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Editorial

Welcome to my first issue of the VPN. Firstly we should all thank Mark for his sterling efforts over the past eight years, I'm sure Mark will be sleeping easier without the frustration of the magazine.

On behalf of all members

"Thank You" Mark.

This is my first attempt at anything like this so we could be in for some fun and games over the first few issues. There will be some changes over the coming issues, if you have any ideas or suggestions I'm only too happy to listen.

Hopefully the regular contributors will keep the news coming, and if anyone else out there has something they think every one should know send it to me

We have introduced three new pages, Management Matters, The WWWeb Review and The Judges Decision.

Management Matters will keep you up to date with the latest from the Committee of Management meetings and decisions taken that affect the membership

The WWWeb Review will look at shooting related Web Sites.

The Judges Decision will answer your specific questions about the rules.

The Annual General Meeting has been held, and once again it was the usual display of apathy.

It is strange how people can get so fired up over an issue or event and then demand that the VAPA "do something", but could not take the time and make the effort to get off their butts and attend the AGM and have a say in the way V.A.P.A. is run

I don't mind people who are constructively critical, or those who offer solutions to a perceived problem. But, and it is a big BUT, I have no time for people who demand that "SOMETHING" be done without giving any thought to what that "something" should be or offering to assist in the implementation of their "something".

It is worth revisiting the name of our organization: Victorian **AMATEUR** Pistol Association. The members of the Executive and other people who hold positions within V.A.P.A. are all **VOLUNTEERS**. They have a life outside of shooting; families and most of them have full time employment

To those that are always demanding that V.A.P.A. do "Something", be prepared. Back your words with Action, or hit your kick to pay for someone to do it for you.

Management Matters

News and Issues from the Committee of Management

New Editor, new segment!! Neil has asked me to do a regular article on management matters for you, which I think is a very good idea. This time, being the first one, I thought I would just briefly discuss how VAPA is managed.

There are three levels within VAPA, THE EXECUTIVE being seven members who have been elected to hold statutory roles within VAPA. THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT being YOUR CLUB REPRESENTATIVES and THE MEMBERS (ie YOU),

THE EXECUTIVE consists of

- a President,
- 2 Vice Presidents,
- a Secretary,
- a Treasurer,
- an Executive Officer, (responsible for liason with and representation at Pistol Australia), and
- a Technical Inspector, (assists with technical range matters).

The executive discusses all issues that come in throughout the month and will usually make recommendations on actions to be taken. Apart from the odd urgent matter there is no decision making power that is the role of

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT consists of the club delegates. EVERY affiliated club is entitled to nominate two delegates to attend meetings. This delegate does not have to be a member of your club – which means that even the most remote Victorian clubs (eg Mildura, Bairnsdale, Yackandandah, Portland etc, etc) can be represented. Does your club have a delegate? – while major policy or financial matters usually go on notice for 2 months, giving time for a postal vote, there are many votes taken on a show of hands at the meeting. The number of votes each club may cast is determined by the number of members it has. Each member of the Executive has one vote on the Committee and the meeting Chairman has a casting vote.

THE MEMBERS, whether you choose to believe it or not, are the most important component of VAPA. You have a personal vote at an Annual or Extraordinary meeting of VAPA. Otherwise your involvement is via your club – make sure that your voice is being heard at that level, and that you are getting information back from VAPA via your club secretary (usually by posting the

VAPA minutes on your club notice board each month).

Now – I think it is time to look at the structure of the Executive.

Without being specific let me pose some questions to you,

- Is 7 the right number of members for the Executive?
- Why do we need 2 vice-presidents?
- How do the Referee Council and Coaching Council have a voice?
- Should the Technical Officer be a member of the executive, given that his role has now changed (we no longer inspect our own ranges – that is a police function) and is mainly advisory.
- Would the VPN Editor, the Publicity Officer (we are still looking for one!), the Competition Controller, or indeed any of the other 'position holders' within VAPA be a better position to be included on the Executive?

- Should the members of the Executive have a vote on the Committee, or should it be one 'Executive' vote only – or perhaps no vote at all?

- Should the Executive have more decision making power, with the Committee only involved in major matters – and perhaps meeting less often? If so – how do you (the members) retain control?

Food for thought? – well I hope so, and I would love to hear from you as I am definitely looking for some inspired (or even not so inspired) input.

