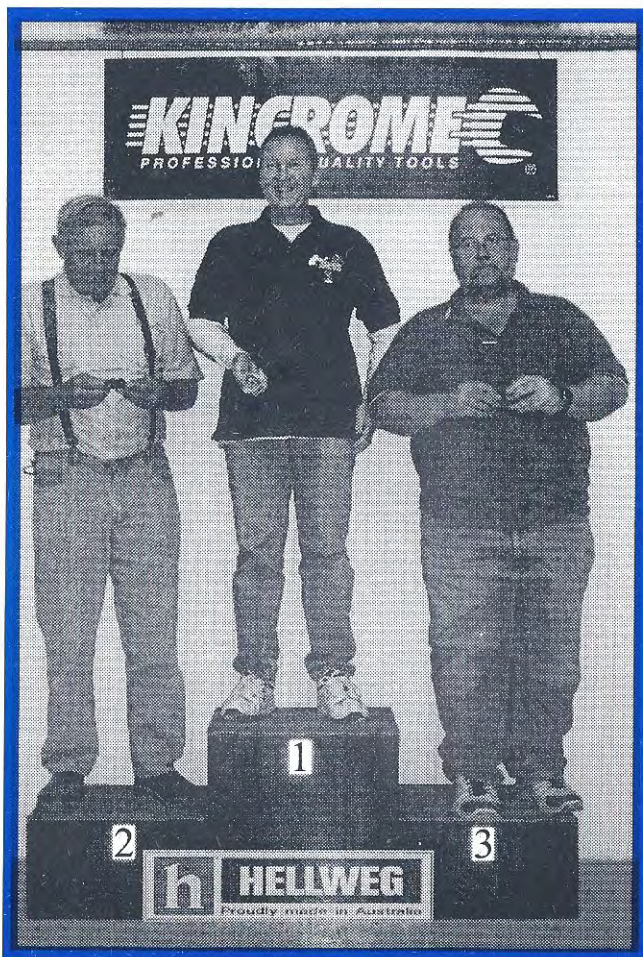


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Another case in point is the recent blanket ban on the use of Foxhounds by deer hunters, with pseudo-science and emotive propaganda threatening what has been one of the oldest and most social forms of hunting. Ironically, hound hunters have been forced into retiring or destroying their faithful Foxhounds in the claimed "interests" of preventing cruelty to animals. Meanwhile hound hunting activities have been stalled while more politically correct

Beagles and Bloodhounds are found and trained, and families miss out on time spent together living the life they enjoy.

If you are a longarm owner, ensure that you make time to take your partners and friends, your kids and their friends hunting if not to the pistol range so they can try shooting for themselves. Educate your non shooting relatives and friends about what you do. There is NO other way for the general public to gain a proper understanding of what we do. Explain to them exactly what happened with the Buyback, why it was a COMPLETE WASTE of money from the public purse, and that responsible firearms use and ownership is nothing to be ashamed of. Why be the only member in your family to vote with the rights of legitimate shooters in mind? It won't be hard work - after all, shooting is a social sport best enjoyed amongst family and friends!

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Editorial

Once again it is time to think about who we want to lead our Association into the future. Hopefully the Annual General Meeting will not be the usual display of apathy. This is the one chance where the members directly get a say in the running of the Association. Unfortunately not too many take the opportunity to do anything. Too many people are happy to let things go along and have a whinge when they don't like the result.

Last issue Sharon mentioned there may be some changes ahead as to how VAPA operates, either everyone is happy with the current situation, or nobody read the last issue as there has been no feedback or ideas received.

Changing the way the Association is run may well have merit. VAPA was established almost 50 years ago and has been run basically the same way since inception. That may have been fine 50 years ago and when the Association was small, but times have changed.

Is it productively efficient to run an Association where the decision making is done by a handful of delegates at monthly meetings? One only has to look at the attendance at the Committee of Management meetings, the same few faces have been attending for years.

Maybe it is time to start working towards bringing the Association into the twenty first century, starting with the way the Association is managed.

There will be some changes to the faces on the Executive this year with both Sharon Reynolds and Bob Lester deciding the pastures of Pistol Australia management look greener.

At the time of writing I do not know who will be standing for the various positions, but

we will need strong people who can further develop and grow our sport in the current climate.

Hopefully there will be enough interest in giving something for your sport that there will be an election. I know I am being optimistic but we can always hope that there are enough interested people out there willing to do something for their sport.

No matter what happens the Executive will need the support of the members. There is still a lot of unfinished business with Licencing Services and Justice Department in relation to the new firearms act. Mainly due to the efforts of the Executive the Justice department are preparing a discussion paper and MAY be recommending some changes to the act, which will be to our benefit.

