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EDITORIAL

by Mark Behan

First let me start with an apology. Even as I write this I know I will not get this edition out to you on time. Unfortunately the pressures of work this year have been exceptional and whilst I knew I was slipping behind there was nothing I could do about it. Still let's hope you do at least enjoy it now you have it.

You will notice that the "letters" section is large this quarter. The input from people looking at Short Barrel rules continues to flow in - many of them from inter-state. It's worth noting that Short Barrel is no longer Victoria's but is becoming National. Not that all the letters relate to Short Barrel I hasten to add.

The letters also got me thinking about the different matches we do shoot. These days there is such variety. Indeed the sport is as different in our choice of matches and guns as it could be. In response (and needing a cover photo) I took a few pistols from my safe that I think illustrate the differences and tried to contrast them - tell me what you think.

I'd also like to welcome back Des Bosely as a contributor after his recent illness. He has answered the questions asked in the last edition about .22 rimfire ballistics. An excellent article and one I highly recommend.

There is also important / interesting information both from the Police and the FAC. I guess what I'm saying is that there should be something for everyone in this VPN - so enjoy your read.

Lastly I will take this opportunity to thank all those people who have contributed to the VPN without them it would not be anywhere near the magazine it is (pretty scary thought if you don't like it right?). I wish all members and fellow shooters a Merry Xmas and a happy new year - and if I've missed both these then I wish you all an excellent year ahead.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mark,

In the current Pistol Australia publication there is a disturbing reference by John Downing, in relation to the short barrel competition. He says that PA is looking at affiliating with the International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) as they also shoot a short barrel match and it would make us more sports like to be affiliated with an international body like IDPA.

I think this should be of concern to all VAPA members who are concerned with maintaining a sporting image for shooting. As such I would like to let them know a bit more about IDPA.

IDPA is a break away group from IPSC and there are only a small number of clubs shooting it in the US, hardly an international body like IPSC or ISSF. The reason they broke away was that they considered IPSC to be too much like a sport as opposed to a training forum in the use of firearms for self-defense. The targets they use are humanoid and to make it more realistic, they drape clothing over them so you cannot see scoring zones. These guys impose penalties for failing to neutralize an opponent (not enough hits in the right area) and all equipment must be street usable.

This is a group that I would think we should be distancing ourselves from as opposed to embracing and would be interested in hearing what other VAPA members think of this.

We should, as an association, be telling PA that we do not want them creating affiliations that have not been fully discussed with the various state associations.

Peter Doherty
Oakleigh Pistol Club

***Editor's note:** I too was upset by this article and rattled off a couple of letters of complaint to the Bulletin and Pistol Australia. The upshot was that the editor was admonished for suggesting affiliation without properly doing his homework. It might also be worth noting (though not linked only to this incident) that John Downing will no longer be editor of the Bulletin, with P.A. looking for a new editor.*

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Dear Mark,

As you requested in the Aust. Pistol Shooters' Bulletin September issue, here are two suggestions. These were brought up at our "Pensioners Day" Short Barrel Match today at the Newtec club in NSW.

Firstly can the barrel length be increased from 70mm to 76mm as this will allow a great number of "J" frame users to enter. I may be wrong but I was led to believe that in the beginning the match was designed around this pistol in Victoria.

Secondly could the rules be designed into two matches, one for adjustable sights and one for fixed sights?

The above suggestions have been talked about at our club for many months but your article has given us the opportunity to voice our requests. As this match is shot on Saturdays and Wednesdays at Newtec with a good turn out on both days, sometimes with two ranges being used to cater for the number, we would appreciate if you could incorporate the above suggestions into the new rules.

Thank you for the chance to put our suggestions forward.

Laurie Jones.

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Dear Editor,

I recently attended the ISSF 'Open' at Geelong Pistol Club, for the first time. I took home a number of trophies, as did a fellow club-member from Shepparton, who also attended. A fairly successful week-end, from our point-of-view. I take the opportunity here to congratulate the G.P.C. for the way they ran their 'Open', and on the excellent presentation of their facilities, which, I discovered, are the result of much hard work over the previous 12 months. The place looked a million-dollars, the matches ran smoothly and there were plenty of range-staff on hand. Well-done folks! I'll definitely be there next year.

Having said that, I want to move on to the main reason for writing this letter. Some clubs, as I understand it, when hosting an 'Open', don't always like to award trophies for all top three placings in a grade if there are 'insufficient' entries. I feel that this is very unsporting, and more-than a little unfair on the competitors' who have entered. It is, after all, a competition. You are (quite reasonably) required to pay an entry-fee for each match in which you wish to compete. Add to that, the cost of some accommodation, meals, travel-costs, possible loss-of-income, ie. if you need to leave on the Friday, to allow you plenty of time to settle-in early, so as not to suffer from fatigue during the competition, you can spend quite a bit.

If you're a 'serious' ISSF-circuit competitor, it really begins to add-up! Then if, after all the effort and expense to compete there, you happen to win yourself a place, but find that due to lack of competitors in your grade, you will be going home empty-handed bit of a let-down, don't you think?

Why should the competitor be penalized for the lack of entries in their grade? I know that some would say a competitor could well be awarded a trophy for coming last, if for example, three or less people competed in the grade and the top three places were all awarded trophies. The only problem is, it would then have to be assumed that, if there had been a few more competitors in that grade, that same competitors' score would not have been good enough to gain a third place! That's a pretty big assumption to make!

I think that the hosting club has to bear the responsibility for the number of entries they draw for their 'Open'. If it's a good 'Open', they'll get the entries. Don't make the competitors who turn up to support the event, feel 'gypped'! They'll only think, "I could've shot a good score at home and had no formal recognition of it. Why'd I bother coming here to do it?"

I don't think this is, what some might call, trophy-hunting mentality. The recognition of sporting achievements by awarding trophies is the 'norm' in this, and many other countries today, and competing to win one, is not anything to feel bad about. In fact, it tends to raise the profile of the individual sport, if anything. We could certainly use a little 'raising-of-the-profile of our sport, don't you think? 'Strength-in-numbers', and all that....

Geelong Pistol Club not only awarded the top three places in each grade, of each match, but in addition, awarded some very handsome trophies for the "Outright-Winners" of each match plus the "Aggregate Match " Trophy. No skimping here!

I recommend the G.P.C. 'Open' to all who enjoy a well-organized and relaxing week-end shoot. Be there next year, if you can. You'll definitely enjoy yourself, and the Club will appreciate the support!

Happy shooting all,

Geoff Ferguson.
Shepparton Amateur Pistol Club

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Dear Mark

Regards the short barrel match

I keep reading "Short Barrel is supposed to be a fun match so we need to change it."

But when I read between the lines I see - I CANT SHOOT THIS MATCH SO LETS CHANGE IT.