You can e-mail me at reynolds@melbpc.org.au

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Meantime, enjoy your shooting – that, in the end, is what we are all here for.

Sharon

The Judges Decision

Where the VRC answers your queries on the rules.

Question

What is the difference between a malfunction and a Break and Cease to function, and when can I claim a Break and Cease?

Answer

By definition a malfunction is where the pistol has failed to operate correctly (allowable) or is within the control of the competitor (non-allowable).

A break and cease to function is where the pistol has broken or has stopped functioning.

If you have claimed a malfunction and on inspection of the pistol you find a part of the pistol is broken, you can change the claim to a Break and Cease to function.

This will allow you to go away and repair the pistol. A maximum of 15 minutes is allowed in order to repair or replace the pistol. If replacing, the replacement must be of the same type i.e. revolver or semi-automatic (not as some believe of the same manufacturer).

If the repair or replacement of the pistol is done within the 15 minutes then you will resume the competition completing your interrupted series as per the malfunction rules for that match. If the repair or replacement is likely to take more than the 15 minutes then you may request extra time. If the Jury grants extra time then you will complete the match at a time and place as determined by the Jury.

The relevant rules governing Break and Cease to function and malfunctions can be found in the 2001 rulebook on pages 278,279 and 280.

Peter Davis

Director VRC

Congratulations to Les Clark who qualified as an Action Match Range Officer at the recent State Championships.

The WWWeb Review

A review of shooting related web sites

In this day of information technology there is a wealth of information on the Web. A quick search for the words "Target Pistol Shooting" in most search engines will reveal thousands of pages in Australia alone. Over the next issues we will review some of the more interesting and pertinent web sites.

The site this issue is the psuedo Pistol Australia site, www.auspistol.com.au., operated by Bruce Favell, a member of the City Of Brisbane pistol club.

The site is updated regularly, well laid out and easy to navigate through and contains all the latest news and information from Pistol Australia.

If you are looking for results, especially from interstate competitions this is the site to check out. Most results are posted fairly soon after the event, though it depends on how prompt the Clubs are in sending their results to the Webmaster. There is also a section keeping up to date with the efforts of Australian Team Members at International Competitions.

Want to know when the competitions are on? Auspistol maintains a comprehensive calendar of all competitions throughout Australia in all disciplines.

For many competitions the Entry Forms are also available on line.

Posting your Club's Entry Form on the site is a free service, all you need to do is send the Webmaster a copy of the Entry and it will be posted on the site.

Miss checking out the National Top Ten in the Bulletin? Don't worry; Auspistol keeps a Top Ten from results posted on the site and it is updated regularly. There is a slight difference though. The Auspistol Top Ten is the top ten scores so one person may have three or four entries.

Auspistol is also the Home Page for several Pistol Clubs from around Australia. For a small fee your club can have a page added to the site. There is also has a comprehensive library of links to pistol club and shooting websites worldwide.

The Referees page contains useful information, mainly for referees and judges. The page content, which is supplied by the NRC, can at times be dated and the page is not updated often.

If you would like to chat to other shooters, Auspistol has a chat room and bulletin board where you can record your comments. Comments are grouped by topic, and although there are only a few topics recorded, many are thought provoking.

If you are looking for computer programs for running Open competitions you can purchase two from here.

"Open" covers I.S.S.F. and PA matches including Service 25 Yards and Black Powder International, while "Action" as the name suggests covers Action Match. Both are Windows based programs and are quite easy to use. Having used the "Open" program for many years it is well worth looking at.

Bruce also has a Club program for recording membership details, fees etc, though I haven't seen it so can't say what it is like.

Demo copies of all programs can be downloaded from the site

One unique difference of this site is that anyone can contribute. If you have a story or article that is of interest to other pistol shooters, send it to Bruce. Juniors even get their own page.

Overall Auspistol is a comprehensive, well-ordered site and is well worth marking in your Favourites Folder.

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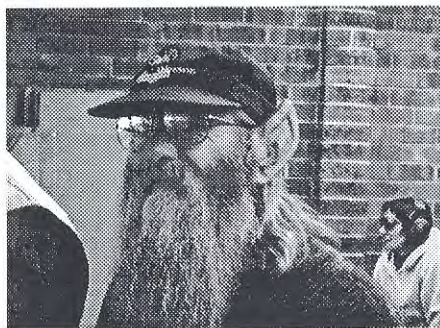
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Action Pistol State Championships.