On another matter, there is no doubt there will be a fee increase and people will have a whinge about it. There is a way to attempt to keep these fee increases to a minimum, but not too many people seem interested in the idea.

The Ritchies Community Benefit scheme donates one percent of your total shopping bill to your nominated club, school or charity. To be eligible for a donation, supporters of an organisation must spend a combined minimum of \$1000-00 on groceries in a month. VAPA has been registered since December 2003 and to date we have not qualified for a donation.

Maybe our members are happy for the fees to go up and have their quiet little whinge in the background. Or maybe they just can't be bothered doing something to help themselves.

Management Matters.

News and Issues from the Committee of Management
From the President

Well, here it is. My last President's report for the VPN. The last time Neil will have to remind me constantly of the cut off date. The last time I will have to sit in front of a blank screen – with a blank mind! The last time I will have to sit up until all hours trying to be interesting as well as informative! I will not be standing for re-election to the executive of VAPA. Not because I am no longer interested – I simply believe it is time for a change. I will be taking on different roles where I hope I can continue to make a useful contribution to pistol shooting.

The last 5 years have been interesting to say the least. For the first 3 years things muddled along as usual. We made some small constitutional amendments, obtained some government funding for development, conducted a very successful shooting event for the World Masters Games, and generally were fairly complacent.

Oops – big mistake. All that changed on the following Monday. Having just wound up the World Masters – the years of preparation training and work had paid off and everyone was feeling pretty happy – I had given myself a day off work and was looking forward to a somewhat less hectic schedule! That was not to be and the next 18 months proved to be a round of so-called “consultation”, and sheer despondency as we tried in vain to get our message heard.

A big disappointment was the attitude of a small number of members who felt that both Pistol Australia and VAPA had let them down – and were publicly vocal about it. What a gift to those who want to fragment the shooting sports! Believe me, we all did our best – but the prevailing attitudes made us a very small voice in a very loud debate.

However – life goes on. I would like to remind you of the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games. The pistol and small bore events will be at MISC. This means that some MISC members may need to look for a different venue to shoot at occasionally – I hope that we can all work together to assist MISC in this regard. After all - the Games will be a chance to promote and highlight our sport; but first of all the venue has to be upgraded. It will also be unavailable to members during the test event – the Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships in 2005 - and the Games themselves.

My heartfelt thanks go to all those who have filled the various roles within VAPA - without them we could not operate. In particular my thanks to Eddie for his untiring efforts, to Clive Whelan for his invaluable assistance and advice with the politicians, and to Mark for persuading me, against my better judgement, to take on the presidency! Was he right? – or was he wrong? – you decide!

I really did want to end on a high note which is why this is at the end – **we have five Victorians eligible for nomination to the 2004 Olympic Shooting Team to Athens.** They are Bruce Quick, Daniel Repacholi, Linda Ryan, Annette Woodward and Lalita Yauhleuskaya. Over many years all five have given up a lot to train, to take part in the elimination shoots, to travel both within Australia and overseas in order to compete. They have

invested a lot of money, time and energy in pursuing their goals – and it is fantastic to see their efforts pay off. The final team will be announced in late May (before you receive this!) – I wish each and every one of the five the best of luck in their endeavours. And for those who are successful – I am sure you will all wish to join with me in wishing them every success in Athens.

Vale Avenal Johnson

Avenal Johnson passed away in February this year. So many of us will remember Avenal as the first contact we had with pistol shooting. Rod was the secretary of VAPA – but it was Avenal who took the calls, who did so much of the work for Rod, who signed so many of the ID cards. It was Avenal who 'looked after' the pistol sub-committee when they met around Rod's kitchen table to approve the monthly batch of permit applications. Avenal was always there when MISC needed to cater for meetings, competitions, special events etc. In recent years her health kept her from being as physically active – but her influence was still strong; witness the time Rod was trying to find out how many to cater for – because 'the boss' needed to know what was required! Avenal was always there in the background – and her contribution to the development of VAPA has been invaluable. She will be sorely missed by many. With Rod's kind permission I reprint here the closing words of the eulogy at Avenal's funeral – I believe it says it all:

You can shed a tear that she's gone
Or you can smile because she lived.
You can close your eyes and pray she'll come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she's left you.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of love you've shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember her and only that she's gone
Or cherish her memory and live on.
You can cry and close your mind
Be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what Avenal would want.

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.

If you would like coaching to come to your club, or to your area, then this notice is for you.

