Two, Neville Sayers and John Gillman held a term of office on two separate occasions. Hence some might say that Sharon is the 12th President - but I think 14th better reflects the actual situation.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mark,

I have just finished reading the story "Short Barrels Get the Squeeze" and I am happy to hear that Pistol Australia is going to add this match to the Nationals in 2001.

I introduced this match to my club back in 1995 and it has slowly attracted a regular following. Short Barrel match is a good competition for attracting beginners to an Action type event. Being a non-holster qualified match, they can compete without having to worry about the need to go through a holster course and concentrate on the course of fire and enjoy themselves.

The only gripe I have with the rules governing Short Barrel Match is the one about the sight radius. Since this match started very few shooters have taken up the challenge of shooting the event with a semi-auto pistol. I believe this is due to the limited number of pistols that meet the sight radius criteria. Most are low powered .32 or .380 ACP guns with rudimentary sights at best.

Since the inception of the Short Barrel Match a number of things have happened within the firearms industry that could give the competition a good boost. Several major pistol makers have designed and built sub-compact auto-pistols with barrels of 90mm's and less. The problem though is that due to most auto-pistols slide design many of these handguns are about 10 to 15mm's over the maximum sight radius.

My proposal is to increase the sight radius (for auto-pistols only) to a maximum of 135mm's, this would open up to shooters, a greater number of pistols to choose from e.g.; 9mm's and .45 ACP's, in turn attracting some new people to the event. The other change I would then do is separate revolvers from auto-pistols so they compete on even grounds.

I hope these thoughts provoke a few committee members into some serious round table chatting.

Mark Bickham (ANZ)

Dear Mark,

RE: **Short Barrel Competition (Snubby) Rules.**

I read with interest the article in the VPN regarding the rules to this match, and for interested persons to make recommendation for changes.

Well here I go.

In the article you made the statement that to shoot on the spare target at 10 yards with the strong hand only **did not present a challenge!** I have to argue the point. I have tried it a few times and certainly found it a challenge. In Service Match we are required to shoot 6 shots in 4 sec. on a **larger target with both hands.** The majority of shooters can't hold the ten ring, and even the Master grade shooters can't do it all the time. You and Eddie certainly presented us with a first class fun match, but lets not lock in the rules just yet.

May I suggest the following or something similar:

10 Yards

Target 3

5 shots

Strong hand only - unsupported

Time: 4 Seconds

This would round the match off at 70 shots and not leave a spare target. (And is certainly a challenge)

Possible Grade changes (With the shooters current grade to be retained)

Increase grades by:

Master	50 points
A grade	48 points
B grade	45 points
C grade	40 points

I truly believe that this target could and should be utilised in some fashion, and I hope that my suggestions are taken seriously.

Yours truly,
John Corral

Dear Mark

As requested the suggestions / article on the Short Barrel Rules follows - please feel free to use it in the News.

BACK TO THE FUTURE OR WHERE TO WITH THE SHORT BARREL PISTOL MATCH

Mark asked for some input into what may be a national rewrite of the rules for the Short Barrel Match. It may be your last chance to alter the basics of this match, as once the rules are adopted nationally only minor amendments will follow.

These are my ideas on what is a good fun match.

Let us start with the original ideas behind this match. As I understand it these were

1. It was to be a fun match.
2. It was to be a kind of modified Service Match.
3. It was to be inexpensive for the competitor to obtain an appropriate pistol i.e. any cheap short barrel revolver or semi-auto would do (provided it met the calibre requirements).
4. NO other equipment was required i.e. no speed loaders or extra magazines were allowed and if you used a semi-auto you could holster the pistol while you reloaded the magazine.

When the original rules were written two other ideas also had an effect.

1. Service Match was on the way out and since a number of clubs don't have turning targets for Service Match anyway. So therefore why not scrap the four target frame idea and use the five target frames at 25 metres.
2. Since the Service Match target was part of the original figure shaped rapid fire target the political correctness of this target was seen as a problem at the time.

Well we have seen that Service Match has not died. In fact it is as strong as ever and the target is still in use so this is not a problem now. Couple this with the fact that most competitors in the Snubby Match are Service Match shooters. Surely it follows that we should change to the four frames and targets of Service Match. This would immediately get rid of the problems some clubs have with running this match such as:

- Shooters can't shoot forward of the 25 metre line.
- If the Service Match range is used then there are only four target frames and they are the wrong size.

Next we leave out the kneeling segment at 25 yards. You can shoot the second position as either sitting or kneeling, as in Service Match anyway - so this is no great loss. We also leave out the 5 shots in 3 second exposures. This is just an add on to use up the 5th target any way, and besides we replace this below.

Then at 10 yards we add to the 5 shots weak hand only by 5 shots strong hand only with a reload in 35 seconds. This brings in both the strong and weak hand sequence and gives the added fun of a reload in the middle.

At 7 yards we only alter the timing by making it 35 seconds. Now I suggest this for several reasons:

First those shooting semi-autos are at a distinct disadvantage with the current 25 seconds. Here let me make it quite plain - I am a semi-auto shooter - and I did ask for the longer time to be retained as in the original rules. It was pointed out at that stage that semi-auto's had advantages over revolvers, but I failed to see this then and still do. Since most top shooters of Service and the Snubby Match use revolvers I thought that all competitors were to be on a level playing field.

Second, and this comes back to why I put in the first paragraph of this article, This is supposed to be a fun match, and even if you shoot this match for fun - let alone if you are a serious competitor - then not being able to get off all your shots is not much fun whether you use a revolver or a semi-auto. Now I hear some say that 35 seconds is too long - so what - is 35 seconds too long at the barricade at 25 yards in Service Match when you can use a speed loader or spare magazine?

Third I know it has been suggested that you can improve your reloading time by hanging the semi-auto from your little finger during the reload. That's fine if it points down range during that process. What about one that doesn't - mine doesn't. The other point to be made is a safety one. In the fumbling around of the reload, the pistol could be dropped and end up not pointing down range. The implications of this are pretty serious.