After two days of tight competition, Craig Ginger emerged as the 2001 Action Champion. Forty three shooters, included several from South Australia and NSW descended on Yarra Pistol Club for the Championships.



They came from Vic, NSW, SA & ????.
Geoff Stride puts his "ears" on.

Shooters appreciated the covered firing positions during drizzling rain on the Saturday and several good scores reflected their appreciation.

The competition ran well, and was ahead of schedule most of the day.

With the mover and Barricade's out of the way, Craig Ginger and Geoffrey Mathews have been going shot for shot all day and both finished the day on 960 82x. Barry Marsh from Wallaroo was only a

couple of x's behind with several shooters only a couple of points away.

All through the grades the competition was tight, with only one or two points separating the potential place getters.

Sunday was a magnificent day with the prospect of some hot shooting. Unfortunately for the plates some of the shooting was too hot for one of the welds. The loss of one plate rack slowed things down a bit, but the competition continued.

Craig and Barry both cleaned the Plates, and with only practical to go the Championship was wide open. If either of these two made a slight slip during practical there were several others breathing down their necks.



Spectators watching Practical

With so much at stake and competition so close room in the spectator area was at a premium.

Craig's experience shone through as he cleaned practical to take the championship with a new Victorian Record score of 1920/172x, with Mark Tyler (SA) 2nd on 1916/167x and Ken Carter 3rd with 1914/161x.

Robyn Eastreich won the Ladies event on 1881/159x while Nathan Tait won the Junior Championship with 1812/111x.



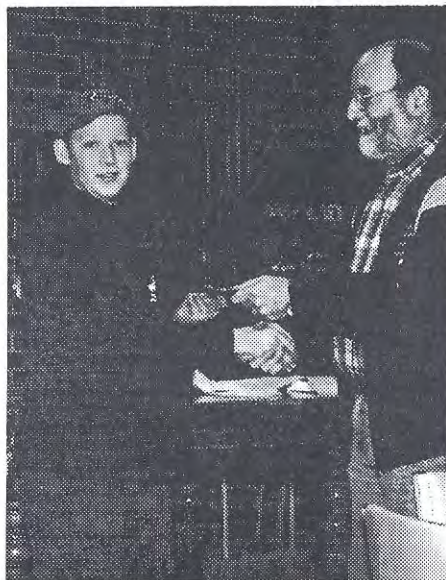
Ladies Champion Robyn Eastreich

All competitors are to be congratulated on their efforts.

A huge "Thank You to all those who worked the ranges and organised behind the scenes.

The staff in the kitchen did a magnificent job keeping the hordes fed. Action shooters sure are a hungry lot with some seven kilos of bacon and five dozen eggs being consumed over the weekend.

Lucky the Drug Testers didn't turn up, the amount of coffee consumed set new records for the club.

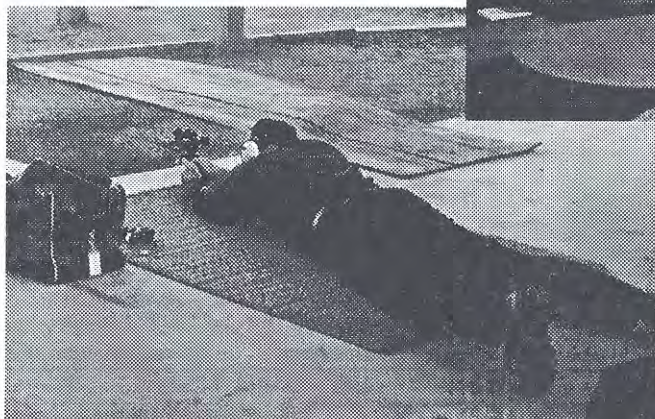
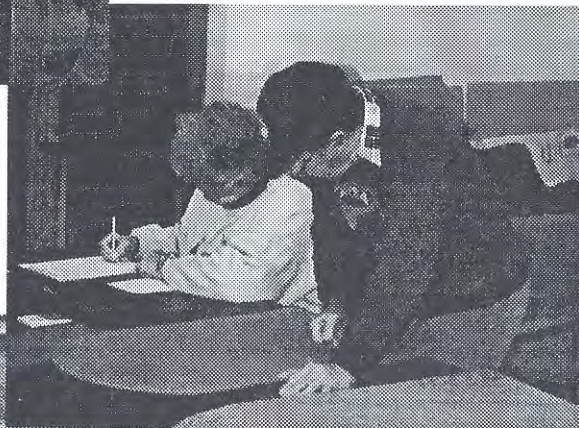


