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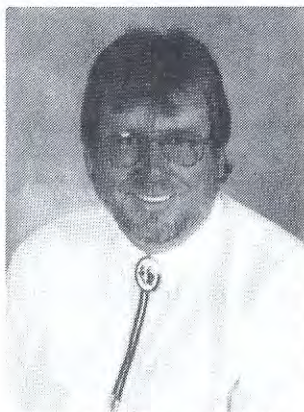
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EDITORIAL

By Mark Behan

Well here it is - my last editorial. Come this A.G.M. I will be stepping down as VPN editor after eight years. I will take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed over the years. Without them we would not have had a product that was so well received. At this stage I have no idea who will be taking over from me but, whoever it is, I wish them luck and hope they find as much enjoyment (peppered with bouts of frustration and occasional exasperation) as I have had in producing the magazine.

Somehow it seems fitting that the final topic I pontificate about is the future of our sport and the call to ban pistols. Last month there was another rally by the Coalition For Gun Control in Sydney and predicably there was another flurry of media attention and vote lines set up to judge 'public sentiment'. Just as predicably there was also another chorus from some of our members demanding that 'V.A.P.A.' do something.

Well V.A.P.A. doesn't really care and doesn't want to do anything! Yes, the V.A.P.A. Executive cares, and indeed tries hard to be heard and make a difference, but the other three and a half thousand parts of V.A.P.A., the members, don't care if they loose their pistols or not! Oh, they tell you they care. They'll corner you at the club and whine in your ear how it's the end of the world as we know it - but that's just talk. They'll even rabbit on how other organizations are fighting harder and how we should all be hopping on their bandwagon. But again, it's just talk. I mean they KNOW that the rally last month in Martin Place was beyond any organizations ability to stop, as was the resultant media attention. But hey that doesn't stop them expecting 'someone' to chase away the boogiemer and make everything O.K.

Well folks, it isn't going to happen. Ours is a sport run by volunteers whose main job is to run a sporting association, not fight a political campaign. What's more they're expected to do it all on a shoestring budget, and so long as it remains that way we are NOT going to be able to make everything O.K. For as long as the members refuse to take a responsible part in really fighting for our guns and find excuses like "I can't afford it" or "I'm not really good at that sort of thing" or "I haven't got the time" or "I don't know what to do" then don't be surprised when one day you don't have your guns anymore. This may not be what you want to hear, but it is the truth and shooting the messenger (that's me folks) won't change things. Is there something you (V.A.P.A.) can do? I'll give you some choices.

Get rid of our Amateur approach. Increase our affiliation fees by \$50 a year (that's only 96 cents a week) and spend the money to give us some permanent office staff. With an office junior to do much of the day-to-day work, it would free up a (now) permanent secretary to chase the media, the politicians and even organise some pro-active promotions. Not only that, but there would be enough money left over to advertise, and / or even employ others part-time to push our cause in Spring

Street. Can't afford 96 cents a week? Well there's good news here as well. When they take your guns think how much better off you'll be financially when you won't have to pay club fees ever again, or buy ammunition, or pay for trips to opens or ever purchase a pistol or accessory again.

Everyone's doing it tough I know, but if you won't find the money, then don't expect anything to change. Don't bother pointing the finger at P.A. either. Yes we payed a one off levy of \$10 to set up a fighting fund and true, not a lot has happened, but all that means is we have to do more to help ourselves. Getting the blame right, for mistakes of the past, will not keep your pistols for you.

No money, then what about time? If you don't want to pay others to do the job then you'll need to do it yourself. You'll need to visit your local state and federal members (both houses, both levels) and not just once. Visit them so often they know you on a first name basis and keep telling them about the sport and how we're a benefit to the community. Your club has information and a flip chart you can use. Go with a mate and talk to other members of your club to make sure they're doing the same thing. Your club will have to hold open days and advertise them in your community to get the public along. Get yourself invited to Rotary, Lions, etc. to talk about the sport and counter the inaccuracies. Send press releases to your local media about results and biographies of your members. Organise to have the V.A.P.A. air pistol range set up at least once a year somewhere in your town / region and make sure its well manned with enthusiastic members from your club. Organise the club to donate blood as a group – then let the papers know how community spirited pistol shooters are. Starting to see what you can do? These are just ideas off the top of my head and I'm sure others can think of even better ways to show the community we're a responsible and non-threatening bunch of sports people.

Oh, by the way, I'm talking to **YOU**. Don't leave it to someone else to organise, or raise this as an issue at the club. Pin this article up at your club – I suspect the vast majority of members will never see this otherwise. You like the idea (well at least see the need) of raising the capitation fees so that we actually get to keep our pistols? Then do something! Get it brought up at your club committee and then send the motion to V.A.P.A. via your delegate. Don't have a delegate? Get one – in fact volunteer to be the delegate.

Finally, a prediction.

Nothing will happen or change. The members won't want to organise or fight to keep their guns, and certainly won't want to pay 96 cents a week so the Executive can fight on their behalf. No, they'll continue to moan and shake their collective heads and blame someone else whilst finding excuses for their own lack of resolve. They will also be upset at this article. The only good news is, that for totally different reasons, the politicians will also do nothing. So, barring another shooting tragedy, you'll keep your guns... hey I've just given you another reason to do nothing.

It's a gamble I know, but to quote another well-known, fictional, pistol user "Do you feel lucky punk? Well do you?" I'm betting you all feel pretty lucky – just don't complain to me if it doesn't work out well for you.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

As a pistol shooter and member of the Bendigo pistol club and therefore affiliated to the VAPA. I am appalled by the total lack of action by VAPA during the last few weeks. I am referring to the very public actions of the Coalition of Gun Control in Martin Place, Sydney.

Where was V.A.P.A.?

The V.A.P.A. has done nothing to counter the actions of the Gun Control group. Their statements were untrue and false and therefore easily to counter publicly, but you were NOT there. The S.S.A.A. was there however and defended our handguns eloquently. I with a great many others are wondering why we should bother with the VAPA (and Pistol Australia) any longer and join the S.S.A.A. instead?

The Australian Labor Party has as a policy to remove all firearms and apparently has decided that when they get elected into government (very likely to happen), they will confiscate our handguns.

What have you got to say to this? Perhaps you don't believe this?

Some years ago, shortly before Labor PM Tony Blair was elected, I announced at a V.A.P.A. meeting at Melbourne International that the British Labor Party was going to remove all firearms. I was met with disbelief and an attitude that they thought that I had 'lost' it. Some thought I was not 'with it'. It was said that: That cannot happen, and: We should not be politically involved. One V.A.P.A. 'leading light' even made the following 'memorable' statement:

WE have been assured by politicians of the highest order that our handguns are safe.

This must be the statement of the century, equalling Mr Chamberlains statement: Mr. Hitler has promised me..... Anyone with any intelligence knows that appeasement never works, on the contrary. We now know how things evolved in Great Britain! To believe it won't happen here, to believe that 'our handguns are safe', is worse than sticking heads in sand.

If the ALP takes our guns, all the work and expenditure on the ranges has been for nothing. All the experience and marksmanship will go to waste. It will destroy a lot of people's lives.

V.A.P.A. and Pistol Australia will partly and jointly carry the blame!

I hope that you will have the guts to reply to this letter and to begin pulling your head(s) out of the sand, we have got to make our voices heard. We must, as the Kiwi's did, join forces with all shooting organisations! This problem is political, not moral, financial, ethical, etc.

To talk to politicians is useless, they will vote along party lines no matter what their personal opinion might be. Politicians are influenced by fear, fear to lose their position, NOTHING else!!

If we can impress on the general public that removing OUR handguns will NOT make Aus-

tralia safer, if we can impress on the politicians that we could cause them to lose seats, the politicians might think twice before they take our guns.

V.A.P.A. and Pistol Australia and all Clubs must act NOW, not AFTER confiscation has happened!

Awaiting your reply I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Karel Zegers.

Editors Comment: I sent Karel the following reply and promised him that his letter (and my reply) would appear in the VPN. You may notice that many of the points I raised with Karel make up the bulk of my editorial - well now you know where the "inspiration", at least in part, came from.

Dear Karel,

Can I start by saying I understand the sentiments in your letter, and the frustration you must feel when a bunch of zealots like the Coalition of Gun Control have such ready and wide access to the media. That said I'm about to become politically incorrect and tell it like it really is... but please do "understand the spirit of my message".

Where was V.A.P.A.? Well I know where I was - I first saw it on the six o'clock news in my lounge room. I wasn't in Sydney (especially Martin Place) and no member of the media contacted me for comment! What did I do? Well I sent of a 'Press Release' to the papers (you can e-mail them in these days) and was of course ignored. Where were you? What did you do? Did you write the papers, make an appointment with your M.P. or ring up a news station? Did you organise your club to do something? I'm frankly sick of telling people that V.A.P.A. is three and a half THOUSAND people headed by a half dozen volunteers who try and run a sporting body. Those volunteers also have jobs, families, commitments and even occasionally the sport / hobby of pistol shooting. If ALL our members were to ring their M.P.'s and make a stir something might happen but to leave it to the few, already working their collective butts off to run the organization, and demand more from the mysterious "V.A.P.A." pisses me off no end.

You're right about one thing though, I don't think they will confiscate our handguns. Why? There is no votes in it, and in all of the meetings I've had with the Minister (yes I DO have meetings - we'll compare notes on your approaches to politicians and mine if you like) he made it clear that he doesn't want to open the gun debate as it's a loser for everyone. I believe him because politicians only do what is good for them.