Go to any Short Barrel shoot and you will hear some loud mouth or other say things like - "This is supposed to be a fun match so if you black your sights you should get a 10 point penalty." Or "If you take this match seriously you should be D.Q.'d." Again read - "I can't shoot this match so lets change something." Outtrim has a membership of 26 with 11 regular short barrel shooters, yet we finished 1st and 3rd at the postal finals this year. Why? Because we haven't tried to change the match. We simply worked out how to shoot it and practised and practised. We have learnt to walk past the centre target at 10 yards. It really is not that hard, just apply the same thought process that is used when you shoot at 7 yards, where you walk past and don't shoot 3 targets. Lets face it, even I.P.S.C. has "NO SHOOT" targets and that's supposed to be a fun match.

With all due respect to the authors of the letters published in the VPN. who are they? As a short barrel shooter I can't say that I have seen any of them at any open that I have ever shot in. I can't help but wonder, just how much of the match do they shoot? Perhaps they should attend a couple of opens to see how others are getting it right (watch the sights and "squeeeese" the trigger every shot).

We already have two service matches; we don't need a short-barrelled version. We also have rule books printed for a match that works, reams of score sheets printed, state records set, timers set up for the match and plenty of shooters happy with the match as it is. You can please some of the people all the time, all of the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time.

The match isn't broken so why do we need to fix it?

Stuart Olsen

Pres. Outtrim & District P.C.

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Dear Mark,

In regard Short Barrel Match, I love the match, and have a pistol which I think should be allowed - a baby Jericho.

Problem is, the 90mm barrel is no problem, but few semi-autos with such a barrel length would have a sight radius of less than 120 mm. 140 mm would be more realistic, any scope for change in this area?

Regards

Peter Matthews
Murrumba Pistol Club

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Dear Mark,

A lot of people at our club have "baby Glocks". While their barrels are only 88mm long, I assume that with length between sights of 138mm, they are not legal for that match. Is that true? If so, would VAPA consider changing the rules to specially include what must be considered a pre-eminent "pocket-pistol".

Dean Ward
Alice Springs

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Mark,

In regard Short Barrel. In my opinion I think Short Barrel should stay as it is for that particular match but as you probably know some of our members at WDPC shoot it with a 6" barrel (hence Long Barrel).

I would also love to see a restricted match with the gun carried in a concealed holster, unholstered and loaded inside the time frame with perhaps 1-2 seconds added to that time. I think a 35 yard shoot would also be good fun if it could be worked in too.

Yours,
Mal Kennedy
WDPC

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Dear Mark,

Re Short Barrel Match

We at the Sunshine Coast Club have been shooting "Pocket Pistol" in a modified form for four years and it ranks with UIT in popularity. Due to the lack of range space the "standard match", (with two people shooting at a time), is not possible. We therefore shoot on the 25 metre turning target range with up to twenty shooters firing at any one time.

The targets are set on 3 second showing (7 seconds away) throughout the match. In each match the course of fire varies. A typical match can go like this -

25 metres	10 showings of the target. 5 shots right-hand, 5 shots left-hand (including reloading).
15 metres	3 showings of the target. (1 x 2 x 2 shots right hand) (1 x 2 x 2shots left hand)
10 metres	4 showings of the target. 10 shots including reloading 1 showing 5 shots right hand.
7 metres	with targets still 5 shots from the hip, i.e. elbow must touch the hip. 2 showings of the target. 10 shots (incl.reloading) with both hands.

TOTAL MATCH: 50 SHOTS

Reloading is with the rounds on a table which stands beside each shooter. Apart from left-hand (weak hand) all strings start with the pistol holstered. Sometimes we start at 7 metres and work back as we never shoot the same course twice. No one gets bored. We always have two left-hand strings. Shooting is from the standing position. The whole match, takes about 45 minutes (not bad for 20 shooters). We have one rule, apart from safety, "anyone not having fun is disqualified!"

Graham King
Qld.

Editors note: I know some people will be wondering what this adds to the debate on rules re Short Barrel but I felt that it does show an 'attitude' that exists fairly universally about the match. Many want it to remain FUN.

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Dear Mark,

Regarding your article Sept, Edition of P.A. Bulletin on "The Short Barrel Match". I would like to know if Barrel Length Restriction still applies, now that the overall Box Size Rule has been added.

Rule 3. 1A states "The 25m International Rapid Fire Target", does this mean the ISSF Target which has two horizontal aiming lines Rule 3.2.4 p. 135 or the Service Pistol Target.

I have just recently purchased what I was informed the "New Rule Book", however it's dated Nov. 94. Is there a later edition or one soon to be published?

Regards,

Col Lewis
Short Barrel Rep.
Metropolitan Pistol Club - Qld

Editor replies: Yes the barrel length restriction still applies. The box was brought in to address an ambiguous grip rule and was not intended to water down any other rules.

The target is the current Rapid Fire Target (i.e. the one with the two horizontal lines). If the ISSF change the target then the Short Barrel target will automatically change also.

*The Nov. 94 rule book is the newest one although I have made amendments in mine to reflect the new box rules. I don't anticipate producing another addition prior to adopting the new "National Rules" in 2001 **BUT** this might be necessary if we run out of stocks - I'll keep the readership posted.*

Applications For Licences and Permits

The following information was forwarded to me by Clive Whelan V.A.P.A.'s FAC representative. It was thought that whilst this information is available in pamphlet form it might reach more people by appearing here.

Introduction

Every year tens of thousands of Victorians apply for licences or permits under the Firearms Act. It is possible that some of these applications may be delayed for what applicants believe may be an unreasonable time. Some will be refused or have conditions imposed on them that the applicants believe are unjustified or unfair. In many of these cases there is a simple and effective right of appeal that is binding on all concerned.

The Firearms Appeals Committee

In 1996 the Victorian Government established the Firearms Appeals Committee to provide an inexpensive, speedy and informal way of reviewing most types of decisions made by the Victorian Police on firearms licences. It is entirely independent of both the Government and of the Police force. The Committee can be contacted by mail or telephone. Refer to the front of this brochure for details.

Who can Appeal?

Rights of appeal are available to applicants for most categories of firearms licences, permits and range approvals (the list is too long to reproduce here). The main exceptions are people classed by the Act as *prohibited persons*. They face a ban on holding any firearms licence for a range of specified periods (see details at the end of this pamphlet). If you are uncertain whether the type of application you made has an appeal right or whether a conclusion by police that you are a *prohibited person* is correct you can telephone the Secretary to check. Whilst the Secretary cannot give you legal advice, in many cases an answer can be established fairly readily.

Starting an Appeal

Four steps are required by law. They are quite simple, but if you leave out any one of them you will lose your rights of appeal.

An appeal is lodged by writing a letter giving sufficient details to identify you and the decision you are appealing (a copy of the refusal letter will assist). You must also state the nature and grounds of your objections and why you believe the decision was wrong. If you have material you think will help you, then include copies, but retain your originals and a copy of the letter. Make sure that you give a reliable daytime

contact telephone number.