Junior Champion Nathan Tait



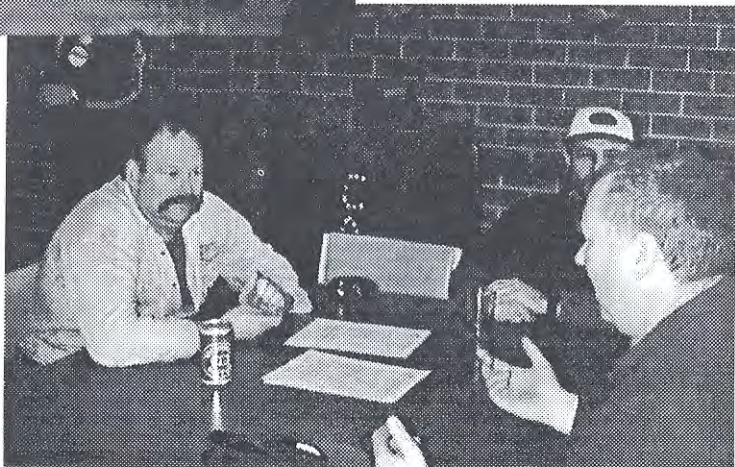
Les Clark & Ivan Rehlicki
share a joke.

Busy Scorers



Tom Whitehead shooting practical.

Les Clark holds court.



2001 IPSC Nationals

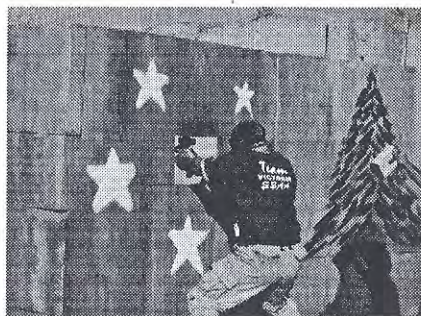
(From Suzy Ballantyne, Geelong Pistol Club)

IPSC SA Inc and the Southern Vales Practical Shooting League hosted the 2001 IPSC Australian National Handgun Championship on their range in McLaren Vale over the Easter weekend, 12 to 16 April 2001. The match consisted of 16 challenging and enjoyable stages plus the chronograph (approximately 300 rounds in total). Victoria should be very proud of its members' results, winning both the Open and Standard Gold teams and the Ladies Open Team finishing second. Individual results of the Victorian Gold team members are detailed below.



Team Relic

Special congratulations to Brodie McIntosh, Tom Whitehead and Suzy Ballantyne; the highest placing VAPA members in their respective divisions. It was a closely fought battle throughout the match to determine all the winners, especially for the Open class competitors with it all coming down to the last few of stages – one of these being a 32 round field course, with 6 targets at approximately 40m and also involving just on 50m running!



David Soldini

No wonder Brodie McIntosh and David Soldini finished 1st and 2nd outright on this stage – must have something to do with their young fit legs and the ability to maintain a reasonable heart rate for those 40m shots – sounds more like a biathlon event to me!

Other stages included a 32 round field course with 32 IPSC classic paper targets – one shot only per target, which is something a bit different to our usual two shots per target. There were the occasional swingers, flippers, bobbbers and turners – which are always great for adding that little extra spice to the match. Also, the seemingly mandatory ‘swing-bridge’ that every nationals match director likes to throw in for good measure made its appearance, and a couple of stages felt more like a memory test than an IPSC course of fire – but were still great fun nonetheless. Melbourne is to host the 2002 nationals, with results from both nationals and all 2002 state titles being used to select the teams that will represent Australia at the 2002 World Championships in South Africa. So far, Victoria is in a strong position to take a number of these team slots – as we did for the 1999 World Championships in Cebu, Philippines. Final congratulations must go to all the Victorian competitors who did their state proud, the match organisers for an extremely well run and enjoyable match.