At a recent Coaching Council meeting, the idea of having fixed, gazetted coaching days/weekends at selected clubs spread evenly around the State was considered. What the council needs is an expression of interest by clubs who are willing to be involved, and make their facilities available.

For a club committee to make this commitment, it would need to know that its members want and will support a coaching clinic. So now it comes back to you the club member. All you have to do is discuss the proposal with fellow members and if there is some interest then approach your committee and this will get off the ground.

With enough interest, next year, Victoria could have set times and venues for coaching that will be advertised at the beginning of the year and you can plan where and when you may like to attend.

Now for those who have waded through that and are still reading, I thank you, and

will finish off with this thought.

When shooting, I am sure everybody has been told to "lock your wrist" or "lock your elbow" and I guess that as a good student, you did. I once spent some time trying to figure out how to "lock" my wrist, especially as there is no locking system available.

My interpretation of this is to not let the wrist relax during the shot. This will enable me to cause the pistol to fire without miss-aligning the sights. The way I do this is to try to push the front sight down the range, (i.e. stretch my arm) and this has the effect of so-called "locking the wrist".

If you actually try this and you find that the pistol does not lift as much in recoil, and that the recoil appears to jump and recover more quickly, then you were not "locked" properly previously and now you have taken another step forward in shooting.

If there is a specific topic that you would like to see discussed in this forum, just let me know (contact details below).

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State Coaching Council
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The Judges Decision

'LOADERS'

What are they and when can you use them?

If you have attended opens in the last few months, you may have noticed a couple of competitors with non shooting hand in a sling. Because of this sling it made the loading of their magazine difficult, to overcome this they used a "LOADER". This is a person who loads the magazine for the competitor.

If you are ever in the situation that you are not able to use your non shooting hand to load the magazine. Then you would be able to use a "loader", however there is a procedure that needs to be followed before fronting up to shoot with a loader in tow.

1. A "loader" can only be used after permission is sought from the Range Officer or jury member.
2. A loader" must obey the Range Officer's commands. ie. Must load magazine only after the Range Officer has given the command "LOAD". After loading the magazine, must vacate the shooting bay.

3. Must operate in a such a manner so as not to impede on the competitors space in the next bay or to disrupt them.
4. Must operate in a safe manner. If the loader does not operate in a safe manner then they can be asked to leave the range and the competitor would have to source a new loader or withdraw from the match.

For practicability reasons a person using a revolver should not be allowed to use a loader because they would have to cock the revolver in what is deemed to be an unsafe manner ie using the thumb of the shooting hand to cock the hammer. Also depending on the range set up it may also apply to Free Pistol and Air Pistol. If the Range officer or Jury member so rules then it would be expected that the competitor accepts this ruling without argument.

Peter Davis
National Judge A
NRC Council Member

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Black Powder 25 Metre	John Sammartino	372
50 Metre Pistol	Daniel Repacholi	543/634.3
Centre Fire	Noel Ryan	569
Rapid Fire	Noel Ryan	575/667.3
Standard Pistol	Linda Ryan	564
Air Pistol Men	Stephen Deller	573/671.5
Air Pistol Women	Linda Ryan	384/481.2
25 Metre Pistol Women	Annette Woodward	582/684.3
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ISSF State Titles

Tri State Competition 2004

From Andrew Jenner

During the Easter break about forty junior pistol shooters competed at the annual tri state competition held at Oakleigh pistol club. Teams each from New South Wales and South Australia came down in mini buses on Friday night to compete against our Victorian team.

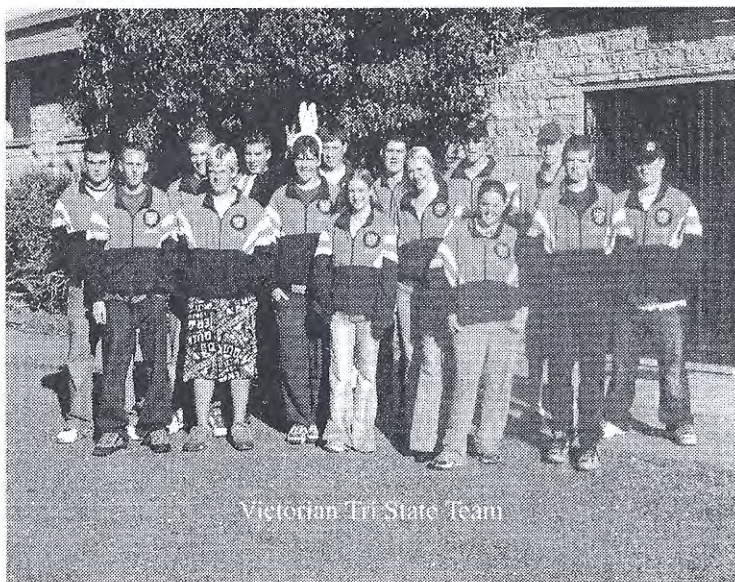
During Saturday morning the shooters split into two groups and had practice and expert coaching ready for the shoot on Sunday. On Saturday night the teams for each state were selected with the top ten shooters from each state to be competing. Of the 15 juniors from Victoria, all shot well and it was tough for the team coaches and managers to select the final ten. We then had to select a team captain and vice captain. The captain was Gary Mullens and vice was Christian Boyle. At about 7pm we all left in the mini buses for our entertainment at Sidetracked centre, Oakleigh. This centre has many activities