As for me having the 'guts' to reply to this letter - Please! Rather you should have asked do I have the time or interest to reply to every member who wants us to do everything for them whilst doing nothing for themselves (yes I was offended by the comment!). I also note with interest you don't exactly spell out how we are to "impress upon the politicians that we could cause them to loose their seats" and to instil in them this sense of "fear" that will suddenly make everything alright. You tell me how and we'll certainly do it. By the way - want a public campaign and a lobbyist? So do I, **BUT** I'm willing to pay an additional \$50 a year on my V.A.P.A. capitations to make it happen. I look forward to either yourself or Bendigo Pistol

Club putting that motion up to the A.G.M. in July - there's still plenty of time to get it just send it to Eddie! You'll be there of course to argue why it is VITAL! I'll second the motion.

As for the S.S.A.A. well you certainly are easily pleased. They both Nationally and at State level the S.S.A.A. publicly call for unity then appear to work to undermine every other organization. They do NOT allow joint meetings at P.A. level with ministers happily going it alone and then pointing the finger at others. A good example was the very thing you're complaining about. When they were approached by the media to comment on a PISTOL issue did they say "sorry we've only a few hundred pistol shooters, speak to our 'brother' organization V.A.P.A. that has thousands of pistol shooters." Of course not, they would rather take the glory and impress people like you. However behind the scenes, where the crunch stuff happens (e.g. at registry) who do you think is really looking after your best interests?

As for Great Britain... nah don't really want to go there other than to say if there is a similar tragedy here kiss goodbye to your pistols - even your beloved S.S.A.A. won't save them!

Last point Karel. I'm stepping down after 8-9 years as VPN editor and publicity officer (probably why I'm being so honest - or is that rude?). Are you willing to step forward to do the job? It will give you a forum and the opportunity / status to lobby the newspapers and media re 'our' cause. Yes it's a lot of work and no there is no pay, perks or even thanks but after 9 years of fighting the good fight I will be taking a break and you sound like you want to become an active part of the mysterious V.A.P.A.

I will of course print your letter in the VPN (I've never been a censor of members opinions) but I might well print this reply as well so all members, like yourself, can put up or shut up!

Yours sincerely
Mark Behan

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G'day Mark,

I originally got in touch with VAPA about a "phone in" policy suggestion.

As you will recall, there was a "phone in" organised recently by a Sydney paper. I suggested to Sharon that we should organise a 'cell system' to deal with future things of this kind. Unfortunately not everyone has Email, and I proposed that we should set up a system, where every member with Email would organise (say 5) of his friends without Email to do their phoning or letter writing as the case may be.

She suggested placing an "Ad" type thing in VPN. What do you think?

Additionally, (and "blowing my own trumpet"), I feel that I have a certain amount of expertise in reloading, and would be prepared to write the occasional article for your esteemed journal.

Regards,
John Pearse.

Editors Comment: Thanks for this letter John. I thought that rather than an "ad" we could raise the issue here. It seems a good idea and it would certainly counter the gun control

types who are a lot better organised than us. So how about it folks - are those with Email willing to put their name down on a list and in turn undertake to get 5 of their friends to respond to these "surveys"? I guess we would need at least one person to keep all the addresses in an address folder and forward the survey notifications. At least initially the V.A.P.A. Secretary could be a contact point. So if your willing to do your bit send Eddie an Email that you're a contact person, and he'll add your address to the folder.

You want to write articles for the VPN - go for it you are more than welcome. This goes for anyone. If you have something to offer don't keep it to yourself, as there are plenty of people out there who love to read about things like loading or any pistol associated topic. This might however be a good time to remind readers that anything they act on, published in the VPN, they do so at their own risk.

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Dear Sir / Madam

My name is John Evans and I am a member of the 1st Cheltenham Scout Group re-union committee. In October, from the 18th to 21st we are holding our 90-year re-union and we are aiming to contact as many of our past members as possible. We are appealing to magazines and publications, similar to yours throughout Australia, to contact these past members. It would be much appreciated if you could allocate a space in your magazine to help us achieve this goal. I have attached the information we are seeking to place.

Trusting you can be of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Committee

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Were you or do you know anybody who may have been a member of this group? Do you know anybody else who was also a member? Are you in contact with them? If so tell them the news. To register an expression of interest contact can be made in the following way:

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2001 PISTOL AUSTRALIA ISSF NATIONALS.

By Neil Stewart

Arrived at Tullamarine in plenty of time for the flight, just as well, the check in queue was literally out the door. It seems as though about half of Melbourne has chosen this morning to fly somewhere.

All the passengers for today have arrived, and having obtained prior approval from Qantas to carry guns and ammunition, check in went very smoothly. The flight was a bit late getting away, but arrived in Brisbane on time. The first thing we noticed stepping off the plane was the humidity, very oppressive.

Busses are picked up then to find the accommodation. Only a couple of minor detours were required, found the accommodation and everyone is settled in. Found a supermarket within walking distance for some supplies, then decided to drive somewhere to get the essential supplies. This town sure has some funny ideas about traffic management and street design and placement. It seems they have just put roads where they feel like it and the go off in any direction. Got the supplies and after a few more minor detours, found our way back to the motel.

Heading out to the range for practise and we found more examples of brilliant road design. The main problem being one way streets that weren't marked as such in our street directory. Eventually got to where we wanted to go. Practise days were fairly uneventful, except that we never travelled to and from the range by the same route, and every one is ready for the start of competition.

David Hastie was the first up in 50 Metre Black Powder. By the end of the third card David is having trouble with the gun and is given a break and cease to function. The Service pistol team are hard at it, with Les, Ralph and Joe combining to place the team second behind NSW, with Ralph tied for second place. Unfortunately Ralph was beaten in the shoot off and finished third, with Les 10th and Joe 18th.

The Black Powder boys were not having a happy day. With drama's over refereeing decisions and equipment playing up the team eventually finished fourth on a countback, behind South Australia. Greg seventh and John ninth.

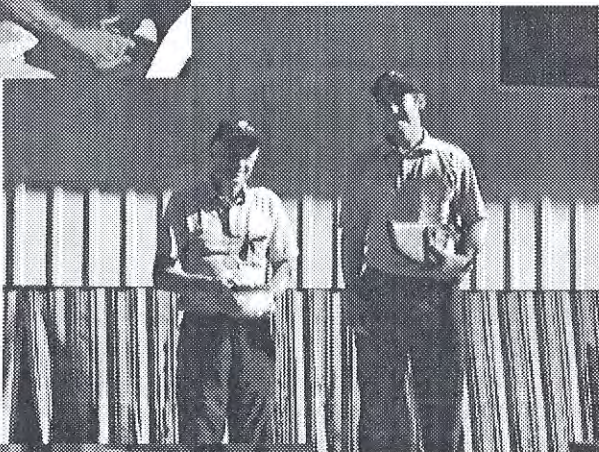
As our numbers at the motel are growing so is the delight of the restaurant manager. The restaurant provides good meals at a reasonable price. The first night about eight of us dined in the restaurant and as the number grew, so did the length of our table. Tonight we had 22 and the smile on the managers face was about as wide as our table was long.

Make the most of today, it is the only day where we do not have an 8.00 am start.



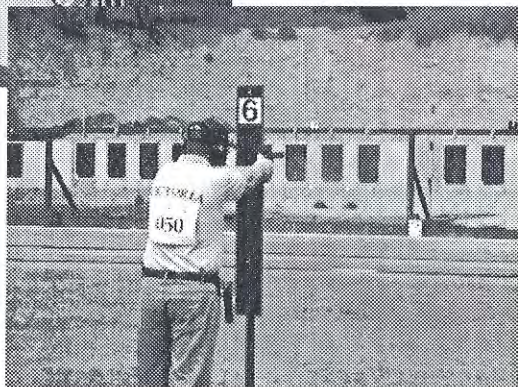
BBQ

Cfire, Nick 1st, Noel 2nd



Dinner at the team
Motel

Les Clark



Service Unrestricted starts at 10.30 with Brett. Brett had a couple of hiccups and was not all that pleased with the final result. Joe was not much happier, and Ralph was the only one with some semblance of happiness, finishing eleventh overall. The team finished a disappointing fifth. After the precision stage of 25 metre Black Powder the boys have a handy 10 point lead, but anything can happen in the rapid fire stage. The motel had a great BBQ area with plenty of tables and shade by the pool and spa, in a lush tropical setting.. It was the perfect place for a team BBQ and a great night was had by all. Bruce Quick showed he has other talents by cooking for the horde.

Another trip to the range, another different route. The Brisbane road network has more twists and turns than a can of worms. In the rapid fire stage of 25 metre Black Powder, Victoria and NSW went almost shot for shot, with Victoria having a five point lead with one shooter from each state to go. Unfortunately for Victoria, the NSW shooter was David Moore, who shot 191 to give NSW a four point victory. Although on an individual basis John Sammartino was second, Greg Vincent fourth and Ern Smith sixth. Ern will not need a plane to get home, he was floating high enough to fly himself home.

Later in the day Victoria climbed to the top of the dais with the team of Annette Woodward, Linda Ryan and Bruce Quick combining to win Standard Pistol. Bruce placed second outright and Linda in a four way shoot off for third. After the first three series shoot off Phil Adams and Craig Lambert were eliminated and Linda was still tied with Mike Giustiniano. After the next three series shoot off, Linda has "Won" by two points. Then the NRC secretary announces that the shoot off should have been a one series "sudden death", which Mike won by two points. None of the forty seven thousand million judges (well it seemed like there was that many) standing around said anything when the second series was started, what the heck were they all doing?