Open Division

1	100.00%	Brodie McIntosh	VIC
2	98.60%	Errol Thomas	QLD
3	95.38%	Craig Ginger	NSW
4	93.81%	Ivan Rehlicki	VIC
5	92.35%	David Soldini	VIC
3	75.95%	Bill Campbell	VIC
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4	70.10%	Suzy Ballantyne	VIC
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Standard Division

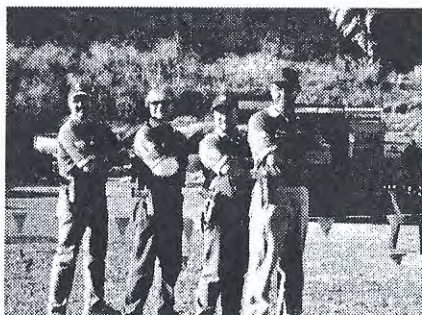
1	100.00%	Steve Clough	QLD
2	99.81%	Bob Wilhelm	VIC
3	96.66%	Darren Abbott	QLD
4	90.86%	Tom Whitehead	VIC
5	90.20%	John Trovato	QLD
7	89.04%	Andrew Moss	VIC
1	88.42%	Greg Moon	VIC
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Teams Open

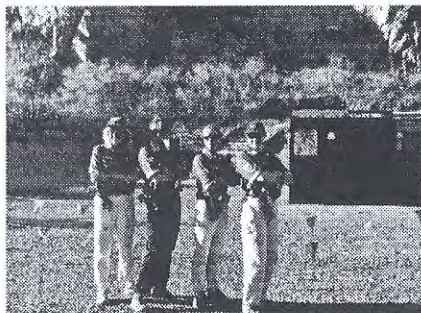
1	Vic Gold	4156.9729
2	Qld Gold	4044.9810
3	NSW Gold	3920.7224

Standard

1	Vic Gold	3841.0848
2	Qld Gold	3737.9233
3	SA Gold	3571.0634



Standard Gold Team



Victorian Ladies Team



Suzy Ballantyne

Ladies

1	Qld	3296.7136
2	Vic	2815.6515
3	WA	2383.5406

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From David Brennan, Group Dangerous Goods Advisor. Ansett Australia

Summary

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This is an edited version of Ansett requirements, full details are available from

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So you want to start reloading!

The first in a series of articles from John Pearse

Ok, so you've passed your Safety Course, complied with all your Legal and Club's requirements to be a **real** pistol shooter, been using Club pistols during your probationary period, and now want to shoot ISSF Centrefire.

You have looked at the cost of factory ammo, and wisely decided to get into "rolling your own" for that new handgun the friendly local Gun Shop has sold you.

Where, and how, do you start? The WHERE is as important as the HOW! Most of us start in the garage, or in a garden shed. If one of these places is your choice, you probably need to think again.

The requirement is to have a workspace that is relatively equable in both summer and winter temperatures, well lit, and reasonably secure. The typical garage or Tin shed usually contains such fun things for the beginning reloader as Two-stroke fuel, petrol, various assorted petrol's, oils and lubricants, (POL's)

The "Flash Point" of petrol is – 30c!

A well-built workshop would fit these requirements; a "tin" garage does not! Additionally, you will probably be storing powder and primers at your workspace. For safety, these require to be stored in a cool, dry place.

Also, when dispensing powder, a humid atmosphere will effect the weight of the powder on the scale in the pan.

My choice now is for a spare room in the house, and my main workbench is in a "built in wardrobe", with a double "fluoro" above it for illumination. Excellent illumination is another thing many beginning reloaders neglect, *at their peril!* A sturdy workbench, able to take the energy generated by a reloading press with compound leverage is also essential.

If the aspiring Olympian doesn't have these luxuries, he could start off the way I did, with my Simplex Turret Press bolted to a plank, "G" clamped to a kitchen table!

I started using my first progressive press, a Dillon R L 300, bolted to a "Work Mate" in my kitchen, with the Powder Scale on a nearby kitchen bench. This was the pragmatic method I used to discover that good lighting was essential to the *careful* reloader. (As we all should be!) The lighting was far superior to that where I had previously worked, in my garage.

Right, now that you have divorced a child, taken over their former bedroom, installed your well lit, sturdy, work bench, what do you do next? Simple, rip up the beautiful carpet, and replace with genuine vinyl! (Dear Reader, have you ever spilt 100 primers on the carpet, and tried to retrieve all of them?)

Also, you should not clean up a powder spill with a Vacuum Cleaner, as we don't want to hear a loud bang!

[I never said this little project was going to be easy!]

If your house person won't permit this, go to Clarke Rubber and buy a sheet of clear vinyl to put on the floor at your workbench. Quite cheap, and it will also isolate any powder spills which will inevitably occur.