Step 1: You must lodge your appeal by completing the following 3 steps within 28 days of the notice of decision being given to you by police.

Step 2: The letter must be sent to the Firearms Appeals Committee.

Step 3: You must also send a copy of the letter to the Chief Commissioner of Police;

Chief Commissioner
C/- Regulatory Services Branch
(Legal Support Services)
GPO Box 2807AA
Melbourne Vic 3001

The Firearms Appeals Committee cannot send this letter for you.

Step 4: The prescribed fee of \$30.00 must be paid to the Secretary of the Firearms Appeals Committee. Send a cheque or money order payable to: the Firearms Appeals Committee (*no cash please*) with your letter.

The Appeal Hearing

You will be notified by letter of the date, time and place of the hearing. Whilst you are not obliged to attend (you can rely on the written material you have submitted), results are usually better in cases where applicants are present.

Your appeal will be heard by a Committee of 3: a lawyer member presiding as chairman, a member with expertise in firearms and a community member. The hearing will be less formal than a court proceeding. The chairman will assist you in presenting your case if you do not have legal representation.

Appeals begin with a summary of the case by the police representative and, in some cases, police witnesses may be called to give evidence. It will then be your turn to present your side of the case. You may do this by making a statement or (preferably) by giving sworn evidence. You can also hand to the Committee any written material or photographs you think are relevant or call on anyone you have brought with you to give evidence on your behalf.

When the hearing is finished the Committee will retire to consider its finding, then the chairman will deliver the decision. Written reasons may be given at a later date.

Legal Representation

It is up to you whether or not you arrange a lawyer for the hearing. About 60 percent of the cases before the Committee do not have legal representation.

Witnesses, Friends and Interpreters

You may bring anyone you want to your appeal. If you need to bring witnesses and they want some proof of attendance for their employers then a letter can be provided. In exceptional circumstances the Secretary can arrange for a witness to be placed under subpoena. Advance notice is required. If you require an interpreter then it is up to you to arrange one. Witness and interpreter expenses are your responsibility.

Adjournments

If you have some other important commitment on the date or at the time fixed for an appeal then you should notify the Secretary as soon as you become aware of it. **Do not leave this until the last minute.** The hearing will be put off until another date if it is possible to do so without unduly inconveniencing anyone else who is involved. Repeated adjournments will not be allowed unless there are very compelling reasons.

Costs and Expenses

The Committee has no power to award costs, expenses or compensation. Any expenses or losses you incur in bringing the appeal are your own responsibility. You cannot be ordered to pay any costs or expenses incurred by the police.

Further Appeals

If you or the police are not satisfied with the decision of the Committee then a right of appeal exists to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Appeals Tribunal. Time limits apply. You should contact the tribunal for details.

Prohibited Persons

In general terms a *prohibited person* is a person who has been;

- Imprisoned for a serious offence, assault or drug offence anywhere in Australia (ban of 5 years if the sentence is under 5 years, ban of 15 years if 5 years or more).
- Made subject to an Intervention Order under the *Crimes (Family Violence) Act** or its equivalent in other States (where they are sometimes referred to as AVO's). The ban is 5 years from the end of the order.

- Placed on a Community Based Order by a court (5 year ban) or found guilty by a court of an indictable offence or an offence against the *Firearms Act** where it was open to the court to impose a prison sentence (12 month ban).

* In some of these cases a Magistrate's Court can lift the ban. Check with the Clerk of Courts at your local court.

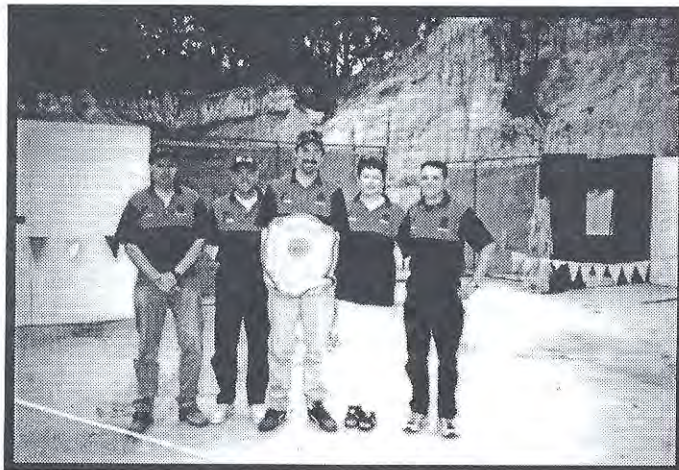
NB: These are general descriptions only. See Firearms Act (1996), section 3, for the precise definitions

1999 PRACTICAL POSTAL FINALS AT SALE

by Peter Doherty

Sale Pistol Club are to be congratulated on hosting the 1999 VAPA Practical Postal Finals with great range preparation and lashings of hospitality.

As myself and the others in the Oakleigh team headed up for Sale early on the morning on the 4th of September, the skies looked overcast and threatening to rain. Luckily for everyone the overcast skies didn't open up in Sale and it turned out a perfect day for shooting.



The stress started early for us as time started getting away on the way up there as some members of the team just had to stop for breakfast at McDonalds and our driver didn't want them stinking up the car. So we ate in. We finally arrived at 5 to 10 for a 10 am start. When I rushed up to

give our paperwork to Sid Patterson, with all the other teams already there, he mentioned that he had just about given up on us.

Next, on to the team briefing. The Finals would be shot over 5 stages and each team would shoot the stage together. There were 4 teams shooting each Class, Open (scopes, compensators, etc) and Standard (minimal customisation).

Ok, so we are ready to shoot. Lets head for a speed shoot to get warmed up, you know, a quick stage, 3 targets, close range. Oops, lowest round count for any stage is 17 rounds, so much for warming up and gently getting into things. So, stage 1 is as good a place as any to start.

Stage 1 was called 'Level 1', a 24 round field course consisting of 11 paper targets and 2 pepper poppers. On the signal to commence, the competitor draws and moves forward to make a right turn into a long corridor. Immediately to the left there are 3 paper targets, 1 of which is partially obscured and a no shoot in the way. Advancing forward another 3 paper targets come into view with 2 no shoots obscuring them. Going forward there is a wall with 2 windows, one to the right the other to the left. Through the left window there are 3 paper targets and 1 pepper popper. Through the right are 2 paper targets, a pepper popper and a no shoot. In Open Class, Mario Mori of Oakleigh won the stage in 12.59 seconds with a score of 116 out of 120. Greg Williams of Sale won Standard Class in 14.78 seconds with a score of 109.