That evening one team member decided to try a local bistro for dinner. On entering he noticed the clientele was exclusively male, and they all appeared to be very interested in this male who walked in by himself. Our intrepid team member decided this was not the place for him and very **quickly** found somewhere else to eat.

Must have done something wrong this morning, it is the first time since we got here that we have taken the same route to the range two days in a row. Free pistol was the first match, and while the results were not quite what was hoped for, the team was far from disgraced. Bruce was our only representative in the final, starting and finishing in 5th place. In a tense final there were many moves. First and third starters dropped to eighth and seventh respectively, while fourth jumped to first and seventh jumped to third. Who said it is hard to make up places in a final. Three mistakes in the final did nothing to appease the growing disenchantment with the referees.

The final event decided today was Junior Air Pistol and was another trip to the top

of the dais for Victoria. The team of Daniel Repacholi, Lucas Finken and Alister Murphy took first place by a massive 29 points, with Daniel second, Lucas third and Alister tenth in the individual competition. In the Junior ladies air, Emma Riella finished second.

After the first half of Rapid fire competition is very tight in both individual and teams results. In the team event there is only seven points between first and fifth, and the individual event is just as close.

We are getting the Brisbane road system under control now and are getting to the range much quicker. In what is our busiest day, team members are shooting 17 team events, starting with Women's Sport precision. All the team shoot well and results are encouraging. The Juniors follow the ladies and Daniel had a bit of a problem shooting the stage, the baffles were so low he had trouble seeing the target. The Queenslanders wouldn't let us dig a hole at the firing line and Daniel didn't like the idea of having his legs cut off.

At the completion of both stages the results are tight, with Victoria 2 points behind NSW in ladies and tied with NSW in Juniors.

The second half of Rapid fire is not as successful as the first with the team finishing third, 14 points behind NSW. Both Bruce and Noel are in the final, with Bruce finishing 2nd and Noel 7th.

As well as Sport Pistol, the ladies also have Air Pistol. All the team are reasonably happy with their results and Victoria is looking good for a place. The official results are posted and Victoria is nowhere near a place, checked the scores and find they have given Helen Power a 327, about 30 points less than Helen shot. Now I know why I said "good morning" to the Chief Classification Officer every day. A polite request to the Chief Classification Officer to check Helen's score was accomplished without the need for a protest. On checking they discovered a computer glitch and Helen's score jumped from 327 to 366, propelling Victoria into first place.

Another busy day with fifteen team events being shot. The Juniors are first with the rapid fire stage of sport pistol. Things did not go according to plan and NSW won the event by 20 points, with Daniel third and Lucas sixth. Ladies sport was much closer, with Victoria finishing third, only 3 points behind the winner, WA, with both Linda and Annette in the final. In another close event Victoria finished fourth in Mens Air Pistol, 13 points behind the winner, NSW, with Daniel in the final. The last event today was centre fire precision. Victoria holds a handy 9 point lead, although there is only 17 points between first and sixth and anything can happen in the rapid fire stage.

In a very even sport pistol final Linda started third and stayed third, while Annette jumped from eighth to seventh. In the Mens Air pistol there were many place changes.

Daniel started third and finished second. For those who think the finals don't change the order much, in the Mens final there were many changes. From their starting positions the finishing order was 1st - 1st, 2nd - 8th, 3rd - 2nd, 4th - 3rd, 5th - 7th, 6th - 6th, 7th - 4th and 8th - 5th.

Another long Nationals is coming to a close, with only 3 details for centre fire rapid fire stage to be completed. For some reason the organisers had allowed two hours per detail, making for a rather long day. With most of the team members shooting in the second detail, room in the spectator area was at a premium. Nick Cumberland was solid in both halves with 290 in each for the winning score of 580. Our only National champion for this year. Noel Ryan was not far away with 576 for second and Bruce Quick finished fifth with 569. The guys increased their lead to win the event by a massive 44 points and record the second highest team score since the rapid fire targets changed.

Thoughts turned to the Manton Shield. Overnight I thought we were way out of it as NSW had a lead of over 40 points before centre fire, too much to make up in one match. Some NSW team members were suggesting we had won so some frantic calculations were done. Unfortunately NSW had won the Manton by TWO points, they also won the Adams Trophy by 71 points.

Victorians were well represented in the Aggregate Awards. Bruce Quick second in the five match, with Jim Wright ninth. Linda Ryan won the Women's three match with Annette Woodward third. John Sammartino third, Greg Vincent fourth and Ern Smith seventh in the Black Powder aggregate, while Ralph Motton was seventh in the Service Aggregate. Daniel Repacholi won the Junior aggregate with Lucas Finken third.

It is pleasing to note the growing depth in Victorian shooting, we are now getting to the stage where competition for places in the team is very intense, with six or seven people unlucky to be named as reserve or not to be selected. We need this competition for Team positions to continue to keep the strength in the Victorian Teams. If there is anyone at your club shooting good A Grade scores encourage them to nominate for next year's team.

With the afternoon off it is time to relax before the Presentation Dinner, most adjourned to the spa at the motel and revived with a few cleansing ales. Then the mad panic of trying to get everything back into the suitcase, somehow it never fits the same way as it was originally packed.

Checked out the map to the dinner venue, it looks like it would be an easy walk in casual clothes, but not in dress gear. Decided to take the busses with nominated drivers. Brisbane's one way streets struck again. To travel what looked like about 2 km in a straight line ended up about a 7 km journey. Finally found the venue after initially parking in the wrong carpark. As a dinner, this meal was one of the best

ever (at \$48.00 per head so it should be). Presentations were somewhat different, with Nick Sullivan inviting the Team Managers to present the various trophies. The trip back to the motel was almost as bad as the trip to the dinner, why Brisbane has so many one way streets I do not know.

Every one is organised for the trip to the airport starting with Sharon Reynolds departing on a 6.05 am flight. Strangely no one wanted a lift to the airport with Sharon. Only just got both of the buses to the airport, they were both running on fumes. Why did we let the fuel get so low? When we picked up the busses we pre purchased a full tank of fuel from the hire car company at \$0.76 per litre, that's right 76 cents per litre. Even at service stations the price of fuel was between 83 - 88 cents per litre.

The flight home was very uneventful and the relaxation music channel very much appreciated. Another fantastic Nationals has come to an end.

All Team Members are to be congratulated on their efforts and achievements. While not all were winners, they should be proud of their results. The Team Spirit and camaraderie was once again excellent. It was a pleasure to manage this Team and I look forward to many more successful years.

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VICTORIAN AMATEUR PISTOL ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association will be held at Yarra Pistol Club, Wellington Road, Lysterfield, on Friday 20 July 2001 at 7.30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting will be to:

1. Confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21 July, 2000.
2. Receive and adopt financial statements and report for the year ended, 30 April 2001.
3. Receive and adopt President's report.
4. Adopt changes to the 'Statement Of Purpose And Rules' as detailed below.
5. Elect office bearers for the ensuing year (see below).
6. Attend to any other business that may be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting.

Any member may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf provided that the appointment is in writing and is received by the Returning Officer at the address below by 1700 Hours on 18 July 2001.

ADDRESS: Returning Officer, V.A.P.A., P.O. Box 301, Altona 3018

Multiple Appointments are not legal and will not be accepted.

It is recommended that the form provided, or something similar be used.

Minutes of meeting of the Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association held at Melbourne International Shooting Club on Friday 21 July 2000 at 7.35pm.

CHAIRMAN

Sharon Reynolds occupied the chair and welcomed the members.

APOLOGIES: Were received from; R Lester, A Skerry, C Whelan, D Lee, J Gillman.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 16 July 1999 were confirmed on the motion of P Davis, seconded C Woods

Carried

REPORTS

It was moved M Behan, and seconded A Howard "that the Treasurer's and President's reports as circulated with the notice of annual general meeting be accepted"

Carried

S Reynolds informed the meeting that the Treasurers Report has been audited.

ELECTIONS:

All Executive Positions were declared vacant.

As there was only one nomination for the position of President, Sharon Reynolds was declared elected.

As there was only one nomination for Senior Vice President, John Gillman was declared elected.

As there was only one nomination for Junior Vice President, Bob Lester was declared elected.

As there was only one nomination for Treasurer, Bruce McGregor was declared elected.

As there was only one nomination for Secretary, Eddie Evans was declared elected.

As there was only one nomination for Executive Officer, Mark Behan was declared elected.

Nominations were called from the floor for the position of Technical Inspector.

Clive Woods was nominated D Boseley, seconded L Boseley and declared elected.

Closure: The meeting was declared closed at 7.39pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2001

It is hard to believe another year has passed. As usual there have been ups and downs. One of the downs was the necessity of increasing fees. However, thanks to Eddie Evans we were able to reduce the expected rise by obtaining insurance at a competitive rate – with that all important ‘member to member’ cover included. Our thanks to Eddie for his perseverance in sourcing this insurance cover for us.

With the Olympics coming up in September there is a lot of trepidation about our status as pistol owners. No doubt there will be some increased pressure from the anti-gun lobby – however be sure that everyone in the entire shooting movement will keep monitoring, and responding to, the situation. We can take some comfort from the thought that shooting has been included in both the World Masters Games (2002) and the Commonwealth Games (2002). Whether we like it or not our sport is politically unpopular and is going to require constant vigilance on the part of us all. It is not unusual to hear someone say “what is VAPA doing about this” – please remember that YOU are VAPA. The executive are there to manage the day to day affairs – the members, through their delegates to the Committee of Management, set the policies and the direction of our Association.