Next step is to acquire at least two sources of loading data. This is cheap – ADI, Winchester, Hogdon, etc give them away.

Never load anything without having 2 data sources to cross check their validity.

Now comes the hard part, you must find a Reloading Guru! No, you do not have to travel to the Himalayas, and find one sitting on a sharp peak; most Pistol Club members, if fed a diet of Big Mac's, will fill this role. Most Club members will be only too happy to introduce you to this hobby. At this stage, you will need to purchase a reloading manual, and study it.

There are many available from component suppliers such as Hornady, Speer, and Nosler. My recommendation would be the Lyman volume.

For your reloading tools, if you have none, the best way to start is by purchasing a Kit. Lee, Hornady, RCBS, and others, all sell these. If chosen wisely, they will contain everything a new reloader needs, except dies. We pistol shooter's are slaves to fashion, just like the rest of the community, and currently there is a "craze" to start of with a progressive press.

When reloading, quality must come before quantity!

The minimum required is a press, scales, and a powder thrower. Yes, I know Lee (and others) make excellent dispensers using a fixed cavity system, but powder weights will vary from lot to lot, but the rotor which is dispensing 2.8 g of Winchester 231, will not necessarily dispense that exact amount from the next can you purchase.

Always check the weight of powder you are "throwing" each time you start reloading!

That is, until "Murphy's Law is repealed! The "Good Book" recommends checking the accuracy of your Powder dispenser at least every 50 rounds.

Clearly I favour a single stage press for most reloading purposes. For the beginning reloader, as well as the more experienced, simplicity is a virtue.

KISS – KEEP IT SIMPLE, SILLY!

Quality ammunition starts with quality tools, and the cheapest tools are not necessarily the best value.

The next article of this series will deal with types of reloading presses, scales, and powder "throwers".

John has been shooting rifles and pistols for many years. He has been a member of Peninsula Pistol Club since 1973 and reloads both Pistol and Rifle commercially, as Peninsula Projectiles and Reloading.

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From the Coaching Council

What do I have to do to shoot a good accurate shot?

You have to align the sights correctly in the aiming area, which will make the shot impact in the centre of the target and then cause the pistol to fire without miss-aligning the sights..

The basics, stance, grip, sight alignment, breath control and trigger control are learnt and practiced so as to develop the ability to complete the two requirements of a good shot.

Stance:

As everybody is different, i.e. height, weight, strength etc. it is obvious there is no special stance that suits everybody. Each person must develop their own stance, which will fulfil the requirements of shooting a good shot.

The main requirements of stance are:

1. To position your head as level as possible, so as to maintain your normal visual horizon. If the head is tilted then the neck muscles will be under tension. This can cause unintentional head movement during shooting and is disastrous for good sighting.

The eye should be in a position to see the target in line with your arm and sights (this means that your stance has a great deal to do with your pistol/grip combination).

The first part to determine is how to stand and have the eye aligned with the sights and then position yourself to align with the target.

2. To be able to hold the pistol in the shooting position with the least amount of muscle strain and the most amount of stability. The basic angle of the body in relation to the shooting arm will be arrived at by the requirements of number 1 above. The distance the feet are apart is up to you, but you need maximum stability with minimum muscle strain. The best starting position is shoulder width apart. If the feet are placed closer together then stability is compromised, as they are spread further apart, muscle strain comes in to play. The body should have a slight lean backwards to compensate for the forward movement of the centre of gravity caused by the extended arm and pistol. The non-shooting arm should be in a pocket, or anchored in some way, not just hanging loose in the breeze.

Many "good" shooters have developed their stance over a period of time and now it is automatic to them. The *really* "good" shooters will often revisit their stance to see if there is any way of improving it. The moral is: if you are trying to develop a stance do not do what somebody else is doing, ask questions, discuss it with other shooters and develop your own.

Don't forget, if anybody has a specific topic which they would like to see discussed in this forum, just let me know (contact details below).

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VAPA At The Royal Melbourne Show.

(The Saga Continues)

From Wil Crossman

We were approached by the Royal Agricultural Society to participate in this years Melbourne Show. I attended a meeting with them and they were keen to have us included in the attractions.

The site I wanted under the A.J. Hunter stand was no problem, and a new entry gate is being built almost apposite where we would be. The fee was also very attractive only \$1500.00; they also wanted to give us extra passes for our volunteers.