Stage 2 was called 'The Thinker', a 25 round field course. When we walked through this stage before shooting it, the one thing that caught everybody's attention was the tiny amount of a mini pepper popper sticking up behind hard cover. I was just hopping that I could hit it first time once I got my dot on it, I was also very glad that I didn't have iron sights. It certainly caused it's share of problems, even for those with scopes. When the buzzer went you were faced with a paper target, a pepper and that nearly fully obscured mini popper. After many competitors finished their second or third shot at the mini popper they moved to their right and looked down a narrow corridor which contained a pepper popper behind a no shoot pepper, a no shoot paper and a paper target. Moving to the right again there is a half paper target obscured by a no shoot. Next you enter a room on your right that has three windows, left, front and right, Through the left window there is a close paper target and a no shoot, about 20 meters away there is another of those pesky mini poppers and behind that is a paper target. Through the front window there are 2 paper targets and 1 no shoot. Off to the right there are 2 paper targets close in and a paper and pepper with a no shoot about 15 meters away up an embankment. Again Mario won this with 123 points in 19.92 seconds. Brent Christensen of Sale won Standard Class with 115 points in a time of 28.41 seconds.

Stage 3, named 'Get off the Table', was a 21 round field course seeing the competitor start with an unloaded gun and one magazine on a table, facing a wall with both hands on the table. On the signal to commence, the competitor retrieves the gun, loads and engages a paper target and pepper straight ahead over a lowered part of the wall. You then move slightly to the left and reach around the wall to engage a paper target and a pepper with a no shoot to make things harder. You then move slightly to the right and engage a mini popper and paper target surrounded by no shoots. Then move to the right again and, through a portal engage 2 full paper and

one half paper targets through a maze of oil drums and a no shoot. Moving further right there are 2 paper targets with a no shoot and hard cover just to make it harder. Mario (again!) won this stage with a score of 100 points in 16.03 seconds as did Greg Williams with 96 points in 25.15 seconds.

Stage 4 was as close to a speed shoot that we got with it being a 17 round field course called 'Behind the Wall'. The competitor starts seated at a table, gun loaded and holstered, with both hands on the table. On the signal you engage a half paper, a paper target and 2 pepper poppers surrounded by no 2 shoots. Then moving to the left there are 2 paper targets through a window that is covered by shade cloth attached to the window frame by velcro. The way to make some real time here was to push your gun straight through the shade cloth, the velcro releases and you have clear shots at the targets. A lot of people lost time by opening the window by hand and then engaging the targets. To the left was a similar window where you engaged a mini pepper which is obscured by a no shoot popper and a paper target. Moving to the left, directly ahead there are 2 paper targets partially covered by a no shoot. Further to the left there is a paper target nearly obscured because of the angle by hard cover. For those who really wanted to back their skill, they engaged the target from where they were standing and only having about 6 inches of target to aim at. I did this and got ability confused with ambition scoring an A and a miss. Others moved about 10 meters to the left and had a clear shot at the target. Mario won this stage with 82 points in 13.38 seconds with Greg Lowe, of Melbourne Airport winning Standard with 81 points in 20.04 seconds.

Finally on to the last stage, called 'It's in the Bag'. A 21 round field course that starts with you gripping a bag, with your unloaded gun in it. On the signal you must retrieve your gun, load it and engage a close in paper target partially covered by a no shoot, with another paper target down the range and a pepper far back with a no shoot behind it. You then move to the right to engage 3 paper targets through a very low window. Moving to the right again there is a window with 2 paper and a half paper target directly coming into view as you moved to the window. There was also a paper target virtually right below it. I felt like requesting a milk crate to stand on just so I could see it. Mario, always being helpful suggested that for shorties like me, we should go one handed and just lean through the window and use the barrel to point, as you are that close you can forget about using your dot. The upside of this is that you pick up some time, the downside is that you must be careful with muzzle direction as you move away from the window. You can be disqualified just as easy on the last stage as the first for breaking 180 degrees with your muzzle. After dragging yourself out of that window you race to the right to a window where you engage 3 paper targets close in and a pepper further away. Guess who won this with 110 points in 17.04 seconds, yes him again. Paul Drakeley of Sale won Standard with 111 points in 19.92 seconds.

As we sat down and had a nice lamb roll that the ladies at Sale put together, the computer was being put through it's paces running the overly complicated IPSC scor-

ing system. After the smoke cleared the following results were posted:

Open Class		Standard Class	
Oakleigh	1556	Sale	1716
	Sale	1331	Melb Airport 1399
	Melb Airport	1034	Bendigo 1394
	Bendigo	725	Warragul 1184

This was the first Postal finals I had attended, and even though I was a reserve I got to shoot the course with the others. My scores were not included, luckily for my team, but the experience was great. I have already put my team on notice that next year I will make one of their spots mine and get to compete for real. Mario was kind enough not to laugh out loud but it has given me something to aim for.

DUEL STATE TITLE WINNERS

Joan Hanson

The New South Wales Black Powder State Titles were conducted at Wagga Wagga Pistol Club on 20th & 21st November 1999. The competition between New South Wales and Victoria has always been very close and hotly contested.

5 Victorians travelled up to Wagga - Greg Vincent, John Sammartino, Jim Cox, Glen Hanson & David Hastie. They all shot well with Jim Cox finishing 3rd in 25 mtr. A Grade; David Hastie finishing 1st in 50 mtr. B Grade. With Greg Vincent being the 50 mtr. Victorian State Champion

and John Sammartino being the 25 mtr. Victorian State Champion, they decided to swap titles. Now Greg being the 25 mtr. New South Wales State Champion with a score of 365 and John being the 50 mtr. New South Wales State Champion also with a score of 365, being a personal best in

an open competition. Also as a matter of interest John, Greg, Jim and David are members of the same Club - Cohuna.

It's a feather in the Victorians cap and puts them in good stead for the 2000 Nationals in Sydney, to be able to come away with both the New South Wales titles after competing against them on their home turf. New South Wales wouldn't allow the Perpetual Trophies to cross the border with the supposed Mexicans.

A special congratulations to Greg and John for being duel State Title holders.

DANIEL REPACHOLI

by Will Crossman

One of our Juniors blitzed the N.S.W. State Titles. Young Daniel Repacholi showed who's boss at Blacktown recently.

Daniel took out:

Junior Air - 60

Junior Sport

Junior 3 Match Aggregate

- Sport/Air/Std Pistol
- Second in Standard Pistol (won 'A' Grade)
- First in Men's Air 'B' Grade

Daniel may be a good shot, but he's still learning how to navigate using a Street Directory and he won't be getting a drive of the Mustang either.

Mind you, Daniel wasn't alone up there on the dais, a couple of other Mexican's also did well.

Jack Holden from Yackandandah got into Men's Air Finals and also had a shoot off for second in C/F and 3d in Free Pistol 'B' grade.

Sally Taylor from Yackandandah made it into the Women's Air Finals and yours truly in Rapid Fire and Free Finals 2nd in Free Pistol 'B' Grade and 3d in Rapid Fire 'A' Grade.

Linda Ryan C.B.R. 3d in Women's Sports and 4th in Women's Air.

Others who also did well were:

Emma Riella - Yackandandah - 3rd in 'A' Grade Junior Air - 40

Faye Gilbey - Yackandandah - 1st in 'D' Grade Women's Sport

Raylene Riella - Yackandandah - 1st in 'D' Grade with a Grade Break Women's Air.