such as go karts, laser force, mini golf and game machines. The group were allowed to do the go karts and laser force. We had our tea there and the chance to go back on our favorite thing. It was a great night.

An early start was a shock for most of us and we were on the range shooting at 8:30. Most of us had a good shoot and everyone enjoyed competing and meeting other shooters from interstate. Overall, New South Wales took out the title followed by Victoria and then South Australia. The Victorian team shot really well and the team was very competitive falling only a couple of hundred points short.

The food was fantastic and there was no shortage of it so no one went hungry. It was a great weekend enjoyed by all with plenty of fun, laughs and new friends.

The success of the weekend was due largely to the good organization and help from the members of the junior development committee.



Victorian Tri State Team

Deaflympics 2005

This event – on a par with the Olympic Games but specifically for the hearing impaired – will be held in Melbourne in January 2005. (3rd – 11th)

The shooting (pistol and small bore) will be at MISC

If you would like to volunteer to be part of the Games please contact:

John Gillman

phone: 03 5962 3424

email: jgillman@optusnet.com.au or

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Around The Opens

Service Difficulties:

Black Powder Digits.

Competitors at the inaugural Sale Service Open were confronted with more than the usual problems. Many competitors found feeling around in puddles of water to find their speedloaders a novel hazzard. At least one competitor found that trying to draw from the holster while wearing a Dri Az A Bone rather challenging.

You would like to think that Black Powder shooters know to keep their fingers away from machinery. After Stephen Deller's close encounter with a concrete mixer, which Cohuna Black Powder Shooter had a close encounter with a spinning alternator? Result, one very badly damaged thumbnail.

Load.

Which daughter of a well known international shooter will remember her pre shot routine in future. Forgetting to put the magazine in the pistol is not an allowable malfunction.

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Vics Clean Up at ACT Titles

Victorians cleaned up at the recent ACT ISSF Championships.

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Jose Iglesias 50 Metre Pistol

Gary Mullens Junior Sport Pistol

As well as taking out three titles, Victorians were prominent at the medal presentations taking out many grade placings as well.

From all reports a very enjoyable weekend was had by all.



Victorian winners at the ACT Championships



Gary Mullens with Vlad Galiabovitch

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

After speaking briefly and touching on my subject with Sharon Reynolds today over the phone, I feel a need to put my questions in writing, as I am curious as to how other members feel, or have approached the subject.

Following on from the big Firearms Buyback business last year, my queries are as follows:

- 1) Should, in fact, Victorian Police be refunding all those people who surrendered all their firearms and licences, but had renewed their licences in the time between licence expiry and the Buyback?
- 2) Should Victoria Police, at the same time be returning original fingerprint forms, with a statutory declaration stating that no copies have been made or stored by them or anyone else?

Considering pistol shooters are not criminals, but are sporting people, and that these forms take up a lot of police computer space and paper storage, legally should they have been returned? What happened about that aspect?

I presume that the Government department that created these new laws would not want to go any further than the actual "Buyback" process, and that in their view no further action is warranted, particularly by the police department as too much effort would be required, too much time "wasted" on it by police members.

I don't actually see it all as a problem from the police department, but one developed by those above that make the laws and issue instructions.

I'm simply curious about people's rights and some of the intricate legalities of the whole process we've been through. My feeling is that it "feels" unfinished, not completed properly; only half the process has been performed. And I feel sure I'm not the only member wondering about these matters.

Yours sincerely,
Gweneth Nikolic.

PS. Is on TV recently true? It stated that there are now more firearms owed illegally than those legally owned by the sporting fraternity.

Editors note: Rumour has it that people who handed in their licence early in the buyback have just started receiving their cheques. No mention of fingerprints though!

Service State Titles

The SERVICE PISTOL State Titles were held on 21st and 22nd of February at MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PISTOL CLUB in the heart of the Yarra Valley.