So in summary what I am suggesting is this -

At 25 yards - 185 seconds

Target 4 - 5 shots lying

Target 3 - 5 shots sitting/kneeling

Target 2 - 5 shots R/H barricade

Target 1 - 5 shots L/H barricade

At 25 yards - 6 seconds

Target 1 - 3 shots

Target 2 - 2 shots

At 25 yards - 6 seconds

Target 2 - 1 shot

Target 3 - 2 shots

Target 4 - 2 shots

At 10 yards

Target 4 - 5 shots in 4 seconds
Target 3 - 5 shots R/H only and 5 shots L/H only in 35 seconds
Target 1 - 3 shots) in 4 seconds
Target 2 - 2 shots)

At 7 yards
Target 1 - 5 shots) in 35 seconds
Target 2 - 5 shots)

Total 60 shots for a possible score of 600 points. This brings it more in line with other 60 shot matches.

Well you Snubby Match shooters - what do you think? Ring, write or fax Mark.

Regards Peter Shaw (Beechworth and District P.C.)

* * *

Dear Sir,

I have just read your article in the VPN regarding shooting the spare target at 10 yards in the Short Barrel Match. My view is that the target is there so why not shoot it. After all that is the name of the game.

I cannot agree that there is no challenge. The only time that you could say there is no challenge is if the majority of shooters (say 90%) clean the target every time they shoot the match. Perhaps some clubs could try it at some stage with perhaps a time of 5 seconds.

Yours faithfully,
K. Roach.

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Editor replies:

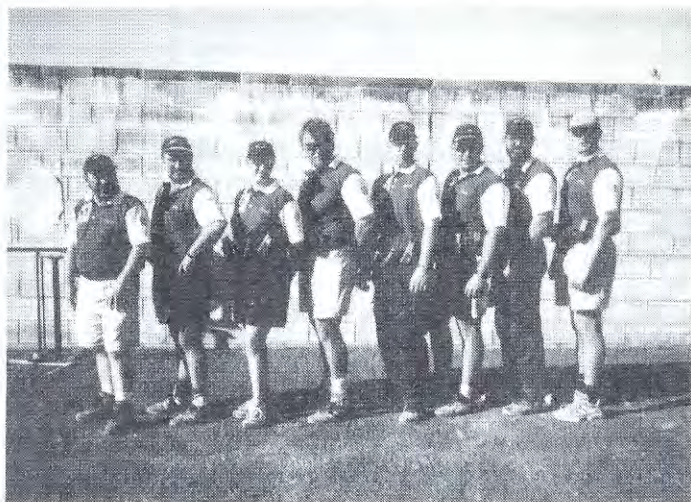
Thanks for all this feedback. I don't agree with all that's being said here, but at least some of you are thinking about it. Certainly there appears to be a strong push to use that spare target at 10 yards. I don't want to say anything more here, but if you would like to have your opportunity to have a say on the rules please put pen to paper. I welcome ALL thoughts.

Mark

1999 I.P.S.C. National Handgun Championships

The IPSC National Handgun Championships were held at the Darwin Pistol Club, 11-14 June 1999. As promised, we were blessed with beautiful sunny weather for our entire visit – who needs Queensland's "beautiful one day – perfect the next"? In fact, after the results had been finalised – who needs Queensland or Queenslanders at all! But more of that later.

Most of the team arrived at Darwin airport on the Thursday morning, and after dealing with the mandatory disorganisation of the car hire company, headed to our motel. After briefly acclimatising to this amazing 30+ degree weather, the team headed out to the range to have a quick test fire, sight-in and general look around at the facilities the Darwin Pistol Club had to offer. Within minutes we were all green with envy – especially when we found out it was mostly, if not all, government funded! Just about all of the team sighted in without any major problems, except for Open Gold Team member Brodie McIntosh, who was not quite so fortunate. After adjusting his sights, and even replacing his Tasco sight with a spare, there was still no improvement – further investigations revealed not a problem with the sight, but a cracked barrel and slide, great, what perfect timing – the day before the Nationals! Thankfully, fellow team-mate and gunsmith extraordinaire, Ivan Rehlicki offered to share his gun – phew, one problem solved. Although, it was possibly the creation of a problem for Ivan, as his usually reliable racegun malfunctioned a couple of times on him during the match – causing his stage times to blow out, and his final placing to tumble from an expected Top 5 finish, down to 14th overall.



Brian Kilpatrick (Standard), Andrew Moss (Standard), Suzy Van Viedder (Ladies), Ivan Rehlicki (Open), Brodie McIntosh (Open), David Soldini (Open), TOM Whitehead (Standard), Adam Van Viedder

Next problem was to keep Standard Team member Andrew Moss off his leg as much as possible. Only weeks before the match, Andrew had torn his 'monkey muscle' whilst performing a holster retention test. Luckily, this Nationals was not as physical as some that have been held in the past, but the lack of range practise must have

taken its toll, with Andrew finishing 10th in Standard.

The match was off to a great start on the Friday morning, with shooters beginning the first of 18 stages, being shot over three days. Thanks to the great organisation and skill of the hosting state and Darwin Pistol Club members, most of the stages ran smoothly and ahead of time. This gave us more time to relax by the pool each afternoon and dream about what could've and should've been if we'd done this, that or the other.

The course designers dazzled us with their imagination and creativity, by designing many challenging and interesting stages to test shooter ability. Some of these included shooting the Action Match Moving Target at 20 M – no problem I hear many of you say, well try it with two targets, and a no shoot target between them, while running across the range engaging three other targets in the meantime! Many stages made use of swinging, flipping and disappearing targets, which always keeps things interesting. This will hopefully prove to have been great practise for those shooters competing in the upcoming World Championships in Cebu, Philippines later this year, as it has been rumoured that in the Philippines, there will be moving targets such as these on EVERY one of the 35 stages!

Other props included an outhouse - complete with toilet seat, boats and fishing rods, a delivery van, and a genuine ex-operational bus. Unfortunately for Open Gold Team member, Adam Van Vledder, the bus proved to be his undoing, as he was disqualified from the match when accidentally slipping over whilst attempting to enter the bus. Many wondered why the extremely guilty look on team-mate Brodie's face after this had happened – until they learnt that Adam had lent Brodie his high traction running shoes, as Brodie had left his own at home! So who exactly said it was a good thing for parents to teach their children to share?

Following are the final individual results of the top three placegetters in each division, followed by the Victorian I.P.S.C. State Team members...