Whilst on the subject of the Olympics, several members will be involved at both the Olympics and the Paralympics – some as volunteers with such jobs as range officer, spectator services, sports presentation etc., and others with the competition itself, be it as shooters vying for the team, as managers or as coaches. To all these members I extend our best wishes for a memorable, enjoyable and successful time.

No-one works in a vacuum and I have come to realize that as president one is not only a figurehead for VAPA, one is also the political punching bag – for someone who hates politics it has been a very steep learning curve – and I’m still climbing I suspect! Without the support of the executive I would not have been able to survive so I would like to publicly thank each of them for their support and assistance. Firstly Eddie, who by getting on with the day to day running of the association takes a lot of the worries out of my job – he knows what needs doing and gets on and does it – and the occasional whinge (it can’t be easy training a new president) is offset by his efficiency!! Mark and John have both been helpful as I get used to the political minefields and I thank them for that. I can even handle John’s points of order without cringing now! Clive, Jenny and Robyn have also been supportive in their various roles and my thanks to them also. There are many others within the Association doing their bit, not least the fund raising sub-committee, the coaching and referee councils, the delegates to various organizations, the team managers, and of course all the members out there who give us our reason for being. My thanks to you all.

Sharon Reynolds

MOTION 1 to alter the Rules of the Association in regard to the position of Treasurer as follows:

30.1 The Treasurer of the association -

- (a) *shall be responsible for the* collection and receipt of all moneys due to the association and *shall be responsible for* making all payments authorized by the association
- (b) shall ensure that all monies collected are, within 14 days of collection, deposited into a bank approved by the committee; and
- (c) shall ensure that correct accounts showing all the financial affairs of the association with full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the association are maintained

MOTION 1 – rationale

This is a fairly simple change of language and simply clarifies the situation in relation to the technical aspects of the Treasurer's role.

The position of treasurer is the one Executive position requiring very specific skills and in today's climate of GST & tax compliance issues it is vital that the financial functions of the association be kept in tip top shape.

By making the treasurer *responsible* we have the opportunity to look for a person with a broader view of the position – it would be possible for a treasurer to employ a bookkeeper for part of the work (eg preparation of the Business Activity Statement, end of year accounts etc) – probably being paid for out of the honorarium. Obviously any additional expense would need to be approved by the committee at the time.

MOTION 2 to alter the Rules of the Association in regard to the position of Technical Officer as follows

32. The Technical Inspector of the association –

Delete clause (c) – shall be responsible for the inspection and approval of sites etc.

MOTION 2 – rationale

This deletion is to bring our rules into line with the current legislation. We no longer have the authority to approve ranges for shooting.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

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

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDER</u>
President	Sharon Reynolds (Oakleigh)	I. Ross	J. Moore
Snr Vice President	John Gillman (Yarra)	J. Morgan	C. Repacholi
Jnr Vice President	Bob Lester (Oakleigh)	J. Morgan	D. Lester
Treasurer	Sharon Reynolds (Oakleigh)	I. Ross	J. Moore
Executive Officer	Mark Behan	S. Pattison	S. Behan
Secretary	Eddie Evans	J. Smits	D. Pretty
Technical Inspector	Clive Woods	C. Woods	D. Boseley

TREASURER'S REPORT 2001

VICTORIAN AMATEUR PISTOL ASSOCIATION INC BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH APRIL 2001

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Cash & Bank	2	401,420	380,728
Receivables	3	28,577	19,780
Inventories	4	<u>34,470</u>	<u>57,183</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>464,467</u>	<u>457,691</u>
<u>NON CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Receivables	5	57,530	57,090
Equipment	6	<u>12,580</u>	<u>15,603</u>
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		<u>70,110</u>	<u>72,693</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>		<u>534,577</u>	<u>530,384</u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Creditors & Borrowings	7	<u>12,614</u>	<u>8,957</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>12,614</u>	<u>8,957</u>
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>		<u>12,614</u>	<u>8,957</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		<u>521,963</u>	<u>521,427</u>
<u>MEMBERS ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>			
Accumulated Operating Funds		270,786	281,875
Designated Fund Accounts	8	251,177	239,552
<u>Total Members Funds</u>		<u>521,963</u>	<u>521,427</u>

VICTORIAN AMATEUR PISTOL ASSOCIATION INC
DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2001

	<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	Balance as at 1/5/00	49,006	45,844
ADD	Allocation from Subscriptions	2,944	3,162
	Balance as at 30/4/01	<u>51,950</u>	<u>49,006</u>

	<u>FIGHTING FUND</u>		
	Balance as at 1/5/00	187,950	179,164
ADD	Receipts from New Members	3,420	3,540
	Interest received	7,859	5,771
LESS	Payments	(2)	(524)
	Balance as at 30/4/01	<u>199,227</u>	<u>187,950</u>

	<u>STATE TEAM FUND</u>		
	Balance as at 1/5/00	2,597	0
ADD	Allocation from Subscriptions	11,274	12,967
	Transfer from Operating Funds	24,932	100
	Profit from Fund Raising Sales	916	1,030
	Profit from Target Sales	10,743	10,684
LESS	Amounts Expended	<u>(50,462)</u>	<u>(22,184)</u>
	Balance as at 30/4/01	<u>0</u>	<u>2,597</u>

	TRADING ACCOUNT - FUND RAISING		
	Sales	2,783	3,168
LESS	Cost of Sales	<u>(1,867)</u>	<u>(2,138)</u>
	Profit transferred to State Team Fund	<u>916</u>	<u>1,030</u>

	TRADING ACCOUNT - TARGETS		
	Sales	35,137	39,422
ADD	Advertising on Targets	1,210	507
LESS	Cost of Sales & Commission Paid	<u>(25,604)</u>	<u>(29,244)</u>
	Profit transferred to State Team Fund	<u>10,743</u>	<u>10,684</u>

SUMMARY

INCOME

Subscriptions & Receipts	42,570	19,769
Interest Received	7,859	5,771
Profit on Trading	<u>11,659</u>	<u>11,714</u>

LESS EXPENDITURE

Amounts expended	(50,464)	(22,709)
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(Decrease) Increase for the year	11,624	14,545
ADD Designated Funds Accounts at 1/5/00	<u>239,553</u>	<u>225,008</u>
Designated Funds Accounts at 30/4/01	<u>251,177</u>	<u>239,553</u>

FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I _____ being a member of the
_____ Pistol Club and the Victorian
Amateur Pistol Association, hereby appoint _____ on
my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association
to be held on the Twentieth day of July 2001 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

Signed _____ Date ____/____/2001

My proxy is authorised to cast my vote as set out below

Motion	For	Against
<u>1</u> to alter the Rules of the Association in regard to the position of Treasurer as follows 30.1 The Treasurer of the association – (d) shall <i>be responsible for the</i> collection and receipt of all moneys due to the association and <i>shall be responsible for</i> making all payments authorized by the association (e) shall ensure that all monies collected are, within 14 days of collection, deposited into a bank approved by _____ the committee; and (f) shall ensure that correct accounts showing all the financial affairs of the association with full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the association are maintained		
<u>2</u> to alter the Rules of the Association in regard to the position of Technical Officer as follows 33. The Technical Inspector of the association – <u>Delete</u> clause (c) – shall be responsible for the inspection and approval of sites etc.		

This notice of appointment shall be forwarded to the address below so as to be received not later than 18 July 2001.

ADDRESS: The Returning Officer,
V.A.P.A.
P O Box 301, Altona 3018

Western Action

By Daryl Corp (AKA Virgil Earp)

Since I last penned an article for VPN a number of significant events have occurred, including convening the inaugural Victorian Western Action Captains' Meeting in early April and the staging of the third annual "Callin' Ya Out" Western Action shoot at the Ballarat Pistol Club.



WESTERN ACTION CAPTAINS' MEETING

The inaugural Western Action Captains' Meeting was held at the Ballarat Pistol Club on Sunday 8 April. This was an important milestone for Western Action in Victoria. It was certainly encouraging that in all 16 Western Action Captains and observers representing clubs from across the state were

prepared to make the effort to travel to Ballarat and actively participate in this meeting. As this was the first such gathering of Western Action Captains, the principal items of discussion included the administrative structure of Western Action, the role of the Western Action Captains and a range of strategies for fostering the discipline. It was agreed that a key objective should be to provide opportunities for interested shooters to try their hand at Western Action. After a barbecue lunch and a brief wrap up, the rest of the afternoon was devoted to a short Western Action match.

I would like to express my thanks to all the attendees and can only but be encouraged by the enthusiasm and comradeship exhibited by all who attended.

The next Western Action Captains' meeting is scheduled for Saturday 21 July and will be hosted by Fort Bridger Western Action Shooting Club at Dalhousie Lodge (near Puckapunyal). For those able to stay on over the weekend, Fort Bridger has promised to provide a full day of Western Action shooting on Sunday 22 July. Sounds like the makings of a great weekend to me and I know that Fort Bridger would welcome all comers.

"CALLIN' YA OUT"

Texas Ted Rivett, Squizzy and the Mount Rowan Rangers certainly know how to get out and have a good time shooting Western Action. The third annual "Callin' Ya Out" hosted by the Munt Rowan Rangers attracted 38 shooters and, for the early birds, the day started with breakfast at the range, followed by a mandatory shooters' meeting. The day's shooing, which comprised two individual courses of fire, two man-on-man events and a (challenging) precision pistol event, was conducted in chilly conditions on Saturday 17 March. The bottom range at Ballarat with its pot belly stove proved to be a pretty popular staging point for many and lunch of home made stew, damper and apple pie certainly warmed up the bones of those feeling the Ballarat chill.