Saturday 21st dawned bright and clear and stayed that way all weekend – a big change to the last two open competitions held at MDPC, which were cold, wet and windy. As the MDPC Range was previously part a rural holding, and has no direct access to electricity, a long held desire was for the convenience of electrical power. This was realised in the weeks leading up to the titles with the purchase and installation of a generator and all necessary electrical wiring. The Club House was fully lined and painted as well as various other improvements across the range.

We were well supported by local sponsors who donated raffle prizes, give-aways and food.

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A vote of appreciation also goes to Alex Eagle and John Quinlivan who officiated over the weekend and to Sharon Reynolds and Bob Lester who made the presentations on behalf of VAPA.

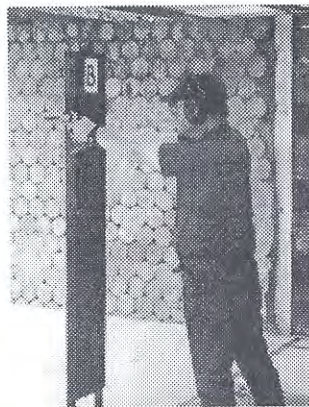
Mountain District went to great lengths to fulfill special requests, especially for Chris Winterhalter who asked for hot food, no wind or rain, not cold, — all achieved. And what was the other request which was fulfilled for Chris during presentations ??????

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Change of address is to be advised to your Club Secretary.

The editor cannot change addresses for VAPA members.

If your address is incorrect advise your Club Secretary, who will in turn advise the V.A.P.A. Secretary.



Service State Titles

IPSC National Championships

The 2004 IPSC Australia National Handgun Championships were held over the Easter weekend, April 9-12; hosted by the Sporting Shooters Pistol Club in Canberra, ACT.

210 competitors contested this Level III, 18-stage, 350+ round match – an extremely pleasing turnout despite the recent law changes.

Match statistics were as follows: **Open division** – 89 entries in total including 23 seniors, 18 women and 3 juniors. **Standard division** – a total of 93 entries including 24 seniors, 7 women and 1 junior. 27 shooters, including 7 seniors entered the relatively new but fast growing **Production division**. Last, but certainly not least, was the one competitor who met the requirements to enter **Revolver division**, other revolver enthusiasts were spotted with red dot sights, competing on an almost level ground against the Open class shooters.

Unfortunately, the most disappointing match statistic was the lack of a single International competitor. It was rumored that this is the first time in IPSC Australia's 30-year history of national competition that this has occurred.

The match itself was quite simple, although the new 10 round magazine limit took its toll on many competitors. The ability to perform a smooth reload under match pressure quickly proved advantageous,

especially on Stage 8, an 18-round, 3-position stage shot entirely from a small spring platform. Also of note was Stage 18, with moving targets at 20m (3 shoot targets alongside 3 penalty targets), many wise people decided to take the extra time to run downrange and engage the targets when stationary instead of risking a shot (or two, or three) on the penalty targets.

Once again Victorian shooters stamped their dominance in the discipline of IPSC, taking out five of the major National titles:

Open National Champion

Brodie McIntosh (VAPA)

Open National Women Champion

Suzy Ballantyne (VAPA)

Standard National Champion

Bob Wilhelm (Vic)

Standard National Women Champion

Susan West (Vic)

Production National Champion

Greg Moon (Vic)

With results such as these, it is no great surprise that Victoria also took out all three team events (Open, Standard and Production) and came second in the Womens Open team.

A summary of outright results (including the VAPA sponsored shooters) is detailed below. Congratulations to all the winners.

Special mention must also go to our newest "Grand Masters": Jonathon Loftes, Mario Mori, Greg Moon and Scott Seddon – it is no small feat to obtain 95% at a National Championship – congratulations to each of you!

Results from this event are being used to select the Australian team to compete at the Austral-Asian Championships in Bali later

this year and will also play a part in selection for the Australian team to contest the 2005 World Championships in Ecuador.

Many thanks to the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association for their continued sponsorship of the VAPA members of the IPSC Victoria State Team.

Next year's nationals are to be held in Perth followed by Adelaide in 2006.