The management were very happy to have us in saying that all the objectionable people have been moved, and they were very sympathetic to our cause. I even asked if we could combine our stand with the rifle people and include demonstrations of Olympic events using air rifle & air pistol, they were only too happy to oblige us.

My thoughts were if we could get the rifle people involved we could split the running of the air trailer into two, half a day for rifle and half a day for us,

then WE wouldn't need so many helpers. I contacted the rifle people and they showed an interest in being involved.

The only concern they had was firearm security, fearing some one would do a runner with a loaded air pistol.

I agreed that it would do our cause no good if such an incident did happen and I said we were prepared to secure the pistols in such a manner to prevent this. A letter of offer was then sent to me inviting our association to apply and lodge a deposit.

At this stage I was about ready to start ringing every one for volunteers.

Then the next call I received was from their publicity department, and they had concerns about letting the public use firearms, and wanted us to only give demonstrations and hand out pamphlets, saying possibly next year we could let the public be involved.

My thought to this was that we would not get enough volunteers to be able to do quality demonstrations. So we declined their offer but said we were still interested in negotiation for next year.

And on the thought of next year I was thinking we could join forces with all the sports involved in Olympic shooting to have a combined stand.

Shot gun, Rifle, Pistol, Pentathlon etc. OK shot gun can't do any shooting but the PR of all Olympic Shooting sports together would be great.

And in the mean time we get the publicity department and management from the show out to some of our Air pistol ranges for a hands on demonstration and invite then out to farm world next year when Warragul Drouin run the Air range to see how the public accept our mobile range. ??????

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS
??? do we try for this or do we just forget all about it.

But if we try for this don't expect me to try and do the lot myself, any help would be greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS

Daniel Repacholi
Linda Ryan
Wil Crossman

have been selected as part of the Australian Team to compete at the Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships at Bisely.

Ercole Anastasi

will represent Australia at the World Action Pistol Championships in Italy in October.

Congratulations to all.

Mailbag

My name is Keith Cooper and I am relatively new to the sport of pistol shooting. I am interested in taking up Service Match and have purchased a S&W Model 19 357 magnum for this event. I have spoken to numerous members of the club I belong to and am still having trouble working out what sort of load I should be using for this event. Everyone I have spoken to has said that different loads work differently in different firearms.

What I would like to know is, is there a formula of some sort that I can use to help me get started, as I have been told that if my ammunition does not meet the Service Match requirements I won't be able to compete. Is this so, and can you help me.

Keith Cooper

Keith,

It is true, that in Service Match your ammunition has to meet the Power Factor. This is calculated by multiplying the weight of the projectile (in grains) by the muzzle velocity from your pistol (in feet per second). The minimum Power Factor is 120,000, so a 140 grain projectile needs to be travelling at about 880 fps. $140 \times 880 = 123,200$.

Searching through the VPN archives I found a couple of articles written by Ian Bond and Brian Kilpatrick and here are some of their suggested loads.

<i>Projectile Weight</i>	<i>Powder</i>	<i>Powder Weight</i>
<i>138 gn</i>	<i>Win 452AA</i>	<i>3.9 gns</i>
<i>134 gn</i>	<i>Win 231</i>	<i>4.2 gns</i>
<i>134 gn</i>	<i>Bullseye</i>	<i>4.1 gns</i>
<i>158 gn</i>	<i>Win 231</i>	<i>3.6 gns</i>

Remember, when developing loads always start with less than what is recommended then check these over a chronograph before increasing your loads.

Can anyone else give Keith some advice?

It was a pleasant surprise to have the Deputy Prime Minister and National Party Leader John Anderson firing the opening shots at the latest SSAA Military Rifle and Pistol Nationals in Canberra.

His favourable comments on hunting and competitive shooting came as a refreshing change after the unfortunate political backlash in the aftermath of the Port Arthur shootings in 1996. In his opening speech Anderson reminisced on his student days participating in competitive big bore events while at university, hunting rabbits on the farm and his occasional pig shooting expeditions.

It was also pleasing to note Mr. Anderson using a semi-automatic centrefire pistol in his official opening of the Nationals in Canberra. With this particular type of firearm under potential threat from zealous anti-gun lobbyists, John Anderson's comments in his opening address, "I actually, believe it or not, am one of you or have been in the past," were particularly encouraging. "One way or another, I have done a lot of shooting. I have enjoyed your sport," he said.