Western action shooting at Ballarat had its (tentative) beginnings some 8 years back and the Mount Rowan Rangers, numbering fifteen members, is avowed to getting out on a monthly basis, reliving a bit of the past and having a good time shooting Western Action.

Mount Rowan Rangers are to be commended for their enthusiasm and effectiveness in drawing together a broad cross-section of shooters for this annual event. I for one will be lining up for "Callin Ya Out" when it comes around next year.

CHISHOLM TRAIL 2001

Chisholm Trail 2001 will be staged at the Captains Mountain Complex, Millmerran, Queensland from 26 – 30 September. This is the SASS Australian Regional event and Australian National Championships. This year's theme is "Notable Men and Women of the West" and, with twelve main stages, long range rifle, side and team events, for those of you who can make it up to Millmerran, this should be a great five day event.

Nominations close at the end of August, so please see your club Western Action Captain or give me a call if you require nomination forms.

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V.A.P.A. WANTS YOU!

There are two important jobs coming up that need to be filled by willing volunteers please give them some thought and forward your applications (or just give a call) to Sharon or Eddie. To help you understand what's involved with each job the following has been put together.

ARE YOU THE NEW COMPETITION CONTROLLER?

By Sid Pattison

At the end of this year's postals I will be relinquishing the role of Competition Controller. After 3 years in the job I've decided to give someone else a chance to make their mark. The V.A.P.A. postal competition is unrivalled by any of the other state pistol associations and gives our members the opportunity for meaningful state wide competition every week of the 'postal year' at no expense and without having to leave home. Each club competes within divisions, and those teams good enough, come together at the end of the year for a shoulder to shoulder final to determine the overall winner. It varies from year to year and match to match (all our events have an opportunity to enter teams and to take part in a final) but it is always a close and hard fought competition come the finals. All clubs lucky enough to win one of the postal shields take great pride in displaying it for the year and defending it the next. One only has to look at one of the shields to see the history of the competition and the success of one club or another.

So you're interested in being the Controller and want to know what the job entails. So here goes. In October this year you will need to draw up the calendar for the following year, set the deadlines for the year and set any amendments to the rules (these will all need to go through the V.A.P.A. C.O.M. for approval). Once that is done you will need to elicit entries and then post out to each Club Captain (who, for clarity, should be your only contact) the approved calendar, rules, etc. You must also design and distribute (and this is a monthly task) the scenarios for the 'Practical' match. Then you sit back and wait.

You will then start receiving by mail, fax and e-mail the results for the weeks competition. After the deadline these will need to be entered into the computer and the results run off and posted out to the clubs on a weekly basis. Some competitions (e.g. Practical and Service 25 yards) do not have a particular weekend and, whilst those matches have their own deadline, the results may trickle in anytime over the five weeks. Practical is a particular problem as no scores can be calculated until they are all in... but you'll figure that one out and make the necessary adjustments.

You will also need to organise the finals and notify the various teams of their inclusion. Some liaison is also required with the clubs who host the finals to make sure the squadding is right etc. You of course will be required to attend all finals and generally oversee the competition and verify the results.

The postal competition is not the only thing the Competition Controller has responsibility for. He also oversees the V.A.P.A. Open Calendar and makes sure that opens during the year don't clash and that State Titles and Postal Finals have clubs willing to host them. He attends the monthly V.A.P.A. C.O.M. meeting and gives his report on the postals, open applications and any other matters. He is also responsible for compiling the Victorian Top Ten and making sure that it and the Open Calendar are published quarterly in the VPN. He also passes on the Victorian Top Ten to Pistol Australia. He also organises the production of certificates for the postals and the Top Ten (in all matches) as well as the Postal pennants in all the subdivisions in all the matches contested in that year. For those who didn't even know it was possible, he is also responsible for downgrading (A grade to B grade etc.) any members who seek it.

Is there anything I've missed? Well lots of phone calls from people who didn't make the Top Ten and want to know why, or whose postal team didn't get entered on time and want to know why and... well you get the idea. Is it rewarding? Whilst it is a busy job YES it is rewarding. You're an important part of V.A.P.A. and play a vital role in giving to the members something that the Association can be justly proud of - a genuine competition circuit accessible by all its members. V.A.P.A. even helps by supplying the equipment you'll need including a brand new photocopier and a dedicated fax/e-mail phone line. How do you apply? Well if your interested let Sharon Reynolds or Eddie Evans know and (assuming we're overwhelmed with applicants) the final decision will be made at the August C.O.M. One last thing. I'll see this season out but the new incumbent will have to oversee the Postal Finals.

ARE YOU THE NEW VPN EDITOR?

Rather than reinvent the wheel I've already had one query from a member who wanted to know about deadlines hours etc. so I thought I could just re-print my response to him. For the record he didn't want the position, but even if he did, we'd still be looking for volunteers so we can be sure the best man / woman gets the job.

Hi John,

Sharon forwarded your e-mail to me and asked me to reply. So here goes -

Hours per week? How long is a bit of string?

Some editions are well subscribed too and there is usually just a need to sort through the articles and perhaps scan them in, type them in, or convert to a relevant copy of 'Word'. Other editions you'll be doing a lot of writing and / or chasing yourself!

You'll really need to write something yourself (even if it's only an Editorial) in every edition, and how long that takes is dependant on how well / quickly you write and how many drafts you need to do to feel comfortable with it. Then there's proof reading and editing for political and otherwise incorrect writing. Constructing the

odd open entry, advert, etc. can also be a bit time consuming. You then need to work out the order of how you want things and reflect that in the construction of page one (contents).

Then there are the photographs. If they're digital they may need to 'massaged' a little (get rid of the colour, tighten up the contrast, crop for best effect, etc.) whilst the 'normal' pictures are a godsend - no work required and nice reproduction. Virtually every edition has had a 'normal' photo on the cover - they just look better than the digitals. Don't have a photo? Well the members expect you to be at every event and every shoot to write articles and to take the photos - DON'T let it bother you! Do what you can when you can and let the rest slide off your back.

You may also have to chase some regulars (such as the competition controller) for their articles. The good news is there are a growing 'stable' of regular contributors which makes your job ultimately easier. In the early editions you will also be chasing the layout person and need to sit with him a little so you both understand what you're trying to achieve but this will be a chore that will soon disappear once you have an understanding. There are also a few other jobs like keeping up the mailing database (not the whole one, just the non-member one) and printing labels etc.

So, to get back to the original question, hours per week? Anything from 2 hours a week to 4 or 5 - it just depends on circumstances, etc. I think the current layout, policies, etc. are fine to start with but no doubt you'll want to improve the VPN and put your stamp on things. That's great but like all things it will take additional time.

Computer expertise? Easy this one. If you can use Word your 3/4 of the way there. You'll need 'Access' for the labels and a photo manipulation program (I use Photoshop) and having a good OCR (VAPA has a copy of Omni Pro to couple with the scanner that will make life easier). All that said however, if you can get the articles into 'Word' everything else will probably be able to be worked out with your layout person who might be willing to help on any difficult articles.

On the plus side VAPA will probably be happy to talk to you in regard programs (scanner?) etc. and will supply you with a Fax machine and a digital camera (if you can get it off the team managers). Either way they'll not leave you high & dry. Advice from me? Always happy to talk to you about anything but, and I don't mean this in a nasty way, I'll not be submitting articles (well perhaps the occasional one). The reason I gave up is lack of time, burn out, and a sense that it's someone else's turn. I'm sure you know what I mean.

One last thought. I also seemed to inherit 'Publicity Officer' as a natural extension of the VPN. Keep in mind that they are not necessarily linked and you can always say NO to that. Look, the VPN might seem a big job but it is also very rewarding and worth any initial teething problems and I'd like to think of "my" VPN going to a good home.

Cheers
Mark Behan

ANSETT CUP AIR PISTOL **FINALS**

**(& A FREE WEEKEND IN
CANBERRA!)**

By Will Crossman

**To all members who are interested in competing for
the honour of representing Victoria in the Ansett
Cup finals in Canberra on November 10th & 11th**

You do not have to be a Master or even an A grade air
pistol shooter. If you are capable of putting down 10
good shots, and available to go to Canberra. **That's all
that's required.**

It's a 10 shot match shot under finals conditions,
simple isn't it? There are 8 shooters to a detail, and the
winner from each detail, male & female, will go into
the finals FINAL.

We will have a male and a female going to Canberra.
Airmiles and accommodation supplied. Could you be
one of them?

For entry details see Ballarat Pistol Clubs Open on
Sunday August 26th elsewhere in this issue.

Strong Team to Compete at USA Nationals

From Pistol Australia

Pistol Australia has today, sent away a strong six member team to the United States to compete at the American National Championships, (Bianchi Cup) from May 23 to 25, 2001.

The team consists of current World Champion Robyn Estreich (NSW), Josh Sweeney (NSW), Craig Ginger (NSW), Ken Carter (NSW) and Ercole Anastasi (Victoria). Nick Sullivan (SA) is the Team Manager.

Australian Teams have an outstanding record at these championships, and having shot such a high standard to meet the criteria big results are expected from this team. All members of the team had to meet tough selection criteria, having to shoot three qualifying scores before competing in a final selection following last year's national championship.

The American National Championships have drawn the world's strongest and most experienced action shooters and are considered as one of the strongest events. Robyn Estreich will be defending her World Championship title at this event.

RYAN AIMS TO SHOOT BETTER

Pistol Australia representative Linda Ryan, will depart Sydney tomorrow to compete at the Milan ISSF World Cup, starting on May 28. Ryan took out the bronze medal in Women's Sport Pistol at this same event last year and has her hopes set on improving those efforts.