Open Division - Outright

Place	Score	Name	State
1 st	100.00%	Brodie McIntosh	VIC (VAPA)
2 nd	92.60%	Gareth Graham	NT
3 rd	92.44%	Peter Chmielewski	QLD
4 th	92.12%	David McConachie	QLD
5 th	91.84%	Ivan Rehlicki	VIC (VAPA)
6 th	91.16%	Errol Thomas	QLD
7 th	90.98%	David Soldini	VIC
8 th	87.61%	Damien Fitzgerald	NSW
9 th	87.05%	Andrew Moss	VIC (VAPA)
10 th	82.78%	Suzy Ballantyne	VIC (VAPA)

Open Division - Teams

Place	Score	State
1 st	4,345	VIC
2 nd	4,236	QLD
3 rd	3,879	NSW

Standard Division - Outright

Place	Score	Name	State
1 st	100.00%	Bob Wilhelm	VIC
2 nd	98.88%	Jonathon Loftes	VIC (VAPA)
3 rd	95.58%	Bill Wood	SA
4 th	95.23%	Mario Mori	VIC (VAPA)
5 th	92.01%	Paul Grech	SA
6 th	91.13%	Paul Williams	SA
7 th	88.56%	Brian Blight	NSW
8 th	87.16%	Mathew Workman	NSW
9 th	85.34%	Dave Lucas	WA
10 th	81.80%	Steve Modra	SA
14 th	80.50%	Kim Dunlop	VIC (VAPA)

Standard Division - Teams

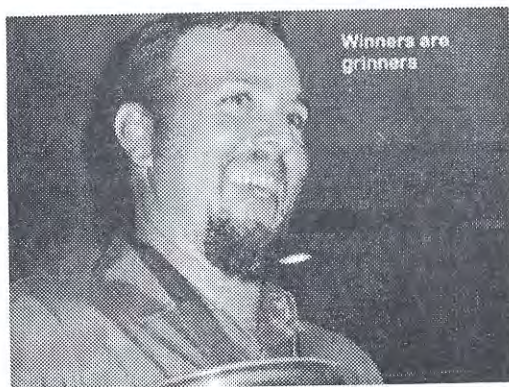
Place	Score	State
1 st	4,379	VIC
2 nd	3,945	SA
3 rd	3,639	NSW

Production Division - Outright

Place	Score	Name	State
1 st	100.00%	Greg Moon	VIC
2 nd	99.94%	Scott Barnes	NSW
3 rd	98.86%	Mark Carman	SA
4 th	97.57%	Ed Schulz	NSW
5 th	95.11%	Scott Seddon	VIC
6 th	94.81%	Chris Collum	NSW
7 th	94.42%	Marcus Bamford	WA
8 th	85.49%	John Bellman	NT
9 th	84.96%	Ken Robson	NSW
10 th	81.37%	Andrew Derrick	VIC

Production Division - Teams

Place	Score	State
1 st	3,851	VIC
2 nd	3,413	NSW
3 rd	3,343	SA



From the IPSC Nationals



Standard Division
Gold team Victoria



Top 16 Shoot off
Open division



Victorian Amateur Pistol Association

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association will be held at Melbourne International Shooting Club, 120 Todd Rd Port Melbourne, on Friday 16 July 2004, at 7.30pm.

The purpose of the meeting will be to:

1. Confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18 July, 2003.
2. Receive and adopt financial statements and report for the year ended, 30 April 2004.
3. Receive and adopt President's report.
4. Elect office bearers for the ensuing year (see below).
5. Attend to any other business that may be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting.

Minutes of meeting of the Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association held at Oakleigh Pistol Club on Friday 18 July 2003 at 7.40pm.

CHAIRMAN:

Sharon Reynolds occupied the chair and welcomed the members.

APOLOGIES: Were received from; E Ligeti, A Ligeti, N Stewart, N Ryan, K Kirkpatrick, H Ryan, R Maddocks.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 19 July 2002 were confirmed on the motion of P Davis, seconded R Lester Carried

REPORTS:

S Reynolds explained that the notice of meeting contained the President's report, the Treasurer's report was distributed to the members present.

D Perkins explained that the auditor had advised that it was a clear audit.

It was moved R Lester, and seconded C Woods, "that the Treasurer's and President's reports be accepted" Carried

ELECTIONS:

S Reynolds expressed her thanks to the Executive and particularly the Technical Inspector, and declared all positions vacant;

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

As there was only one nomination the position of Senior Vice President, Graeme Roberts was declared elected.

As there was only one nomination for the position of Junior Vice President, R Lester was declared elected.

As there was only one nomination for the position of Executive Officer, J Gillman was declared elected.

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

D Perkins was nominated for the position of Treasurer by A Howard, seconded C Perkins and declared elected.

Closure: The meeting was declared closed at 7.43pm.