Open Division

Placing	%	Points	Name	State Team
1	100.00	1322.8969	Errol Thomas	QLD
2	98.31	1300.4904	Craig Ginger	NSW
3	95.77	1266.9265	Alan Shortall	N/a
4	94.18	1245.9523	Brodie McIntosh	VIC
14	86.38	1142.6589	Ivan Rehlicki	VIC
26	80.50	1064.9751	David Soldini	VIC
DQ	0.00	0.0000	Adam Van Vledder	VIC

Standard Division

Placing	%	Points	Name	State Team
1	100.00	1306.5408	Ken Henderson	N/a
2	92.67	1210.7547	Bob Wilhelm	N/a
3	91.29	1192.6889	Tom Whitehead	VIC
10	86.14	1125.4389	Andrew Moss	VIC
11	85.53	1117.4685	Brian Kilpatrick	VIC
26	72.63	948.9219	Mick Ledwich	VIC

Ladies (Open) Division

Placing	%	Points	Name	State Team
1 (28)	80.02	1058.5246	Linda Blowers	QLD
2 (30)	79.07	1046.0085	Kerri Hensel	QLD
3 (41)	74.53	985.9106	Suzy Van Vledder	VIC
8 (72)	64.63	854.9871	Angie Sturzacker	VIC
10 (80)	59.54	787.6262	Susan West	VIC
18 (105)	48.08	636.0811	Julie Campbell	VIC

As for the team results, Queensland took out the honours in both Open and Standard, and finished second in the Ladies. New South Wales won the Ladies, and came second in Open and third in Standard. Victoria finished second in Standard, and third in both the Open and Ladies team fields.

Complete results can be found at the IPSC Australia website - <http://www.ipsc.org.au/>

Soon after the results had been declared final, the teams to represent Australia in November at the World Championships in Cebu, Philippines were announced. The team members were selected from their results at the 1998 and 1999 Nationals, and the 1999 season of Victorian, New South Wales and Queensland State Titles. Victoria should be very proud of this one, being able to claim 6 of the 12 team members as their own.

1999 Open Division Australian Team

Errol Thomas	Queensland
Brodie McIntosh	Victoria
Alan Shortall	Queensland
Ivan Rehlicki	Victoria

1999 Standard Division Australian Team

Bob Wilhelm	Victoria
Andrew Moss	Victoria
John Trovato	Queensland
Tom Whitehead	Victoria

1999 Ladies Division (Open) Australian Team

Kerri Hensel	Queensland
Linda Blowers	Queensland
Suzy Van Vledder	Victoria
Michelle Knee	New South Wales

The VAPA representative members of the 1999 IPSC State Team would like to take this opportunity to thank the VAPA for their support and funding this year, and look forward to an even greater association next year, as we do it all over again.

Kind Regards,

Suzy Van Vledder
Adam Van Vledder
Ivan Rehlicki
David Soldini
Brodie McIntosh
Brian Kilpatrick
Tom Whitehead
Andrew Moss

Juniors at The Postals

by Joy Mullens

Last weekend at the Yarra Pistol Club in Melbourne, Castlemaine teams competed in the finals of the Victorian Postal Championships. With four teams reaching the finals, Castlemaine won 2 gold medals and a bronze medal.

The Junior Team of Colin Mullens and Lucas Finken, won the Junior Air Pistol Victorian Championship shield on the Saturday by one point. Going into Sunday's Junior Sport Pistol event as favourites, by the end of the precision section, Castlemaine were 5 points down. Halfway through the Rapid Fire Section they took the lead, with the final result being a win by 25 points and another shield to be brought home to Castlemaine.

This is the first time that a Castlemaine Junior Team has ever won a Victorian Championship and by winning both events shows just how much hard work and dedication the boys have shown throughout the year to achieve their goal. Well done Colin and Lucas.

LADIES COACHING WEEKEND - CASTLEMAINE

by Linda Ryan

On 10th and 11th July 1999 10 ladies gathered at the Castlemaine Pistol Club for some coaching as part of the statewide "Ladies only" coaching weekend.

Noel Ryan, Geof Noll and myself had offered our services as coaches for the weekend. With the usual start of round the table self-introductions and how long everyone has been shooting etc, we discovered that we had shooters ranging from babes in the woods (12 months) to (dare I say it) long in the tooth? 18 years - a terrific mix. In this combination there were ladies who regularly attend opens and those who have not yet been to one.

Questions and comments along the way were actively encouraged because there is nothing more boring than sitting through a series of lectures. Participation is the antidote. This also allowed for discussions to be catered to the ladies' needs. Fortunately, we had an eager group of contributors!

The emphasis of the whole weekend was that you need to do what is right for you and not necessarily what other people might consider to be the right way. The ladies were encouraged to ask questions, and as Geof Noll said, "The only stupid question is the one not asked."

As a standard issue these weekends usually start with the basics. For a change of scene we approached the basics from the point of view that trigger is the most important factor in shooting a good shot. Of course with shooting one factor, or 'basic' cannot be discussed exclusively and incorporates other components of the shot.

Avid discussions took place on grip, stance, breathing, follow through, sights, and of course, the all importance trigger control. We even discovered that there were multitudes of routines to breath control during a shot or series - and they were all correct!!

So involved was everybody in discussing the aspects of shooting a shot, lunch was forgotten on Saturday until 2pm! There was just so much to talk about that there just wasn't any time for a practical on line session that day. We all just wanted to talk. Finally at around 4pm the ladies went home for the evening with some homework - practice trigger control by dry firing.

The dedication and enthusiasm of this group was to be commended. We were told 2 of the ladies, as well as doing their homework on Saturday night, were practising their trigger control in the cars on the way to the range on Sunday morning (they were passengers of course!)

Well, we still felt it appropriate to do a little more on basics on Sunday morning and also took a "brief" look at a dueling shot. Finally, Sunday afternoon we hit the range itself. The ladies took the feel of the trigger from their homework the previous night (and that morning) onto the line and did themselves proud. A number of times we heard things like, "I've never shot that well before" and "I've never done that before". The groups shot were tremendous and encouraging. A sign that more can be achieved.

A good weekend was had by all. Our thanks go to the Castlemaine Pistol Club making the facilities available, the club members for working around us, Wally Dunstan for ensuring that we had everything we needed and the wonderful chefs who created the delicious morsels of food we just had to eat to keep our strength up!!

A follow-up weekend is to be held in **September/October. If you register to attend one of the session, apart from learning 'heaps' you'll meet some other terrific ladies – and coaches as well!!

WARRNAMBOOL OPEN - Presented by Charlotte Bryant

Over the years that I have been shooting, I have noticed that the male competitors have a certain camaraderie among each other, whereas, we female members are without a doubt special! We invariably support each other to the greatest of our ability! The sisterhood of modern women comes to the fore!