*'A' Grade rapid at
N.S.W. Titles.*

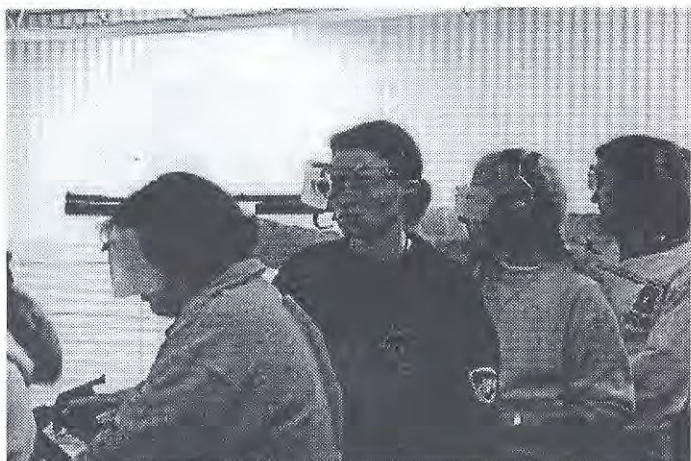


*Sally Taylor in Air
Finals*



*'Daniel watching air
final*

*Linda Ryan in air
finals*



*Daniel 'A' Grade
Standard Pistol*



'Daniel again



BALLISTICS OF A .22 RIMFIRE

By Des Bosely

In the September issue of VPN a lot of questions were posed about the effects of ammunition velocity on the target accuracy of the ammunition concerned. This all boiled down to one important question of how much does the point of impact on the target vary with change in projectile muzzle velocity? A little mathematics will soon show what this variation is, and when this result is known most of the other questions become superfluous. (All calculations will be in metric units).

As most physics students should have learnt a projectile fired from a firearm is captured by the force of gravity immediately on leaving the barrel of the firearm. The projectile starts to fall toward the earth with a gravitational acceleration of g mm per second per second, even though it is speeding along its trajectory at around 300 metres per second. (The value of g for Melbourne is 9799.9 mm/sec²). The distance the projectile falls in a given time can be calculated using the second law of motion which is $x = \frac{1}{2} a t^2$, where x is the distance fallen, a is the acceleration (equal to g), and t is the time of fall in seconds. To find the variation of where shots will hit the target we need to find the difference in the time of fall t of the projectile for the fastest and slowest travelling shots.

If we use the given velocities from the September VPN table and assume that the firearm is sighted to make an average velocity projectile hit the centre of the ten ring. At the lowest velocity the time taken to reach the target will be longer so the projectile will fall further and hit lower on the target. Conversely the higher velocity projectile will get to the target in less time, fall less and hit the target at a higher position. (We are neglecting the slowing of the projectile going down range due to aerodynamic drag, which would be almost constant for all velocities).

Using the figures given for Fiocchi Black - average velocity is 908.14 feet per second, (276.81 m/s), the time to hit the ten ring at 25 metres is calculated by dividing the distance by the velocity or $25/276.81 = 0.0903$ seconds.

Similarly the high velocity round at 921.5 feet per second (280.95 m/s) takes $25/280.95 = 0.0889$ seconds.

The minimum velocity round at 273.78 m/s (898 fps) takes $25/273.78 = 0.0913$ seconds to reach the target.

That is - Fast 0.0889 sec, Average 0.0903 sec, Slow 0.0913 sec.

The difference in travel time from fastest to average is 0.0903 minus $0.0889 = 0.0014$ sec. The difference from average to minimum is $0.0913 - 0.0903 = 0.0010$ sec.

That is - Fast to average 0.0014 sec and average to slow 0.001 sec.

These are the differences in time the projectile is falling getting to the target and is the time t in the second law of motion formula, which we can now use to calculate the amount of fall.

If the average velocity round hits dead centre, the extra fall of the slow round will be: $1/2 \ 9799.9 \ 0.001^2 = 0.0049 \text{ mm}$. This is how far the slow round will hit below centre.

The rise for the fast round will be $1/2 \ 9814.56 \ 0.0014^2 = 0.0096 \text{ mm}$. This is how much higher the projectile will hit the target above the centre of the ten ring.

So what do we have? An average velocity projectile is sighted to hit the centre of the ten ring. The fast projectile gets to the target 0.0014 second faster than the average one and strikes 0.0096 mm higher. The slow projectile takes 0.001 second longer than the average velocity one and strikes the target 0.0045 mm lower. A total difference of 0.014 millimetre.

As the ISSF target has a ten ring of 50 mm diameter, worrying about a rise and fall of shot of 0.014 mm (0.0006" for the oldies) due to the variations in velocity, is laughable. Even at 50 metres if you double, or even increase the drop by ten times, it is not worth worrying about.

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These results are for the best ammunition in the table (Fiocchi Black). What about the worst; Winchester Super Pistol, with a maximum velocity of 372 m/sec (1220 FPS) and a minimum velocity of 266 m/sec (874 FPS)? Doing the maths again gives a drop from fast to slow of 3.5 mm for this brand. Again comparing it to the 50 mm ten ring it is not worth worrying about.

The secret to accuracy lies partly in uniform velocity. The greatest secret to projectile accuracy is in the quality and uniformity of the projectiles. As well as travelling to the target at around 300 metres per second, they are spinning at 40,000 revs per minute, so the slightest imbalance has a measurable effect at 25 metres and more than twice that effect at 50 metres. That is why the Lapua ammunition costs \$16 per box of fifty! Ask any small bore rifle shooter where their shots have to group in less than 10 mm at 50 metres to get a score approaching 590 out of a possible 600.



VICTORIA POLICE

Re: Firearm Licensing Services

In a recent restructure Firearm Licensing Services (formally known as the Firearms Registry) became a part of Regulatory Services Branch.

One unit within Firearm Licensing Services is the Client Services Unit. This unit has been specifically designed so that enquires from the public are dealt with efficiently, professionally and expeditiously. The Client Services Team have an advanced knowledge of licensing and registration procedures. It is our aim to have the person who answers the phone, answer the enquiry. Where this is not possible, the matter will be referred to another internal area and the progress of the enquiry monitored.

Firearm Licensing Services also now provides a counter service for individuals who require assistance which may not be possible to provide over the telephone.