Ryan, 34, who resides in the ACT and works at the Australian Sports Commission, shot a personal best score of 585 (out of a possible 600) in last year's qualification round, which was also the best Australian score in international competition and also an Australian record. She is in the right form to match or even improve those results next week.

Following the competition in Milan, Linda will then travel to Germany to compete in the Munich World Cup from June 5 to 11, where most competitors from Milan will also compete. These two events are considered to compare to any major world event and will boast the world's top competitors. Linda, an Australian representative at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games will take her experience with her to Europe, to match up to the predominately strong European and Asian shooters. "2000 was a tough and busy year for me and the experience gained from the World Cups and Olympic Games has helped me prepare mentally for these competitions," said Ryan.

Linda, the only Australian to gain selection onto the team for these World Cups, had to shoot her way through a tough selection period which required her to shoot a qualifying score at three major shoots, including the National Championships held last month.

Shooters Ads

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An Invitation from Homewood Pistol Club

John Turner (a.k.a. Jay Tee)

The Homewood Pistol Club is home of the "**Homewood Outlaws**", a keen bunch of men and women who are progressively getting themselves established as part of Victoria's growing ranks of Western Action shooters.

Located approximately 14 kilometers past Yea heading towards Seymour, the Homewood range is an open area located in a valley surrounded by picturesque rolling hills. Because of its layout, the range at Homewood is suitable for long-range rifle competition as well as more usual events. Whilst I am writing this article in my capacity as Homewood Western Action Captain, I should point out that Western Action is not the only match conducted at Homewood. Other shooting disciplines are regularly conducted at the range. Club facilities are a little sparse at present, but we are working on that - as we all know, "Rome wasn't built in a day". Our vision is to see our club grow and to that end we are slowly building up our inventory of targets and other props.

The **Homewood Outlaws** hold their regular Western Action matches on the second Sunday and fourth Saturday of each month. Shooting starts in the morning and, apart from a break for lunch, usually runs well into the afternoon.

The **Homewood Outlaws** would be delighted to have you join them at their next Western Action match. So why not come along and experience some of that "Homewood hospitality"?

For further details, please give me a call:

John Turner

a.k.a. Jay Tee

Western Action Captain – Homewood Outlaws

Telephone 9726 0328

Wyndham Handgun Club cont.....

by Frank Kaya

A big sorry to all the readers out there that were eagerly (?) awaiting the next instalment on the progress of Wyndham, but there really wasn't anything exciting to write about. Things were pretty much at a standstill with Christmas approaching and apart from 2 earthen side berms, star picket and wire fencing, danger signs, semi-static red flags and the faithful red flag pole, nothing was going to happen until the new year.

So 2001 arrived (and I'm still waiting for the Jupiter mission) and since January is holiday time, nothing happened again; well apart from finalising our range approval application and inviting V.A.P.A.'s Clive Wood to inspect our handiwork prior to submission, we then waited anxiously for Snr Sgt Dennis Tocock to come down and do THE inspection.

But if I may jump back a bit. I believe there was an excruciating look of perplexment and "what am I doing wrong" from Mark Behan. You see Mark had the job of putting the application together and as he was doing the calculations of the property depth using the shire map as a reference, he kept coming up with a depth figure of around 500 meters. Now wait a minute! The big bore club shoot over a distance of at least 800m and the shotgun club are behind them! So what was wrong? Well Mark again proved that anyone or anything can make a mistake and this time it was the shire of Wyndham. Seems their map was wrong and I immediately thought, gee, glad I don't live in Wyndham! I wonder what their residential property maps show?

But all it took was a quick phone call to Sid Patterson to go out and measure the depth (and I believe his trusty 12" ruler has now been retired) then a call to the Shire, and lo and behold, they quickly fixed up the error with a new measurement legend.

A big thankyou from myself and all the Wyndham members must go to Mark for the difficult job of putting the application together, and also to Sid for his assistance in a few areas; and I also hear they are available, on a consultancy basis of course, to advise new clubs on getting up and running. Big bucks in this one guys!

Now, 22nd March 2001 is a red-letter day in the Wyndham calendar, as it was on this day we received range approval from Vic. Police. So with our trusty gumboots at the ready, we prepare to descend upon the Wyndham Handgun Club's virgin range and christen it accordingly.....

FROM THE COACHING COUNCIL

By Noel Ryan

On the 28th-29th April, 2001 a Level 1 Coaching Accreditation course was run at the Oakleigh Pistol Club for New VAPA Coaches, this course was advertised in the March VPN and 10 interested members nominated. The course was run by Annette Woodward. All 10 successfully completed the course and have been recommended to the Australian Coaching Council (ACC) in Canberra for ratification. Congratulations to the following:

Ian Read
Allan Wattz
Mark Hoare
Andrew Scougall
Sid Brommer

Mike Arden
Laurie Mullens
Kevin Middleton
Ray Grant
Kevin Boyle

Since there have been no requests to address a special topic, here we go with some thoughts on shooting in a competition.

“Training on your own is not good for match conditioning”

What a point of discussion after attending the recent National Championships in Brisbane! A common statement among shooters is, “to shoot well in a competition, you must not train on your own, but shoot as much as possible with other people, as this is what you do in an open shoot.”

First let us take the previous statement and find out what is being desired, and what is being stated.

Desired:

(a) They want to shoot well in a competition.

Stated.

(b) They must not train on their own, but with other people.

Stated.

(c) In an open shoot they are shooting with other people.

First let us dissect (c)

In an open shoot you are on your own – everybody else is classed as the opposition. They are no help to you, and no hindrance either, unless you pay attention to what they are doing, or to what you think they may do/or shoot. So that makes this part of the statement look rather lacking in substance.

Now let us consider (b)

If C is not exactly jumping out at you as correct, the B fails to impress as a requirement.

Now let's look at (a) which is the original desire, to shoot well in a competition. Exactly what am I trying to do? Shoot a well planned shot sixty times, (my apologies to non ISSF competitors) or in the case of, say 10 second standard pistol, shoot a well planned series of 5 shots.

The first thing we must do is to have a plan of how to shoot a good shot, which we are capable of carrying out. The next thing is to have a good plan of how to shoot a good series of shots as in 10 second standard pistol.

Now let us look these requirements:

What does a good shot plan consist of? Grip, stance, sights, trigger, or all the old basics, which we have heard about before. For the sake of this discussion (maybe another article might be about a plan for a good shot) let us accept that we have a good shot plan. Now we can use this and build a plan for a sequence of shots. This should be worked out at home and written down in your shooting diary.

This must give us the best chance of shooting the sequence with 5 good shots.

It will take into account the time allocated to each shot or action which must be carried out in the series. The time allocated to each shot will depend on its degree of difficulty. Now I am getting carried away (maybe another article could discuss how to develop a plan for a sequence of shots). The end result will be to draw, and or write out this plan in your shooting diary.

Now we can start training for the "Open Shoot"

At home we practice all the things required on our plan of how to shoot a good shot. When we can do all the actions well, we go to the range with live ammunition and see how our plan works.

If this is OK and requires no further work or modification, we progress to our sequence planning. At home, practice the mechanical aspect of this and when we feel that we can carry it out well, then off to the range with real bullets and shoot your sequence plan.

Have a good set of plans and carry them out well. That is what you do at a competition, not "shoot with other people"

Don't forget, If anybody has a specific topic which they would like to see discussed in this forum, just let me know.

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State Coaching Council

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Smoking is a Health Hazard!

By John Pearse.

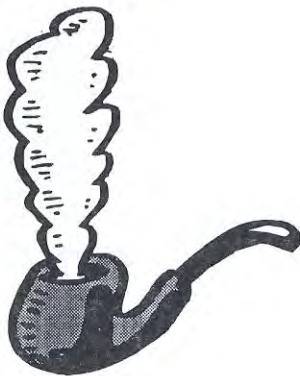
I come from Donald, from a long line of farmers. Amongst whom was my grandfather, J.T. Pearse. (Herein after called John T). John T was a dedicated pipe smoker all his life. John T. wore, summer or winter, a 3 piece suit, and long woollen underwear. Like most farmers he carried a .22 rifle in his vehicle, and .22 Short cartridges loose in one of the pockets of his waistcoat.

So that he could hold his pipe in his mouth, he wore false teeth. (When he ate, he took them out!) Being economical, when he came in for a meal, he would tap out the ash and coals from his pipe bowl, and put the remnants, (Called "dottle"), into another pocket of his waist coat.

One day he took is daughter, Amelia, on a shopping trip to St Arnaud. On the journey home, in his little soft top Singer, he was contentedly puffing on his pipe. All of a sudden, there was a loud explosion, ash, coals, smoke and tobacco went everywhere, and a neat .22 calibre hole appeared in the soft top of the Singer!

Yes, the inevitable had happened, he had mixed up the pockets in his waist coat!

"Bloody well might have shot myself", he said. This is the only recorded time in family history that John T. went 24 hours without a pipe!



VICTORIAN TOP TEN 2001

COMPETITIONS INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE.