There is no doubt that the greatest supporter of the females has to be Vivienne. We would therefore like to make this special presentation to Viv, who in the future will be affectionately known to associate shooters as the "Queen Bitch".

Domenica Spry
On behalf of the U-Bitch Club
And Associate Shooters

Collectors Compendium

About The Author

Chris Henderson is the owner/operator of Sirch Engineering at Macarthur that undertakes farm break downs and fabrications to the cutting of gears both metal and composite materials. Whilst heavily involved in tasks to pay the "bills" Chris practices his craft of tool making which has involved him in doing up pistols for himself and a few other people and this is the direction he wishes to take his Company.

Chris's goal is to produce and export a unique Derringer type pistol all being custom built units in 38cal and 45cal subject to the legal impediments that no doubt he will come up against.

Best Wishes Chris. Also please accept my appreciation for being the first contributor.

THEME - Nothing newer than 1878.

I pick pistols on original workmanship. Either from factory or bench customised working pistols. Not much on the smithing marks or makers name, but whether it was made with care to function and aesthetics (when quality was not actual number of hours).

1. 7mm Pin-Fire Pistol 1878

Guardian American model of 1878. [around cylinder] Nickel plated. Ornately engraved all over frame, barrel cylinder stocks very fine checking. Very good condition fully working.

2. 7mm Pin-Fire Pistol 1875.

Belgian Protector Manufacture [around cylinder] Plain hardcase finish. Very little use [excellent condition] Fine checking on stocks. Fully working.

3. 45cal Pin-Fire Pistol French LeMatte.

Big heavy pistol, Military type, all complete but very well used [not quite working yet!]

4. 44/40 1863 Remington Cap & Ball Revolver.

All complete but well used. Still working, scary trigger. No more firing!

5. Spanish 1740 Flint Lock Pistol

Fully carved mahogany stock. Bronze castings inlaid into wood under barrel and side plates and stock end. Silver wire inlaid into stock top & underneath. Lock is engraved steel very ornate. Stock end casting fits into stock as is spike to keen flash hole. Fully working excellent condition.

Ballistics Of A .22 Rimfire

by Nenad Stanojevic

Comment by Mark Behan: This originally came to me as a letter to the Editor. It was obvious that Nenad had put a lot of work into this project and that he was keen to get answers to his questions. The table and facts that Nenad has compiled will I'm sure be of interest to any shooter who uses .22 rimfire ammunition. The results are, I believe, not definitive but they do raise some interesting questions. As Winchester support our sport so well I did ask them to talk to Nenad re his results. Those comments can be found at the end of the article. Meanwhile I hope this will spark discussion and input from our readers.

The more I get into this sport the more I find it fascinating. As a relatively new shooter I have progressed a long way and owe a great deal of credit to my coach "Klaus W" for spending a lot of time with me and painstakingly explaining all the fine details relating to the sport. Noel Ryan for his unfailing solid technical teaching, and the Yarra committee friends for their assistance and support.

Mr Behan, I hoping to call upon your expertise in helping to solve my problem. Recently I have taken on a project of chronographing all kinds of ammunition, analysing all .22 brands of bullet that I could get my hands on. I have recorded all the results and put them into a spreadsheet for your assessment. Some brands showed very small spread of speeds - as little 22fps, while others spread wildly to 793fps. Please see spread sheet below.

I have tried studying ballistics from the Speer reloading manual. I have crunched figures for hours, looked up charts, you name it, with no avail.

My burning questions are these -

1. How much spread in "fps" does it take to equate a change in ballistics, enough for a bullet to print differently on the card at 25m and at 50m.
2. How much will the bullet move on the card and in which direction would it move?

Brand	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Fiochi Black	898	921.5	909.5	907.3	903.3	918.5	907.6
Federal Gold match	991.9	1003.1	1016.9	1005	1021	994.6	1004.2
HBWC .32 N/C	728	726	722	723	716	714	712
Win Supreme Pistol	519	509	491	505	511	532	497
T22 Yellow	947	932.6	908.4	943.9	952.4	929.9	904
Win Winner Green	936.2	952	916.8	902	936.1	911.4	917.5
Win Subsonic White	941.9	919.2	923.5	943	960	909.6	909.1
PMC Score Master	981.7	969.6	992.1	989.9	941.6	987	956.7
Win Xpert Red Box	919	894	932	923	937	918	934
Remington Target	806	565	589	580	607	575	557
Diamond Blue	972.8	1002.1	984.7	984.4	980.7	1002	914.3
Z Long	643.7	638.1	629.8	558.5	597.6	629.9	558.9
RWS Target	822	860	860	830	977	883	875
Win Pistol 22	876	923	926	874	900	889	916
Win Super Pistol	1020	1676	993	969	1001	1414	1007

3. The .32 hollow base wad cutter that I load at home, has a spread of 32fps. Amongst the shooters a spread of about 50fps is acceptable. Why is it that with centre fire rounds people are fussy, but when it comes to the 0.22 rounds all good sense is thrown away?

4. With the 0.22 rounds the average seems to be about 800-1000 fps. Win supreme pistol & Remington targets seem to hover around the 500-600 fps. The information on the box does not mention any of this. What are the pros and con's behind this?

5. In the recent Pistol magazine I have spotted Lapua 0.22 ammo selling for about \$16 per box. The price I paid for a box of Diamonds was \$2.20. My centrefire ammo, is on about par. Has anybody chronographed Lapua 0.22 ammo and does it's performance justify it's price?

Kindest Regards

Nenad Stanojevic Yarra Pistol Club.

Addendum:

I chased up Winchester regarding my questions on ballistics. Their comments are -

- Ø Some figures are not believable and the Croni could be at fault.
- Ø As light conditions vary so do the FPS figures according to Olin.
- Ø Some of the very high figures would damage the gun.
- Ø Unfortunately they were not able to give me any figures / information on ballistics of the .22 rimfire.

The next steps I will undertake are:

- Pursue my interest towards scientific approach.
- Use two croni's in line to get confirmation figures.
- Think of ways of controlling light conditions
- Keep a diary

Basically back to the drawing board I go.

Nenad.