President's Report to the members of VAPA – July 2004 from Sharon Reynolds

This time last year I reflected on the fact that the venue for the 2006 Commonwealth Games had not yet been selected – confident that it would be announced within a month or so – it was announced today! Yes, it will be at MISC as originally planned. Now will come the massive – and probably rushed – job of upgrading the MISC range to an international standard. The range needs to be ready for the Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships next March (yes – 2005) as this is the official test event for the Games. In fact, it should be ready for the Deaflympics in January 2005. Once the Games are over MISC, and therefore Victoria, will have a top class venue. It will always be a private club of course – and it will up to MISC how they utilize the venue after the

Games. I have no doubt that there will be opportunities to visit, and to shoot at, MISC from time to time just as there are now.

The last twelve months has been a mix of ups and downs for all of us. The first half of the year saw the handgun buyback in operation. For a number of reasons – all valid – many members decided to call it quits and surrender their licences. Those of us who decided to continue are now learning that the participation requirements are not as hard as we expected. Life is not quite so simple for our hard working club secretaries, who still don't have a definitive answer in relation to the annual reporting requirements!

We have made some headway on the Section 7A issue and a discussion paper is being prepared which should see a little common sense brought in to the equation. Likewise, the participation requirements for parents who own guns for use of a junior are being reviewed.

As usual there are a large number of people who need to be thanked. I prefer not to name them (in case I inadvertently leave someone out!). Suffice it to say that on behalf of all of us my sincere thanks to all those hard working members who give of their time to keep this sport going – be it for the club, for VAPA or for PA. Without them we would not survive – for to pay for that level of support would mean capitation fees far, far in excess of what we pay now. It may not seem like it when subs are due – but this is not an expensive sport. Seen what a golf club membership costs lately?

Finally, thank you all for your support of me during my stint as President. I am confident that I am leaving VAPA in good hands and that the association will recover from the recent body blows and will once again be able to grow and flourish.

I wish you all many, many years of good 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	Graeme Roberts (Diamond Valley)	S Reynolds	C Woods
First Vice President	Peter Davis (M.I.S.C.)	C Woods	C Lee
Second Vice President	~~Peter Davis (M.I.S.C.)~~	C Woods	C Lee
Treasurer	David Perkins (Mountain District)	<i>A. Hewson</i>	
Secretary	Eddie Evans (Melton)	C Repacholi	M Cleland
Executive Officer	John Gillman (Yarra)	S Reynolds	E Evans

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Position Vacant

WANTED – ONE or TWO COMPETITION CONTROLLERS

We need a new competition controller! However, after talking with Richard we have decided that the job is getting quite onerous for one person so maybe we could get two people to share the responsibilities. The jobs will be:

Competition Controller – responsible for running the calendar and approving Opens, collating and publishing the Top Ten, and reporting to the Committee of Management.

Postal Competition Controller – responsible for the postal competition i.e. will call for and manage the entries, set the program and collate and distribute the results, and will be responsible for organizing the Postal Finals in each discipline. (The match package for Practical is currently put together by one of our practical shooters and I sincerely hope that this will continue).

Clearly if two people take this on there will need to be some communication between them – but we have tried to make the split logical to minimize any duplication or confusion. Of course, if there is someone out there who would prefer to take full control please don't hesitate to come forward – your nomination will be happily accepted!

Nominations close 5.00pm Thursday July 15th 2004, and will be voted on at the September Committee of Management meeting.

Victorian International 1920 Match State Titles

Mildura Pistol Club

Friday 30th Saturday 31st July & Sunday 1st August 2004

Program

Friday 30 th July	8.00am	Sign in – gun checks for Rimfire
	9.00am	Rimfire International 1920 Match State Title
	10.00am	Sign in, gun checks for competitors
	2.00 pm	Range opens for practice
Saturday 31 st July	8.00 am	Sign in and gun check for competitors
	9.00am	Competition commences
Sunday 1 st August	9.00 am	Competition commences
		Presentation of trophies

Programme:

Practical Event	Rules 7.6 & 10.22	Barricade Event	Rules 7.7 & 10.23
Moving Target (mod) Event	Rules 7.8 & 10.24	Falling Plate Event	Rules 7.9 & 10.25

Conditions of Entry.

- All nominations with accompanying fees must be received by 9th July 2004. The signing of the entry form by the competitor and the club secretary is a declaration attesting to the correctness of the information contained in the entry form.
- 1999 NRA Action Pistol rules, with official amendments thereof will apply to all matches.
- Chronograph ammunition will be collected at all events and tested over a chronograph for power factor.
- Competitors will be expected to act as target changers and observers for the next detail of competitors.
- All resident Australian competitors must be financial members of Pistol Australia Inc. and carry a current membership card.
- Holster certificates will be required.

Club Rules.