M.I.S.C. ISSF STATE TITLES, CASTLEMAINE ISSF, WARRAGUL DROUIN ISSF
OUTTRIM SERVICE, STATE TITLES SERVICE, STATE TITLES BLK POWDER,
STATE TITLES ISSF, 44th NATIONALS, BALLARAT ISSF

FREE PISTOL

State Record 555

John Gillman (1976) Bruce Quick (1998)

1	QUICK Bruce	543
2	EDWARDS Norm	540
3	IGLESIAS Jose	533
4	HOLDEN Jack	532
5	WRIGHT Jim	531
6	MILLER Andrew	530
	REPACHOLI Daniel	530
8	JACKMAN A	525
9	HORTON Geoff	520
10	PEARCE Greg	519

CENTREFIRE

State Record 585 Bruce Quick (1996)

1	CUMBERLAND Nick	580
2	RYAN Noel	576
3	BOYLE Kevin	571
4	QUICK Bruce	569
5	IGLESIAS Jose	568
6	REPACHOLI Daniel	567
	WRIGHT Jim	567
8	HORTON Geoff	564
9	WATTZ Allan	561
10	FRAHM Stefan	558

RAPID FIRE

State Record 581 Bruce Quick (2000)

1	QUICK Bruce	575
2	HOLDEN Jack	573
3	RYAN Noel	569
4	WRIGHT Jim	567
5	CROSSMAN Will	566
6	BIRR Herbert	564
7	HARVEY Graeme	562
8	FINKEN Herman	561
9	EDWARDS Norm	553
10	MULLENS Colin	552

STANDARD PISTOL

State Record 580 Bruce Quick (1999)

1	QUICK Bruce	571
2	RYAN Linda	564
3	WOODWARD Annette	560
4	WRIGHT Jim	558
5	CROSSMAN Will	556
	REPACHOLI Daniel	556
7	RYAN Noel	555
8	HORTON Geoff	552
	IGLESIAS Jose	552
10	BOYLE Kevin	547

MEN'S AIR PISTOL

State Record 577 B Sandstrom (1999)

1	REPACHOLI Daniel	575
2	IGLESIAS Jose	574
3	EDWARDS Norm	570
	QUICK Bruce	570
5	HOLDEN Jack	567
6	CROSSMAN Will	566
7	DELLA S	564
8	CUMBERLAND Nick	563
9	MILLER Andy	560
10	MOTTON Ralph	559

WOMENS SPORT PISTOL

State Record 581 Lynda Ryan (1999)

1	RYAN Linda	581
2	WOODWARD Annette	580
3	MULLENS Joy	561
4	HOMEWOOD Viv	559
5	BRYANT Charlotte	556
6	POWER Helen	555
7	KIRKPATRICK Kerry	554
8	POWER Helen	550
9	LESTER Dee	548
10	GILLMAN Kristy	547

WOMENS AIR PISTOL

State Record

386 Annemarie Forder (1999)

1	RYAN Linda	383
2	TAYLOR Annette	379
3	WOODWARD Annette	376
4	POWER Helen	373
5	MULLENS Joy	372
6	FINKEN Marjo	371
7	RIELLA Emma	370
8	BRYANT Charlotte	369
9	GILLMAN Kristy	366
	KIRKPATRICK Kerry	366

JUNIOR SPORT PISTOL

State Record 578 Andrew Gonczol (1990)

1	REPACHOLI Daniel	571
2	FINKEN Lucas	558
3	MULLENS Colin	554
4	MURPHY Alister	553
5	ROBINSON Baden	544
6	ALEXANDER Ainsley	540
7	KORENY Chris	539
	MEREDITH Greta	539
9	RIELLA Emma	536
10	RIELLA Emma	534

JUNIOR MEN'S AIR PISTOL

State Record

571 Daniel Repacholli (2000)

1	REPACHOLI Daniel	570
2	FINKEN Lucas	566
3	ROBINSON Baden	556
4	MURPHY Alister	545
5	MULLENS Colin	544
6	PORTER Jarrod	539
7	KORENY Chris	526
8	COOTE Dallas	520
9	MULLENS Gary	508
10	HASTIE Jason	495

JUNIOR LADIES AIR PISTOL

State Record

385 Annemarie Forder (1998)

1	RIELLA Emma	367
2	MEREDITH Greta	354
3	DUNBAR Rebecca	348
4	COOK Kimberly	342
5	ALEXANDER Ainsl	335
6	BOTTRELL Chlorie	268
7	PRICE Danika	265
8	GERS T	247
9	PORTER Kylie	
10	ZEFFERT Henrietta	

BLACK POWDER 25 METRE

State Record 378 Noel Ryan (1980)

1	SAMMARTINO John	372
2	VINCENT Greg	368
3	ARDEN Peter	366
	McCANN David	366
5	SMITH Ern	364
	SPINK Ken	364
7	TAIT Peter	363
8	MAPLESON Arnold	360
9	BURGESS Grant	359
	COX Jim	359

BLACK POWDER 50 METRE

State Record 374 Dennis Martin (1998)

1	SAMMARTINO John	362
2	VINCENT Greg	351
3	HASTIE David	346
4	SMITH Ern	345
5	COX Jim	344
6	SCOUGALL Andre	332
7	ARDEN Peter	331
8	ROWAN Dave	329
9	KEOGH Glen	328
10	SPINK Ken	321

SERVICE PISTOL

State Record 887 Peter Muscat (1991)

1	CLARK Les	871
2	MOTTON Ralph	868
3	DOHERTY Joe	862
	WINTERHALTER C	862
5	JENSEN Paul Jnr	860
6	OLSEN Stuart	859
7	SANDMAN Brett	858
8	SHOEBRIDGE Grae	850
9	EAGLE Alex	843
10	EVANS Eddie	835

SERVICE UNRESTRICTED

State Record 886 Peter Muscat (1989)

1	WINTERHALTER C	883
2	JENSEN Paul Jnr	870
	MOTTON Ralph	870
4	PATTISON Sid	869
5	CLARK Les	868
6	OLSEN Stuart	866
7	DOHERTY Joe	865
8	EAGLE Alex	862
9	SANDMAN Brett	859
10	EVANS Eddie	858

SHORT BARREL MATCH

State Record 621 Ercole Anastasi (1999)

1	MOTTON Ralph	618
2	JENSEN Paul Jnr	612
3	WINTERHALTER C	610
4	SANDMAN Brett	609
5	DOHERTY Joe	608
6	OLSEN Stuart	607
7	WATSON Tony	598
8	SCOTT Peter	597
9	EAGLE Alex	594
10	PERKINS David	591

ACTION PISTOL

State Record 1920 164X Brian Kilpatrick (1993)

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Competition Calendar 2000/2001

JUN	2		9 MID MURRAY ISSF	16	23	
	3		10 BLK POWDER 11 SERVICE	17	24	
JUL	JUN 30	CASTLEMAINE BLACK POWDER	7	14	21	28
	1		8	15	22	29
AUG	4	ACTION MATCH BALLARAT M.I.S.C.	11 ACTION STATE TITLES YARRA MILDURA ISSF	18 POSTAL FINALS ISSF YARRA	25 WARRAGUL DROUIN POSTAL FINALS BLACK POWDER POSTAL FINALS SERVICE OUTTRIM	← AIR & STD BALLARAT
	5	RECORD DAY	12	19	26	
SEP	1	GEELONG POSTAL FINALS PRACTICAL POSTAL FINALS	8	15	22	29
	2	ACTION MATCH ISSF YACKANDANDAH	9 ACTION MATCH BALLARAT	16	23	30
OCT	6	ISSF YARRA	13 SERVICE HAMILTON M.I.S.C.	20 BLK POWDER BALLARAT	27	
	7	ACTION MATCH BALLARAT	14 WESTERN REGION	21	28	
NOV	3	ACTION YARRA	10 ISSF OAKLEIGH ACTION BALLARAT	17	24	
	4		11	18	25	
DEC	1		8	15	22	29
	2		9	16	23	30
JAN	5		12	19	26	
	6		13	20 ACTION MATCH BALLARAT	27	
FEB	2		9	16 WARRAGUL DROUIN ISSF BLK POWDER	23 SERVICE STATE TITLES OUTTRIM	
	3		10	17 ACTION MATCH BALLARAT	24	
MAR	2	BLACK POWDER STATE TITLES	9 ISSF STATE TITLES	16	23	30
	3		10 11	17 ACTION MATCH BALLARAT	24	31

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

The Champion of Champions will be awarded to the competitor who posts the highest aggregate. The events being, Centre Fire/ Sports Pistol, 25 Metre Pistol and Air Pistol. The Champion of Champions is open to all competitors who compete in the three-event aggregate. Competitors, who compete in the 40 shot Air Pistol, will have their score "averages".

Female and Junior competitors may compete in either Sport Pistol or Centre Fire. They may also compete in either 40 or 60 shot Air Pistol. Male competitors must compete in Centre Fire and 60 shot Air Pistol events.

The above rules also apply to the competitors who compete in the Handicap Champion of Champions, with the appropriate handicap added to their scores.

THE EVENTS

25 Metre Pistol

Air Pistol 40/ 60 Shot

Rapid Fire

Free Pistol

Centre Fire

Sport Pistol

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

Individual Champions will be recognized as a Champion in each event and will be awarded an embroidered Champions Brassard.

AGGREGATE CHAMPIONS

Both of the Aggregate Champions will be awarded a sponsorship of *ONE HUNDRED* Dollars, plus a Perpetual Trophy and an embroidered brassard recognizing them as Champion of Champions.

REGISTRATION FEE

A one off registration fee of \$10.00 will allow competitors to compete in both the "OFF GUN " and "HANDICAP " divisions. Scores used will be the scores from the open competition at the Yackandandah Pistol Club on the 1st and 2nd September 2001.

QUALIFYING GRADES

For a competitor to be considered a Champion in the "OFF GUN " division, a minimum score must be attained. A winning score of *C GRADE PLUS TWENTY POINTS IN I.S.S.F. EVENTS*.