8	9	10	MAX	MIN	AV	SPRESD	%	RAT-ING
898.4	914.7	902.6	921.5	898	908.14	23.5	2.62	1
1018.7	1001	1001.5	1021	991.9	1005.8	29.1	2.93	2
705	737	705	737	705	719.2	32	4.54	3
514	497	503	532	491	507.8	41	8.35	4
923.2	942.9	940.6	952.4	904	932.49	48.4	5.35	5
907.2	944.5	936.1	952	902	925.98	50	5.54	6
923.5	956.1	917.3	960	909.1	931.12	50.9	5.6	7
974.7	9929	969.3	992.9	941.6	975.55	51.3	5.45	8
949	913	883	949	883	920.2	66	7.47	9
539	533	531	607	531	568	76	14.31	10
980.1	1017.8	1000.6	1017.8	914.3	983.95	103.5	11.32	11
663.5	596	666.1	666.1	558.5	618.21	107.6	19.27	12
859	793	1065	1065	793	882.4	272	34.3	13
936	916	1220	1220	874	937.6	346	39.59	14
978	991	883	1676	883	1093.2	793	89.81	15

Thanks to the Coaches

Marg Cleland

I wish to extend my heartfelt and sincere congratulations to the coaching Council for the most rewarding ladies coaching weekend I have ever participated in.

The venue I attended was Castlemaine Pistol Club on the 10 & 11 July 1999 where we had the privilege of having Noel & Linda Ryan from Yarra, together with Jeff from MISC as our coaches.

What I gained personally was as though the light at the end of the tunnel had been lit. It made me feel as though I could go out and achieve with more self-confidence which is what I had been lacking for a long time. I am sure all the ladies who attended came away with some degree of self satisfaction at their own degree of improvement.

Every female competitor should attend a ladies coaching seminar as apart from the coaching advantages, you also get the opportunity of generally swapping information. I have personally been to 3 seminars now and have found that at each seminar I have always come away with a little more inner confidence.

So, come and join us at the next seminar. You will be surprised at what you can learn however small, and the friendships you acquire.

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140 GR RN
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158 GR RN

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TRADE INQUIRIES WELCOME

Some Handgun FACTS!

by Clive R. Whelan

I would like to comment on the recent statements in the media made by the Coalition for Gun Control and the Democrats recommending further restrictions on handguns.

The Australian Democrat's Senator Natasha Stott Despoja said her party supported a stand by the National Coalition for Gun Control to ban semi-automatic and self-loading handguns, and that their availability was a loophole in the gun control laws.

In the 5 years from 1993 to 1998, 45,000 handguns were imported and there should be a buy-back scheme which operated for rifles to cover these weapons she said.

"We call on the Government, the ALP and the Greens to join with us on a united approach to this issue. The only exception should be for law enforcement officers. On the eve of the 3rd anniversary of the Dunblane massacre we must learn something from the Scottish experience. As the National Coalition for Gun Control has pointed out, the perpetrator of that horrendous crime would qualify for a handgun in Australia today" she said.

In March 1997 the NSW Police Service was granted a contract to import and purchase 13,000 Glock pistols. The contract is for three years to the year 2000. 1st April 1998 the Queensland Police Service was granted a contract to import and purchase 6,000 Glock pistols.

A considerable portion of these orders were filled over the last 12 months hence the rise in the import figures. There is no difference in the tariff figures between law enforcement and "others".

The following is a summary of handgun imports for 1996, 97, 98. (Calendar Year ABS figures).

1996	9,591
1997	7,358
1998	12,601

Import figures of handguns (Glock) from Austria (Calendar Year ABS Figures).

1997	3,519
1998	8,080

When the law enforcement figures are factored out the number of handguns for non-government use has fallen considerably over the last 3 years. The alleged "flooding" of Australia with high capacity semi-automatic handguns has been because of importation by police.

The gun buy back of longarms has not made Australia a safer place as is borne out by the latest figures on crime in Victoria, nor will a similar program with handguns.

Vicpol figures from June 1998 - Feb 1999 (Herald Sun 12.3.99)

Serious Crime		
Rape	1057	up 30.7%
Robbery	2035	up 14.8%
Abduction	216	up 37.6%
Assault	14628	up 9.4%
<i>Trends</i>		
Crime against person	23051	up 7.7%
Crime against property	226140	up 3.4%
Drug Offences	11412	up 5.3%
Other	23172	up 10.4%
Total	283775	up 4.3%

When misinformation about handguns is put forward by those wishing to take our handguns away from us we must counter such claims at every opportunity. Write to news media about articles, call in to talk back programs, emphasise these facts to politicians, be pro-active with facts in support of our sport.

(Clive Whelan is the V.A.P.A. representative on the Firearms Advisory Committee)

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THE SHOOTER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY ON THE RANGE

by Jim Morgan

At a recent shoot, an incident occurred which amplifies the SHOOTER'S responsibility for safety in the use of firearms. That this needs to be brought to the attention of all members of the Association was further amplified by general comments from other persons on the range that the Range Officer was at fault - not the shooter.

The incident occurred in the last series of a timed fire event when a competitor failed to fire the last shot. He completed his series, opened the breach and placed the pistol on the bench. The shooter believed that he had fired five shots and challenged the score call (i.e. four shots). The original call was verified. The range cleared by the RO and the targets scored. After scoring, the shooters were instructed by the RO to remove pistols. In doing this the shooter who had challenged, cleared his pistol, pointed it down range and pressed the trigger. The pistol discharged.

Clearly the pistol had bed an unfired round in it when closed and fired. How this happened is conjecture but may have come about when the slide was 'hand operated' to open it at the end of the series. As is common with semi-autos, the extractor probably did not pick up the round when the slide was opened this way.

What is also clear is that the shooter had not checked that the pistol was clear when instructed to "UNLOAD" and is patently at fault (see ISSF GTR 2.6). Sure, the RO had not spotted the round when checking that pistols were clear before scoring and must accept some criticism for having not done so.

As it happened, the shooter escaped from disqualification on the technicality that, in accordance with GTR 2.5.2, "the shooter had ascertained and had verified by the RO that there were no cartridges in the pistol before leaving the firing line" - **by firing it**. Luckily it was pointed down range in the proving.

The lesson here is that the responsibility to handle a firearm safely lies squarely with the person handling it. Others on a range have a duty to check that the right thing is being done and, in the case of an accident might share the blame. But in the end, the onus comes back squarely on the person handling the firearm.

So develop safe habits and **CHECK, CHECK, CHECK.**

YOUR FEES ARE ABOUT TO GO UP

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How the GST will affect you

It is the intention of the Executive to produce a FACTS SHEET about the GST – once we have the facts!!