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E-mail: firearmsregistry@police.vic.gov.au

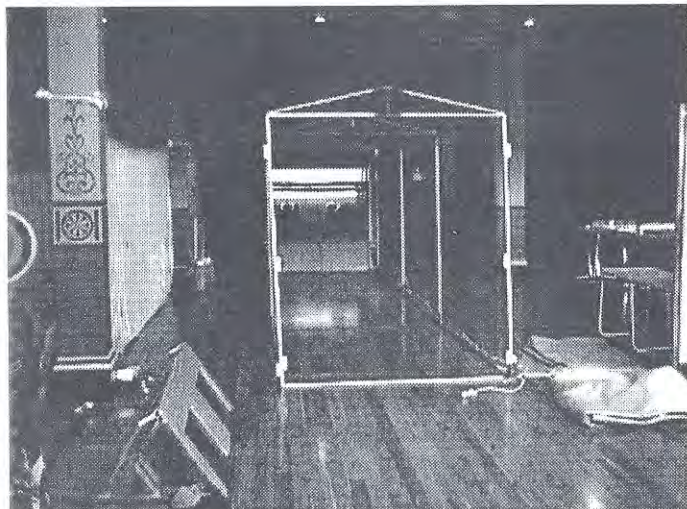
Ken Hawkins
Manager
Licensing & Registration Services

MOBILE AIR PISTOL RANGE

by Will Crossman

The mobile Range was set up in the Royal Exhibition Buildings for the 'Older Persons Day' on Wednesday, 20th September, 1999.

We were placed in a very good location next to the entrance. A great day was had by all who attended.



*Trailer being set up
- Trailer ready*

Many thanks to the members of the Melton Pistol Club who helped out on the day - Brian Adams, Darryl Pretty and Frank Mercer, without who's help I could not have run the Range.

It was good to see the smiles on the faces of the oldies and not so old as they walked away with their targets in their hands, many to return again for another go. It is surprising how many Grannies are good shots.

While we are on the subject on the Air Trailer, it's a pity that more Clubs or Members don't take up the opportunity of using



it. You can set the Range up at almost any event that you can think of. All you need is a minimum of 4 club members and a venue to use it at - Country Shows, City Fairs,



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Whatever happened to Action Match (AM) in Victoria?

Peter Doherty
Oakleigh Pistol Club

I was reading through the December 1998 Victorian Pistol News recently and the article on the Action Nationals in Darwin started me thinking. The article followed the Victorian team on their way to winning the National team title in Darwin. Neil Stewart finished the article by expressing his dismay at the decline of Action Match at club level and questioning what needed to be done. Only one year later Victoria decides not to send a team to the nationals.

Whilst I cannot really put forward what the problems in the past have been, I can attempt to get a few more people interested at the club level. What better way to do that than by getting involved in the VAPA postals. You do not need fancy equipment and your club does not need to spend a fortune in setting up a range. Following is a discussion on the equipment required, the range requirements and the courses of fire.

The Equipment

Like any shooting sport you can spend thousands on equipment, but if you are like me, no matter how much I spend on equipment it will never make me a Master Grade shooter, no matter what the shooting magazines say! The good news is that you do not need to.

All Action Match events are shot from a holster so this will be a basic requirement and the type you get will be dictated by the gun you use. Now comes the old question of revolver or semi-auto but with AM the choice may be easy to make. A number of the firing positions are from 25, 35 and 50 yards, what this generally means is that if you go for a semi-auto, it must be very accurate from long distances. Now this by no means is a difficult thing for a semi-auto to do, but it does require a lot of gunsmithing, time and money. On the other hand, most revolvers can handle these distances out of the box. Please don't write in to Mark and complain about me bashing semi-auto's, I am just trying to simplify things. Anyone who shoots Service Match can easily use their existing gun to shoot Action. Power factor is slightly lower than Service Match, only requiring you to make 120, so you could probably use your Service Match ammunition.

When you look at photos of people shooting AM they generally have scopes, barrel underlugs, wings, all the accessories. These people are shooting Open Class, but AM also has a Stock Class the same as IPSC does which means you can still use a fairly simple gun. If you have a revolver that hasn't been touched, the one thing that is a

must is a trigger job. I have bought myself a second hand AM gun (yeah with the scope et al, I couldn't resist!), it is a S&W 686 and the first thing I intend to do is take it to Sid Pattison and get him to smooth the trigger out. Sid, as well as doing a great job as the competition controller for VAPA performs great trigger jobs.

So, don't let the 'so called' equipment race put you off because you can compete with fairly entry level equipment.

The Range Requirements

Your club will have to use a 50 meter range, existing frames can be used as most the events are shot on the NRA Tombstone targets. Where your club may need to shell out some money is in acquiring falling plate targets and a frame and some barricades. As some of the events allow you to go prone, and generally time allows at distances 25 yards and greater, you will need to ensure that the range is safe when shooting from these positions

Courses of Fire for VAPA Postals

The VAPA postals shoots 4 AM events; Practical, Falling Plates, Barricade and Los Alamitos. All of these are shot from the holster and start position for all, besides the barricade is hands shoulder high. The barricades requires a start position of hands resting on the barricade.

The Practical Match is divided into 4 stages, each stage has 3 strings and 12 shots per stage, shot on 2 targets.

10 yards – 1 shot at each target within 3 seconds, two shots at each target within 4 seconds and 3 shots at each target, weak hand only within 8 seconds.

15 yards - 1 shot at each target within 4 seconds, two shots at each target within 5 seconds and 3 shots at each target within 6 seconds.

25 yards - 1 shot at each target within 5 seconds, two shots at each target within 6 seconds and 3 shots at each target within 7 seconds.

50 yards - 1 shot at each target within 7 seconds, two shots at each target within 10 seconds and 3 shots at each target within 15 seconds.

The Falling Plate event is divided into 4 stages, each stage has 2 strings, with 6 shots per string on 6 8 inch metal plates. Shooting distances are 10,15,20,25 yards in 6,7,8 and 9 seconds per stage respectively.

The Barricade event is shot using a 6ft x 2 ft barricade and 2 NRA Tombstone targets.

The competitor fires 6 shots at either target from the matching side of the barricade, then 6 shots at the other target from the matching side of the barricade. The distances are 10, 15, 25 and 30 yards in a time of 5, 6, 7 and 8 seconds respectively.

The Los Alamitos event is shot on 3 NRA Tombstone targets. At 7 yards there are 3 stages; (1) 3 strings of 2 shots per target in 2 ½ seconds per string, (2) 2 shots per target in 5 seconds, (3) 2 shots per target, strong hand only in 6 seconds. At 10 yards the competitor fires 2 shots per target, reloads and fires a further 2 shots per target, weak hand only in 18 seconds. At 25 yards there are 2 stages; (1) 2 shots at each target, right side of the barricade in 10 seconds, (2) 2 shots per target, left side of the barricade in 10 seconds.

Hopefully this article has helped show how easy it is to get into Action Match, you don't have to want to make the Bianchi Cup team, you just want to have fun. I am trying to get Action Match up and running for next years Postals at Oakleigh, hopefully some other clubs may do the same.

Editors note: Since receiving this article V.A.P.A. has adopted the Mover in place of the Los Alamitos as part of the postals competition.

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STATE TEAM SELECTION METHOD 2000

ACTION MATCH.

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To form a squad from which the State Team to compete at the 2000 National Championships will be selected.