VICTORIAN AMATEUR PISTOL ASSOCIATION 2001-2002

YACKANDANDAH PISTOL CLUB I.S.S.F. OPEN 2001

and

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

1st & 2nd September 2001

SATURDAY

Mens Air Pistol
Ladies Air Pistol
Junior Mens Air Pistol
Junior Ladies Air Pistol
Free Pistol
Rapid Fire
Centre Fire Precision
Ladies Sport Pistol Precision
Junior Sport Pistol Precision

SUNDAY

Mens Air Pistol
Ladies Air Pistol
Junior Mens Air Pistol
Junior Ladies Air Pistol
Standard Pistol
Centre Fire Precision & RFS
Ladies Sport Pistol Precision & RFS
Junior Sport Pistol Precision & RFS

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE.....E-mail.....

MATCH	GRADE	MATCH	GRADE
Mens Air Pistol 60		Ladies Air Pistol 40	
Junior Mens Air 60		Junior Ladies Air 40	
Centre Fire		Ladies Sport Pistol	
Junior Sport Pistol		Standard Pistol	
.....Free Pistol			Rapid Fire

SPECIAL REQUESTS:

COST:

\$9.00 x..... Matches	\$.....	R.O.
DINNER		Scorer
Adults..... @ \$12.00	\$.....	Patcher
Children..... @ \$6.00	\$.....	
Family..... @ \$30.00	\$.....	
Champion of Champions @ \$10.00	\$.....	

Total \$

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS: This competition will be run in conjunction with the Yackandandah Open competition. The cost being \$10.00.

ENTRIES CLOSE 17 AUGUST 2001

Entries and Enquiries to: Lance Stokes

Ph; 02 6027 1161

PO Box 98, YACKANDANDAH VIC 3749

E-mail; stoker@iprimus.com.au

**BALLARAT PISTOL CLUB INC A00 32819T
PISTOL CLUB RD. MIDLAND HWY
MT ROWAN**

Vicroads Map Ref 58 F9

**Ballarat Open August 26TH Celebrating the Official Opening of Our New
Air Pistol Range.**

Matches to be Contested.

1. Air Pistol finals match consisting of 10 shot final. Winners of each final series, male and female, will go into the finals Final to contest who will fly to Canberra to represent Victoria in the Ansett Cup. The Final finalists will be awarded a commemorative Plaque. Entry fee \$5.00
2. Standard Pistol Match. Trophies awarded to 1st 2nd & 3rd in each grade. Entry fee \$8.00

The Official Opening of our range will be approx 2.00 pm.

ENTRIES TO: **COMPETITION ORGANISER**
 DAVE ROWAN
 P.O. BOX 274 SEBASTOPOL 3356
 PH: (03) 53 357172. AH or Mobile
 PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO
 BALLARAT PISTOL CLUB INC.

NOTE: Both events will be squadded.

CATERING: Light meals & drinks available. **CAMPING:** Allowed on range. No Showers available

RULES: I.S.S.F Rules will apply as far as practical to matches and pistols. Grading will be in accordance with current P.A. regulations. Shooters must produce current grading cards on request. I.D. cards must be worn on the ranges.

Random gun check on ranges. Late entries may not be considered.

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

ENTRY FEE MUST BE SENT WITH ENTRY FORM (No Fee No Entry)

CLOSING DATE Monday 6th August 2001

Name.....

Address.....

Post Code.....Ph.

No.....Club.....

PLACE GRADE IN SQUARE FOR EVENTS ENTERED

Air Pistol Finals Match Ungraded

☐

Standard Match

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SPECIAL REQUESTS

BALLARAT PISTOL CLUB Inc A00 32819T

PISTOL CLUB RD. MIDLAND HWY ROWAN (Vic. Roads Map Ref P58 F9)

BLACK POWDER OPEN 20th October 2001

SATURDAY

25mt MATCH 1st Detail 9.00 am

50mt MATCH 1st Detail 9.00 am

&

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES (Time Permitting)

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES WILL BE SINGLE SHOT & REVOLVER ONLY

ENTRY FEE: \$8.00 PER EVENT FOR 25MT & 50MT MATCHES, \$4.00 FOR EACH PART OF INTERNATIONAL MATCHES.

ENTRIES TO: Dave Rowan P.O.BOX 274 SEBASTOPOL 3356
Phone 53 357172 A.H. or Mobile

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO BALLARAT PISTOL CLUB INC.

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

CATERING: Light meals and hot drinks will be available on the day.

RULES: Black powder rules will apply as far as practicable to matches and pistols. Grading will be in accordance with current P.A. Regulations. Shooters must produce current grading card on request.

Note: Events will. be squadded- Please nominate which event you wish to shoot first.

Camping on the range permitted (Showers or hot water not available yet)

ENTRY FEE MUST BE SENT WITH ENTRY FORM (No fee no entry)

CLOSING DATE Monday 1ST October 2001

NAME

ADDRESS

POST CODE.....CLUB PHONE NO.....

PLACE GRADE IN SQUARE FOR EVENTS ENTERED

25mt MATCH (\$8.00) ☐ 1st detail starts at 9.00 am. Other details as required

50mt MATCH (\$8-00) ☐ 1st detail starts at 9.00 am. Other details as required

INTERNATIONAL revolver (\$4.00) ☐ Tick box if entering

Single shot (\$4.00) ☐ Tick box if entering

Match order request: 25mt 50mt.....

Peninsula Pistol Club

Black Powder Open 2001

SEPTEMBER 22 AND 23

The Peninsula Pistol Club invites entries from all patrons of the Black Powder discipline to compete at our forthcoming open.

Program: Sat. 25m B.P., International fixed and adjustable sights.

Sun. 50m B.P., 50 m Revolver, International single shot replica and Modern.

Trophies: 1st, 2nd, 3rd in all grades regardless of entries.

Entry cost: \$8.00 for 25m and 50 events
\$5.00 for International matches
\$10.00 for Saturday Spit Roast

Closing Date 1st September
(or to range capacity)

Forward entry fees to:

Ern Smith

80 Dunlop St.
Bittern
Vic 3918
Phone (03) 5983 9402

Make all cheques

Payable to Peninsula Pistol Club

Discipline

Grade

25 m.....

50 m

50 rev

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Int Fixed

Int Modern

Int Replica

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Events Cost: \$.....

Spit Cost: \$.....

Total: \$.....

Name Club.....

Address Special Squadding

Town Post Code Phone

BLACOR INDUSTRIES

LGD # 407-421-10F

PO. BOX 870 BACCHUS MARSH VIC 3340

Phone John A/h: 03-5977 3917 Phone Phil A/h: 03-5367 6709 Fax: 03-5977 4618

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BRITARMS .22 Semi-Auto ISSF Standard/Sports Orthopaedic Grip etc.(Similar to Fas) Excellent \$595

BROWNING FN 32ACP Semi-Auto (Collector Item) New \$250

BRNO Tau 7 .177 Air Pistol Co2 ISSF Orthopaedic Grip. Adjustable weights etc. New \$399

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COLT 1911 38 Super Full IPSC Compensated Stainless Steel Race Gun with PDP4 Red Dot Scope - 4 Mags plus all the usual extras Fabulous \$1950

CROSSMAN .177 Air Pistol Co2 Sparklet (Ruger look alike) Good \$45 GAMO

MATCH .177 Air Pistol ISSF Orthopaedic Grip (Fas copy) As New \$145

HAMMERLI 480K .177 Air Pistol - ISSF - Compressed Air - 2 Cylinders As New \$1245

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PARDINI SP .22 Semi-Auto ISSF Standard/Sports - Adjustable Orthopaedic grip As New \$1245

PARDINI PC9S 9X21 Stainless IPSC 4x15 shot mags- 2 Barrels - 1 Compensated (Bloody Beauty) As New \$1950

PARDINI P10 .177 Air Pistol ISSF Orthopaedic Grip Good \$245

S&W 'K' **BLACOR CUSTOM** SNUBBY 38Sp. Stainless Steel 70mm Barrel, Partridge Sight & Double Action Trigger Job. As New \$775

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UNIQUE 823 .22Short Semi-Auto ISSF Rapid Fire Excellent \$695

UNIQUE Des VO .22Short Semi-Auto ISSF Rapid Fire Excellent \$675

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11 & 12 August 2001



VENUE: Yarra Pistol Club.
830 Wellington Road
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THE EVENT:

Match 1 Practical Event
Match 2 Barricade Event
Match 3 Moving Target (modified) Event
Match 4 Falling Plate Event

ENTRY FEE: \$25-00 (includes
Compulsory V.A.P.A. Registration Fee and GST)
Cheques etc payable to Yarra Pistol Club. Entries will
not be accepted without payment.

ENTRIES: Entries close on Friday 20th July 2001.
Late entries will not be accepted.

ENQUIRIES: Neil Stewart 0417 121 378
Email: neilstewart@bigpond.com

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

- NRA Action Pistol rules, with official amendments thereof will apply.
- Chronograph ammunition will be collected at all events and tested over a chronograph for speed.
- All resident Australian competitors must be financial members of Pistol Australia Inc.
- Holster Certificates will be required.
- Competitors will be expected to act as target changers and observers for the next detail of competitors.

TROPHIES: Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each grade.
State Champion in Open, Ladies and Junior.

CATERING: Light meals and refreshments will be available on both days.
Licensed bar and hot and cold drinks.

2001 VICTORIAN ACTION PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Address:										
Club									P Code	
Phone	Home					Mobile				
Email										
Grade	High Master		Master		Expert		Sharp Shooter		Marksman	
Division	Open		Ladies		Junior					
Date of Birth						Juniors Only				

Entry Fee \$19.50
V.A.P.A Registration Fee \$ 5.50
Total Enclosed \$25.00
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Entries to Neil Stewart
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