In the meantime, we can tell you that:

Any club/association with an income of more than \$100,000 per year must register for GST. This means that neither PA nor VAPA will have a choice – they must register, therefore

- a. Your fees will increase by 10% over and above any increase PA and/or VAPA may impose.
- b. The GST will also need to be added to all items sold – ie fund-raising items, rule books, targets, patches etc. – (however, some of the above items currently attract sales tax which will not be applicable once the GST kicks in).

Each club will need to make its own decision on whether or not to register for the GST. When we have done all our research we will give you the FACTS, so that you can make an informed decision. DON'T RUSH IN – there is plenty of time. Registrations will not start until December, and unless you are caught in the 'compulsory' net, you can register anytime.

If a club DOES register – it will need to add 10% GST to the club portion of annual fees.

If a club DOES NOT register – there will be no need to add GST to the club portion of annual fees.

This is only a very basic outline. We will provide much more detailed information when we are sure it is right – the last thing any of us need is a lot of wrong information and opinion flying around.

If you have any queries in the meantime DO NOT HESITATE to ring me on 03 9560 6652, or fax 039545 1372, or e-mail to reynolds@melbpc.org.au

Sharon

VICTORIAN TOP TEN 1999

COMPETITIONS INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE:

M.I.S.C. ISSF, ACT ISSF STATE CHAMP., BALLARAT ACTION,
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 ISSF, SERVICE STATE TITLES
 BLACK POWDER STATE TITLES, ISSF STATE TITLES, MELTON
 SERVICE
 GEELONG SERVICE, ECHUCA ISSF, WARRNAMBOOL
 ISSF, HAMILTON ISSF,
 BALLARAT ISSF, M.I.S.C. ANNIV. ISSF, MID MURRAY,

FREE PISTOL

State Record 555

John Gillman (1976) Bruce Quick (1998)

1	QUICK Bruce	555
2	WRIGHT Jim	535
3	IGLESIAS Jose	533
4	CROSSMAN Wil	529
5	EDWARDS Norm	526
6	FINKEN Herman	518
7	MOTTON Ralph	511
8	REPACHOLI Daniel	510
	SCOUGALL Andrew	510
10	COOTE Laurie	508

CENTREFIRE

State Record 585 Bruce Quick (1996)

1	RYAN Noel	582
2	DAVIS Wayne	573
3	WRIGHT Jim	571
4	QUICK Bruce	570
5	GRANT Ray	564
	IGLESIAS Jose	564
7	MOTTON Ralph	563
8	HORTON Geoff	560
9	BOWRON Peter	559
10	HOLDEN Jack	558

RAPID FIRE

State Record 575 Peter Oliver (1990)

1	QUICK Bruce	571
2	CROSSMAN Will	566
	HOWARD Greg	566
4	FINKEN Herman	563
5	HARVEY Graeme	562
6	SCOUGALL Andrew	556
	WRIGHT Jim	556
8	EDWARDS Norm	555
	HOLDEN Jack	555
10	ALEXANDER John	554

STANDARD PISTOL

State Record 580 Bruce Quick (1999)

1	QUICK Bruce	580
2	RYAN Linda	574
3	SMITH Ern	558
4	TOMASSINI Paul	557
5	RYAN Noel	555
	SMITH Ern	555
7	REPACHOLI Daniel	549
	CROSSMAN Will	548
	MULLENS Joy	548
	WRIGHT Jim	548

MEN'S AIR PISTOL

State Record 577 B Sandstrom (1999)

1	CROSSMAN Wil	568
	EDWARDS Norm	568
3	QUICK Bruce	566
4	IGLESIAS Jose	563
5	HOLDEN Jack	562
6	WATTZ Alan	558
7	ROBERTSON Colin	557
8	TAIT Peter	556
9	LESTER Bob	554
	TOMASSINI Paul	554

WOMENS SPORT PISTOL

State Record 581 Lynda Ryan (1999)

1	RYAN Linda	581
2	MULLENS Joy	573
3	GILLMAN Kirsty	566
4	LEE Cheryl	560
5	LESTER Dee	552
6	KUBIAK Carol	548
7	BOWRAN Doreen	547
8	KIRKPATRICK Kerry	544
9	ALEXANDER Ainsley	543
10	POWER Helen	543

WOMENS AIR PISTOL

State Record 386 Annemarie Forder (1999)

1	RYAN Linda	381
2	MULLENS Joy	376
3	KIRKPATRICK Kerry	372
4	KUBIAK Carol	371
5	GILLMAN Kirsty	367
6	BOWAN Doreen	362
7	POWER Helen	360
8	BRYANT Charlotte	358
9	TAYLOR Annette	357
10	FINKEN Marjo	356
	HOMEWOOD Viv	356
	TAYLOR Sally	356

JUNIOR SPORT PISTOL

State Record 578 Andrew Gonczol (1990)

1	REPACHOLI Daniel	581
2	FINKEN Lucas	554
3	MULLENS Colin	552
4	COOK Kimberly	541
5	ALEXANDER Ainsley	539
6	KORNEY Chris	531
7	MURPHY Alister	523
8	ROBINSON Bayden	516
9	TWITE Travis	513
10	MEREDITH Greta	496

JUNIOR MEN'S AIR PISTOL

State Record 567 Chris Shentall (1998)

1	REPACHOLI Daniel	557
2	KORNEY Chris	544
3	MULLENS Colin	541
4	FINKEN Lucas	540
5	PORTER Jarrod	527
6	MURPHY Alister	524
7	ROBINSON Baden	522
8	TWITE Travis	501
9	REPACHOLI Stephen	405

JUNIOR LADIES AIR PISTOL

State Record 385 Annemarie Forder (1998)

1	RIELLA Emma	361
2	ALEXANDER Ainsley	359
3	COOK Kimberley	340
4	DUNBAR Rebecca	334
5	PORTER Kylie	333
6	McNAUGHT Rebecca	330
7	MEREDITH Greta	317
8	GERS T	232

BLACK POWDER 25 METRE

State Record 378 Noel Ryan (1980)

1	SAMMARTINO John	372
2	VINCENT Greg	370
3	TAIT Peter	368
4	MOTTON Ralph	366
5	BURGESS Grant	365
6	SMITH Ern	363
7	McCANN David	362
8	COX Jim	356
9	HANSON Glen	355
10	CLARKE Goerge	354
	HUNTLEY Graeme	354

BLACK POWDER 50 METRE

State Record 374 Dennis Martin (1998)