This sort of endorsement must surely be seen to give legitimate shooters an edge over the anti-gun lobby and serve to gain political mileage in the forthcoming Federal election.

From Graham Parkin



Deputy PM and National Party Leader, John Anderson fires the Opening Shots at the Military Rifle and Pistol Nationals

Open Calendar 2001/2002

SEP	1	Geelong Postal Finals Practical Postal Finals	8	Kerang P.C.	15	ISSF Shepparton	22	Peninsula Blk Powder	29	Warragul Drouin Service
	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 Action	27	Geelong ISSF		
	7	Action Match Ballarat	14	Western Region	21	Nationals Blacktown	28			
NOV	3	Action Yarra	10	ISSF Oakleigh	17		24	Service Blk Powder Yarra		
	4		11	Action Ballarat	18		25			
DEC	1	Service Outtrim	8		15		22	Merry Xmas	29	
	2		9		16		23		30	
JAN	5		12		19		26	Outtrim Service		
	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	Nationals	30	Nationals
	3	Mid Murray	10		17	Action Match Ballarat	24		31	

Victorian Top Ten 2001

COMPETITIONS INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE:

M.I.S.C. ISSF, ACT ISSF State Titles, Castlemaine ISSF, Warragul Drouin ISSF Outtrim Service, State Titles Service, State Titles Blk Powder, State Titles ISSF, 44th Nationals, Ballarat ISSF, Warrnambool ISSF, Mid Murray, Castlemaine Blk Powder, Ballarat Super Seven, Action State Championships

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	PEARCE Greg	522
10	HORTON Geoff	520

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
	ROWAN Dave	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 Wil	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 Wil	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 Ben Sandstrom (1999)

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

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 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

WOMENS SPORT PISTOL

State Record 583 Linda Ryan (2001)

1	RYAN Linda	583
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	LEE Cheryl	549
9	LESTER Dee	548
10	ALEXANDER Ainsley	545

JUNIOR SPORT PISTOL

State Record 578 Andrew Gonczol (1990)

1	REPACHOLI Daniel	571
2	FINKEN Lucas	565
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	COOTE Dallas	520

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 Ainsley	341
6	BOTTRELL Chlorie	268
7	PRICE Danika	265
8	GERS T	247
9	STEPHENS Kerrie	161
10		

BLACK POWDER 25 METRE

State Record 378 Noel Ryan (1980)

1	SMITH Ern	373
2	SAMMARTINO John	372
3	HASTIE David	369
4	VINCENT Greg	368
5	ARDEN Peter	366
	McCANN David	366
7	SPINK Ken	364
8	TAIT Peter	363
9	BURGESS Grant	362
10	MAPLESON Arnold	360

SERVICE PISTOL

State Record 887 Peter Muscat (1991)

1	CLARK Les	871
2	MOTTON Ralph	868
3	DOHERTY Joe	862
	WINTERHALTER Chris	862
5	JENSEN Paul Jnr	860
6	OLSEN Stuart	859
7	SANDMAN Brett	858
8	SHOEBRIDGE Graeme	850
9	EAGLE Alex	843
	WATSON Tony	843

SERVICE 25

State Record 621 Ercole Anastasi (1999)

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

BLACK POWDER 50 METRE

State Record 374 Dennis Martin (1998)

1	SAMMARTINO John	362
2	HASTIE David	351
	VINCENT Greg	351
4	SMITH Ern	345
5	COX Jim	344
6	SPINK Ken	333
7	SCOUGALL Andrew	332
8	ARDEN Peter	331
9	ROWAN Dave	329
10	KEOGH Glen	328

SERVICE UNRESTRICTED

State Record 886 Peter Muscat (1989)

1	WINTERHALTER Chris	883
2	JENSEN Paul Jnr	870
	MOTTON Ralph	870
4	PATTISON Sid	869
	PERKINS David	869
6	CLARK Les	868
	DOHERTY Joe	866
	OLSEN Stuart	866
9	EAGLE Alex	862
10	SANDMAN Brett	859

ACTION PISTOL

State Record 1920 172X Craig Ginger (2001)

1	WHITEHEAD Tom	1910	148x
2	REHLICKI Ivan	1909	159x
3	ANASTASI Ercole	1907	160x
4	RAY Murray	1906	141x
5	CLARK Les	1903	141x
6	BRADY Allan	1901	157x
7	VEZER Laslo	1896	140x
8	SIEBERT Richard	1891	120x
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