THOSE ELIGIBLE TO NOMINATE:

OPEN: All shooters of High Master Grade

LADIES AND JUNIORS: All shooters of High Master or Master Grade

Any shooter who does not nominate by the prescribed closing date because they were not of the required standard, and they attain that standard in any Sanctioned Open competition by 30 June, 2000, may submit a late nomination to the Team Managers.

HOW TO NOMINATE

Complete and mail the nomination form by 31st March 2000 to

Neil Stewart
P O Box 38
Pascoe Vale South Vic 3044

SELECTION METHOD.

To be eligible for Team Selection shooters are required to shoot three (3) qualifying scores at Sanctioned Open Competitions between 16th August 1999 up to and including the 2000 Victorian Championships.

Should there be insufficient Open Competitions to allow all eliminators to qualify without leaving Victoria, a series of Closed Elimination shoots will be arranged at venues and dates to be advised.

Team Selection will be based on each shooters average score over the selection period, discounting their best and worst score. If you compete interstate and overseas you must provide a copy of the results to the Team Managers **within 28 days of the competition.**

The 2000 State Team will be selected at the conclusion of the 2000 Victorian Championships.

QUALIFYING SCORES:

OPEN: 1910

LADIES: 1880

JUNIORS: 1880

TEAM COMPOSITION:

The Victorian Team will comprise sufficient numbers to provide for OPEN, LADIES and JUNIORS events.

In the case of insufficient competitors with qualifying scores the Team positions may be left vacant or filled at the discretion of the State Team Selection Sub Committee.

TEAM SELECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

The Sub-Committee will comprise up to three (3) members elected by the Committee of Management plus the Team Managers, and the Association President and Secretary exofficio.

The Sub-Committee will have discretionary powers including when selecting the State Team.

The decision of the Sub-Committee shall be final.

REPLACEMENT OF TEAM MEMBERS

Once selected should any member of the Team be unable to attend the National Championships, his/her position will be filled or left vacant at the discretion of the Team Managers.

If, at the National Championships, it is considered that any Team Members may, in any way, jeopardise the chances of the Team, the Team managers may replace that member.

Team members will at all times comply with the Team Managers' instructions relating to Team activities.

TEAM SUBSIDY

A sum equivalent to the return APEX air fare, accommodation on a twin share basis, an allowance of \$10-00 per day while required for Team commitments, nomination and entry fees for Team Events.

Those attending the Presentation Dinner will be reimbursed the Cost of the Dinner ticket.

BONUS

Team members placed in the top ten overall will be eligible for a bonus based on a sliding scale of \$50.00 for first down to \$5.00 for tenth place.

Members of a Team finishing first in the Team event will receive a bonus of \$100.00 per team member, second \$70.00 per team member and third \$40.00 per team member.

GENERAL

Team members will be in attendance at the venue of the National Championships at least 24 hours prior to their first event - or earlier - so that each member can engage in at least one practice session of their event.

On completion of their competition events, members may depart the Team although it is hoped that members will remain to support and encourage other team members for remaining competitions.

Accommodation will be booked for the Team. Any member (with good reason) may apply to live elsewhere, but the accommodation must be close to the venue. If any such request is approved, and dependant on the style of accommodation, the member may be reimbursed up to the equivalent of the accommodation arranged by the V.A.P.A..

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I wish to nominate for the Elimination Series to select the Action Pistol Match State Team that will represent Victoria at the 2000 National Championships. I undertake to abide by the decision of the Team Selection Sub-Committee and, if selected, the conditions of the published State Team Selection Method 2000.

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FREE PISTOL

State Record 555

John Gillman (1976) Bruce Quick (1998)

1	QUICK Bruce	555
2	IGLESIAS Jose	540
3	WRIGHT Jim	535
4	BUTCHER Peter	531
	EDWARDS Norm	532
6	CROSSMAN Wil	529
7	HOLDEN Jack	523
8	FINKEN Herman	518
	HORTON Geoff	518
10	ROBERTSON Colin	513

CENTREFIRE

State Record 585 Bruce Quick (1996)

1	RYAN Noel	582
2	QUICK Bruce	578
3	DAVIS Wayne	573
	IGLESIAS Jose	573
5	WRIGHT Jim	571
6	MILLER Andrew	570
7	HOLDEN Jack	565
8	GRANT Ray	564
	MAJBORODA Klau	564
10	MOTTON Ralph	563

RAPID FIRE

State Record 575 Peter Oliver (1990) State Record 580 Bruce Quick (1999)

1	QUICK Bruce	575
2	RYAN Noel	569
3	WRIGHT Jim	567
4	CROSSMAN Will	566
	HOWARD Greg	566
6	FINKEN Herman	564
7	HARVEY Graeme	562
8	EDWARDS Norm	557
9	SCOUALL Andrew	556
10	HOLDEN Jack	555

STANDARD PISTOL

1	QUICK Bruce	580
2	RYAN Linda	574
3	WOODWARD Anne	565
4	REPACHOLI Daniel	562
	RYAN Noel	562
6	SMITH Ern	558
7	TOMASSINI Paul	557
8	CROSSMAN Will	556
	SMITH Ern	556
10	MILLAR Andrew	550

MEN'S AIR PISTOL

State Record 577 B Sandstrom (1999)

1	QUICK Bruce	575
2	IGLESIAS Jose	571
3	CROSSMAN Wil	568
	EDWARDS Norm	568
5	HOLDEN Jack	567
6	ROBERTSON Colin	564
	WRIGHT Jim	564
8	BUTCHER Peter	558
	WATTZ Alan	558
10	TAIT Peter	556

WOMENS SPORT PISTOL

State Record 581 Lynda Ryan (1999)

1	RYAN Linda	585
2	WOODWARD Anne	579
3	MULLENS Joy	573
4	GILLMAN Kirsty	570
5	TURNER Val	562
6	LEE Cheryl	560
7	HOMEWOOD Viv	555
8	KIRKPATRICK Kerr	554
9	BRYANT Charlotte	553
10	LESTER Dee	552

WOMENS AIR PISTOL

State Record 386 Annemarie Forder (199)

1	RYAN Linda	387
2	MULLENS Joy	376
3	KIRKPATRICK Kerr	372
4	KUBIAK Carol	371
5	WOODWARD Annet	370
6	GILLMAN Kirsty	369
7	FINKEN Marjo	366
	REILLA Emma	366
9	TAYLOR Sally	365
10	CHILLER Kitty	363
	POWER Helen	363

JUNIOR SPORT PISTOL

State Record 578 Andrew Gonczol (1990)

1	REPACHOLI Daniel	581
2	FINKEN Lucas	563
3	MULLENS Colin	552
4	COOK Kimberly	541
5	ALEXANDER Ainsl	539
6	KORNEY Chris	531
7	MURPHY Alister	530
8	MEREDITH Greta	529
9	RIELLA Emma	526
10	ROBINSON Baden	516

JUNIOR MEN'S AIR PISTOL

State Record 567 Chris Shentall (1998)