1	SAMMARTINO John	362
	VINCENT Greg	362
3	COX Jim	349
4	GAEDICKE Lutz	343
5	SMITH Ern	342
6	REDSTON Rocky	335
7	HASTIE David	330
8	ARDEN Peter	325
9	MOTTON Ralph	319
10	TELLEY Kevin	318

SERVICE PISTOL

State Record 887 Peter Muscat (1991)

1	ANASTASI Ercole	873
2	CLARK Les	869
3	BLAKE Phil	865
4	OLSEN Stuart	862
5	DOHERTY Joe	860
6	REEVES Craig	857
7	EAGLE Alex	855
	MOTTON Ralph	855
9	SANDMAN Brett	851
10	PERKINS David	847

SERVICE UNRESTRICTED

State Record 886 Peter Muscat (1989)

1	BLAKE Phil	884
2	CLARK Les	883
3	ANASTASI Ercole	879
4	EAGLE Alex	873
5	MOTTON Ralph	872
6	EVANS Eddie	870
7	DOHERTY Joe	867
8	BEHAN Mark	865
	SANDMAN Brett	865
10	PATTISON Sid	864

SHORT BARREL MATCH

State Record 621 Ercole Anastasi (1999)

1	OLSEN Stuart	622
2	ANASTASI Ercole	621
3	MOTTON Ralph	619
4	CLARK Les	618
5	BLAKE Phil	613
6	DOHERTY Joe	612
7	WINTERHALTER Chris	608
8	PATTISON Sid	604
9	EAGLE Alex	603
	JENSEN JNR Paul	603
	PERKINS David	603

ACTION MATCH

State Record 1920 164X Brian Kilpatrick (1993)

1	ANASTASI Ercole	1909	140	X
2	WHITEHEAD Tom	1906	154	X
3	HARDY Brian	1905	149	X
4	CLARKE Les	1902	138	X
5	MacARTNEY Darren	1898	130	X
6	ALBINS Ivan	1894	141	X
7	BARRATT Alan	1893	141	X
8	ERVIN Geoff	1886	123	X
9	TATE Aileen	1880	131	X
10	RAY Murray	1880	126	X

OPEN CALENDER 1999 - 2000

JUL	3		10		17		24	HORSHAM SERVICE & SHORT BARREL		
	4		11		18		25			
AUG	JUL 31	ECHUCA BLK POWDER	7		14	ACTION STATE TITLES KERANG	21	POSTAL FINALS ISSF YARRA	28	POSTAL FINALS BLACK POWDER YARRA
	1		8	M.I.S.C. RECORDS DAY	15		22		29	
SEP	4	POSTAL FINALS PRACTICAL SALE	11	POSTAL FINALS ACTION MATCH BENDIGO	18	SHEPPARTON ISSF	25	POSTAL FINALS SERVICE & SBC OUTTRIM		
	5	YACKANDANDAH ISSF	12		19		26			
OCT	2	YARRA ISSF	9	NEWTON MEMORIAL ISSF	16	ACTION NAT. GRAFTON HAMILTON SERVICE M.I.S.C. WEST REGION	23	GEELONG ISSF	30	WARRAGUL- DROUIN SERVICE & SHORT BARREL
	3		10		17		24		31	
NOV	6	YARRA BLK POWDER	13		20	OAKLEIGH ISSF	27	YARRA SERVICE SHORT BARREL		
	7	HORSHAM ISSF	14		21		28			
DEC	4	BALLARAT BLK POWDER	11		18		25	Merry Xmas		
	5		12		19		26			
JAN	1		8		15		22		29	OUTTRIM SERVICE & SBC
	2		9		16		23		30	
FEB	5		12		19	Warragul ISSF	26	SERVICE STATE TITLES OUTTRIM		
	6		13		20		27			
MAR	4	BLACK POWDER STATE TITLES CASTLEMAINE	11	ISSF STATE TITLES MID MURRAY	18		25			
	5		12 13		19	SERVICE & SBC GEELONG	26			
APR	1		8		15		22	ISSF PA Nationals	29	
	2		9		16		23		30	
MAY	6		13		20		27			
	7		14		21		28			
JUN	3		10	MID MURRAY ISSF, BLK POWDE SERVICE, SBC	17		24			
	4		11 12		18		25			

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Oakleigh Pistol Club - 1999 OPEN

Programme: Saturday 20th November – Air Pistol, Free Pistol, Sport Pistol, Rapid Fire

Sunday 21st November – Centre Fire, Standard Pistol, Air Pistol

Entry Fee: \$8-50 per event. Cheques should be made payable to Oakleigh Pistol Club, and must accompany your entry. Entries will be accepted in order of receipt up to range capacity.

Rules: ISSF rules will apply where possible. Pistols must adhere to ISSF rules and regulations and must be checked at least 40 mins prior to the nominated starting time.

Centre Fire & Sport Pistol: Ladies & Men may enter either **but not both** of Centre Fire & Sport Pistol. Men's sport pistol/Ladies' Centre Fire will **not** be included in aggregates totals, & separate trophies will not be awarded.

Juniors: Juniors entering senior & junior matches of the same discipline will be squadded in the junior match first and in the senior match only if squadding permits.

Grading: will be in accordance with current PA regulations. Entrants must produce ID cards and state association grading cards at pistol check. ID cards must be worn.

Starting Time: The starting time of an event is the time at which shooting will commence. Preparation time is prior to this.

Safety: Eye protection & closed footwear must be worn on all ranges other than the Air Pistol range.

Trophies: will be awarded in each grade as follows, and will be presented at the close of shooting on each day:

1 or 2 shooters	1st only	/	3 or 4 shooters	1st and 2 nd	/	5
or more shooters	1st, 2nd and 3rd					

Aggregates:

Ladies 3 match aggregate incorporating: Air Pistol, Standard Pistol & Ladies' Sport Pistol.

Men's 5 match aggregate incorporating: Air Pistol, Standard Pistol, Centre Fire (men only), Free Pistol & Rapid Fire.

Junior 2 match aggregate incorporating: Junior Air Pistol, Junior Sport Pistol. (40 shot Air will be pro rata'd up to 60 shots)

Range Location: Simpson's Road, Clayton. Melway reference 79 C10

Oakleigh Pistol Club - 1999 OPEN

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Phone No _____

Club _____

<u>Match</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Women's Air Pistol (40 shot)	_____	Sport Pistol	_____
Men's Air Pistol (60 shot)	_____	Centre Fire	_____
Junior Women's Air Pistol (40 shot)	_____	Junior Sport Pistol	_____
Junior Men's Air Pistol (60 shot)	_____	Standard Pistol	_____
Free Pistol	_____	Rapid Fire	_____

Special Requests: _____

Cost _____ matches @ \$8.50 = \$ _____

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Note: Some ranges have limited capacity. Enter early. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each grade.

Catering: Light meals and drinks will be available.

Rules: Black Powder. rules will apply as far as practical to matches and pistol gradings will be in accordance with current P.A. Regulations. Shooters must produce current grading card on request. I.D. cards must be worn on the ranges. Late entries may not be considered.

The club will appreciate the services of anyone who can help on the ranges.

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BALLARAT PISTOL CLUB
BLACK POWDER OPEN
CLOSING DATE FRIDAY 19th NOVEMBER 1999

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CLUB _____ PH. NO. _____

MATCHES ENTERED

25 METRE _____ GRADE _____

50 METRE _____ GRADE _____

INTERNATIONAL _____ GRADE _____

Special Requests

Please tick if you can help with range duties:

R.O. _____ SCORER _____ PATCHER _____

Blueing Your Pistol

by Mark Behan

Several months back I was contacted by a firm that was in the "Blackening" business. For those of you who are not familiar with the idea behind the "blue" on firearms it is merely a method of rust prevention. Traditionally it has been brown (you may have heard of the famous "Brown Bess" musket of early British colonial fame), blue and more recently black. The actual colours are a function of light and colour acuity but all will recognise the deep blue/black of a well polished and blued pistol - yes?

Of course treating the bare steel of a handgun to resist rust is not the exclusive field of blueing. They can be nickel-plated, chrome plated, black chrome plated (an interesting effect) and these days even covered with a coloured process (epoxy) so that the pistol will match your ensemble (pink for the girls blue for the boys?). A further option is to make the firearm out of a material that is not prone to corrosion. Enter the stainless steel line of firearms and the even newer "plastic fantastics".

For most of us though we tend to own firearms that are chemically blued (i.e. the surface of the metal is altered and the surface colour changes). When I am restoring a firearm I use one of two methods. An old traditional hand rubbed blue involving several acids and a LONG process - every day over several days, up to a week. It is a type of controlled rusting that with care and hard work produces a wonderful rich Blue/Black colour. The process gets no hotter than boiling water, which makes it perfect for shotguns with soldered barrels and/or other delicate jobs.

The other method I use is a HOT (approx. 150 degrees Centigrade) chemical bath that is quick but done correctly can produce an equally beautiful finish. The drawback to both of these methods (apart from the preparation of the chemicals) is that the firearm to be treated has to be completely stripped down and carefully polished and prepared. Fine for a new custom pistol or a loving restoration but too much work to cover a minor repair on a "working" gun or repairs the day prior to a competition.

Enter "Blackfast" who specialise in industrial applications for blackening metals. Their claim to fame is a process that operates at room temperatures, is easy to set up and the whole process is over within an hour or less. They have now decided to sell a "gun care kit" which will be marketed to those people who need a small application of their process. The kit will consist of

125ml Blackfast Degreaser

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With an instruction leaflet.

As I said, I was approached some months back but was unable to get along to the Engineering Exhibition in "Jeff's Shed" where they had a display. So I asked Sid Patterson to go along and talk to them. Sid, as some of you will know, does exceptional Blackening on his custom built / repaired pistols and I figured if he was happy,

chances are so would you be. Sid reported that the process was indeed as simple as they indicated, non-toxic and that he virtually blued some metal as he stood there talking to them. Indeed he brought it with him and presented it to me. Now I could make the decision of how good it was.

I have the piece of metal (some odd bit of tooling?) in front of me now. So...

Well I wouldn't be using the process to restore my favourite shotgun but it certainly could be used on a less prized firearm. In fact if the preparation in the polishing stage was thorough enough it could produce a very good result. As for any passing repairs I would say this is the answer. It is FAR superior to the old bottle blue bought at the gun shop many have used for years. In fact there are plenty of shooters out there whose current firearms are in a much worse condition than this bit of tooling in front of me. For them I would suggest that the process would be a simple yet economical and esthetically pleasing exercise well overdue.

Cost? Well I haven't a clue. At the time of the discussions they had not worked out the price of the kit but it should be fairly cheap based on their industrial set up. So there you have it. I'll get back in touch with them and see if they're interested in advertising in the VPN (and letting me know a price) but in the mean time if you're in need of a good bluing "fix" then I suggest you contact them directly.

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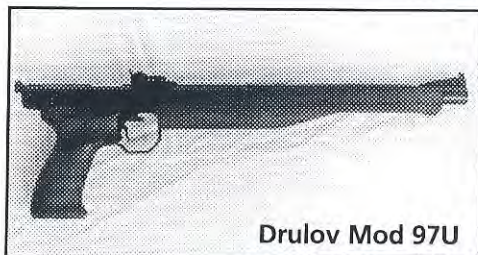
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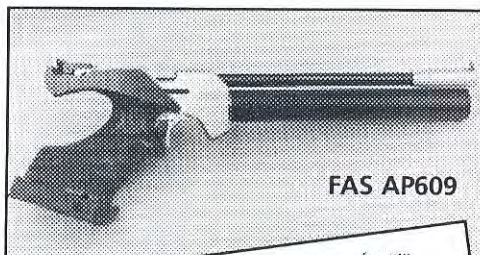
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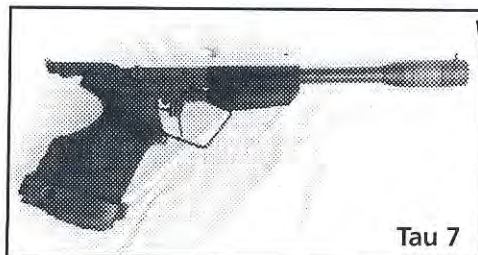
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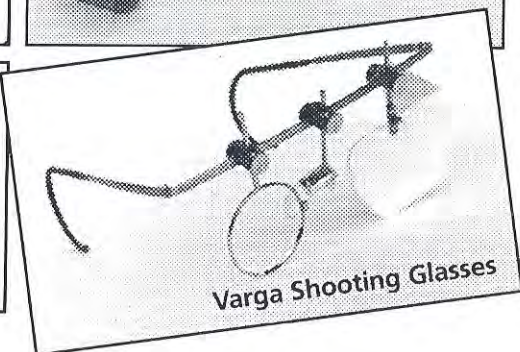
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