1	REPACHOLI Daniel	565
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	FISCHER W	510
9	TWITE Travis	501
10	REPACHOLI Steph	423

JUNIOR LADIES AIR PISTOL

State Record 385 Annemarie Forder (1998)

1	RIELLA Emma	364
2	ALEXANDER Ainsl	359
	DUNBAR Rebecca	359
4	COOK Kimberley	340
5	PORTER Kylie	333
6	McNAUGHT Rebbe	330
7	MEREDITH Greta	317
8	ZEFFERT Hen	313
9	SCOUALL Donna	284
10	ROHRICH L	262

BLACK POWDER 25 METRE BLACK POWDER 50 METRE

State Record 378 Noel Ryan (1980)

State Record 374 Dennis Martin (1998)

1	SAMMARTINO John	372
2	VINCENT Greg	370
3	TAIT Peter	368
4	MOTTON Ralph	366
5	BURGESS Grant	365
	HASTIE David	365
	WARRAN Ross	365
8	HANSON Glen	363
	SMITH Ern	363
10	McCANN David	362
	WILIES Bruce	323

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	334
8	ARDEN Peter	325
	HANSON Glen	325
10	HOMEWOOD Viv	323

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	MOTTON Ralph	857
	REEVES Craig	857
8	EAGLE Alex	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	MOTTON Ralph	880
4	ANASTASI Ercole	879
5	EAGLE Alex	873
6	EVANS Eddie	870
7	DOHERTY Joe	867
8	BEHAN Mark	865
	SANDMAN Brett	865
10	OLSEN Stuart	864
	PATTISON Sid	864

SHORT BARREL MATCH

State Record 621 Ercole Anastasi (1999)

1	MOTTON Ralph	635
	OLSEN Stuart	622
3	ANASTASI Ercole	621
4	CLARK Les	618
5	BLAKE Phil	613
6	DOHERTY Joe	612
7	WINTERHALTER C	610
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 Darre	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

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	M.I.S.C. Australia Day	29
	2		9	16		23		OUTTRIM SERVICE & SBC
FEB	5	Castlemaine ISSF	12	19	Warragul ISSF	26	SERVICE STATE TITLES OUTTRIM	
	6		13	20		27		
MAR	4	BLACK POWDER STATE TITLES CASTLEMAINE	11	18		25		
	5		12	19	SERVICE & SBC GEELONG	26		
APR	1		8	15	HAMILTON ISSF	22	ISSF PA Nationals	29
	2		9	16		23		30
MAY	6		13	20	M.I.S.C. Anniversary Shoot	27	WARRNAMBOOL ISSF	
	7		14	21		28		
JUN	3		10	17		24		
	4		11	18		25		
JUL	1		8	15		22		29
	2		9	16		23		30
AUG	5		12	19		26	POSTAL FINALS BLACK POWDER POSTAL FINALS SERVICE & SBC	
	6	M.I.S.C. RECORD DAY	13	20	POSTAL FINALS I.S.S.F.	27		
SEP	2	POSTAL FINALS PRACTICAL POSTAL FINALS ACTION MATCH YACKANDANDAH ISSF	8	16	SHEPPARTON ISSF	23		
	3		9	17		24		
OCT	SEP 30		7	13				
	1		8	14	M.I.S.C. WESTERN REGION HAMILTON Service & SBC	21		28
NOV	4	YARRA BLACK POWDER SERVICE & SBC	11	18	OAKLEIGH ISSF	25	YARRA ISSF	
	5		12	19		26		
DEC	2		9	16		23		30
	3		10	17		24	MERRY XMAS	31

1999 ACTION MATCH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Usually this issue of the VPN contains a comprehensive report on the Action Match National Championships. This year is somewhat different because there was no Victorian Team entered in the championships, and hence I wasn't at the Nationals. How come a Victorian Team wasn't entered? The Team Selection Sub Committee decided that as there were insufficient shooters qualified to make a team that no team be sent.

Why were there insufficient shooters qualified?, simply because there were not enough Open Competitions in Victoria.

How can we make sure Victoria will be able to regain their dominance of Action Match again? Easy, we need Clubs to hold Action Match Opens and we need the competitors to support the Opens.

I ask all Clubs with facilities to hold an Action Open to give serious consideration to holding an Open Competition between now and July 2000. I also ask all Action Match shooters to support the Clubs that hold Opens by entering.

Any way the results were:

Australian Champion:	Brian Kilpatrick	Vic	1920/170x
Ladies Champion	Anita Mackiewicz	Vic	1913/148x
Tenth Place	Tom Whitehead	Vic	1914/156x

Add the three of them together and the total is 5747/474x.

The Pistol Australia Team Trophy was won by New South Wales with a score of 5738/502x., ending Victoria's run of six consecutive Action Match Champion Team Trophy's.

Once again, I ask all Clubs with facilities to hold an Action Open to give serious consideration to holding an Open Competition between now and July 2000.

Let's get behind our Action competitors, and restore Victoria as the number one Action Match state in the country.

Year 2000 Victorian State Pistol Championships.

Hosted by Mid Murray Pistol Club Inc.

11th, 12th & 13th March 2000.

Programme of Events.

Saturday: Free Pistol: Rapid fire 1st half: Air Pistol: Free Finals.

Sunday: Precision Centre fire: Sports Pistol: Junior Sport Pistol: Air Pistol: Rapid fire 2nd half: Standard Pistol: Ladies Air Pistol Finals: Rapid Fire finals.

Monday Rapid Fire - Centre Fire: Sport Pistol: Jun Sport Pistol: Men's Air Pistol: Finals of Men's Air Pistol: Sport Pistol Finals.

Entry Fee: \$10 per event. All cheques should be made payable to Mid Murray Pistol Club Inc and must accompany the entry. Entries will be accepted in order of receipt up to range capacities. A reserve list will be kept in order to cater for cancellations.

Rules: ISSF will apply or as close as is possible. Pistols must be checked at least 35 minutes prior to starting time of match and must pass ISSF regulations.

Grading cards must be produced at pistol check and must comply with PA regulations. ID cards must be worn.

Time stated is start of match. Prep time is prior to this.

Range Location is: Yarraby Road, Nyah. If map needed please indicate.

Organising Secretary: Ray Waldron, 14 Clark Street, Swan Hill Vic 3585.

Phone: 03 50321346.

ENTRY FORM

Year 2000 Victorian State Pistol Championships.

Name

Address Postcode

.....

.....Phone

Club

MATCH.

Mens Air
J/Ladies Air
J/Mens Air
Free Pistol
Ladies Air

GRADE.

MATCH

Sport Pistol
Centre Fire
J/Sports Pistol
Standard Pistol
Rapid Fire

GRADE

Requests:

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V.A.P.A. State Titles Registration Fee \$5.00

Costs: Matches @ \$10 = \$

Cheque No or Money Order No

Sunday Night Spit Roast: Adults @ \$10 = \$

.....U/12 @ \$4 = \$

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