- Alcohol may be consumed in the clubroom of the MPC after you have completed your shooting for the day.
- Guns not to be worn off the range area including the car park.
- Full metal-jacketed (hard ball) projectiles will not be used in any event in these matches, semi-jacketed and jacketed hollow point projectiles may be used.
- Smoking is not permitted in the clubroom.
- All visitors to the MPC MUST sign the visitors' books when entering. Children must be under the supervision of an adult whilst at the pistol range.

Catering.

Meals and refreshments will be available daily throughout the state titles including evening meals on Friday and Saturday and breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday.

VICTORIAN INTERNATIONAL 1920 MATCH STATE TITLES

30th July – 1st August 2004

Entries Close 9th July 2004

Please print or type all information. This form is for individual competitors only.

Surname:.....First Name:.....

Street:.....

City:.....State:.....Postcode:.....

Phone(Home).....Phone (Work).....

Fax.....Email.....

Club.....

Special Award Categories (mark those applicable)

Senior (Date of birth)..... Junior (Date of birth).....

NRA Action Pistol Classification (tick where applicable)

CLASSIFICATION

Lady ☐ Junior ☐ Rimfire ☐ Metallic Sights ☐ Open ☐

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Expert ☐ Sharpshooter ☐ Marksman ☐

VAPA Reg. Fee \$ 5.50\$

State Title Open Entry Fee \$50.00\$

State Title Rimfire (30th July) Entry Fee \$30.00\$

Metallic Sights Entry Fee \$40.00\$

Late Entry Fee \$20.00\$

Total Fees \$.....

Club Certification:

I certify that _____ is a financial member of the _____
Pistol Club that is affiliated with the _____
Pistol Association and that the grades submitted are correct.

Signed _____ Secretary / President / Scorer.

Declaration: I declare that I am a financial member as defined by Pistol Australia Inc. I agree to abide by the requirements of Pistol Australia Inc, VAPA and the Mildura Pistol Club.

Signed _____ Date ____/____/____

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VAPA Open Competition Calendar

MONTH	DAY	COMPETITION TYPE	VENUE
Jun	5-6		
	12-14	ISSF, BP & Service	Mid Murray
	8-14	ISSF & PA Nationals	S.I.S.C.
	19-20	1920(Super Seven R6)	Mildura
	26-27	BP	Castlemaine
Jul	3-4	1920(Super Seven Finals)	Yarra
	10-11		
	17-18		
	24-25		
Jul/Aug	31-1	International 1920 State Titles	Mildura
Aug	7-8		
	14-15		
	21-22		
	28-29	ISSF Postal Finals	??
Sep	4	1920 Postal Finals	??
	11	BP Postal Finals	??
	12	Service Postal Finals	??
	18-19	ISSF	Shepparton
	18-19	Practical Postal Finals	??
	25-26	Service	Warragul Drouin
Oct	2-3	ISSF	Yarra
	9-10		
	16-17		
	23-24	Service	Mt. District
	23-24	ISSF	Yackandandah
	30-31	BP	Peninsula
Nov	6-7	ISSF	Oakleigh
	13-14		
	20-21		
	29-30	BP + Service	Yarra
Dec	4-5		
	11-12		
	18-19		
	25-26		

Open Competition Contact Details

Have you ever heard that an Open Competition was on, but couldn't find an entry form, or didn't know who to contact to get one? Here are the contact details for forthcoming Opens, together with a common entry form.

Club	Events	Entries Close	Entry Fees	Contact Person
International 1920 State Champs. Mildura 30 Jul – 1 Aug '04	Open, Metallic Sights, Rimfire	8 Jul	\$50.00	Peter Griffin P O Box 4127 Mildura Vic 3502 Phone: (03) 5023 4843 Fax: (03) 5021 0089 E Mail: griffinp@bigpond.net.au
Warragul Drouin Service 25-26 Sept '04	Service, Service UR, Service 25	8 Sept	\$10.00 Per Event	Gary Fallon P O Box 69 Chelsea Vic 3196 Phone: 9905 4588 BH E Mail: gary.fallon@sci.monash.edu.au
Yarra ISSF 2-3 Oct '04	All ISSF	3 Sept	\$9.00 Per Event	Alan Wattz P O Box 164 Oakleigh South Vic 3167 Phone: 0418 149 231
Yackandandah ISSF 23-24 Oct '04	All ISSF	4 Oct	\$10.00 Per Event	Lance Stokes P O Box 98 Yackandandah Vic 3749 Phone: (02) 6027 1161 E Mail: stoke_em@bigpond.com
Peninsula Black Powder 30-31 Oct '04	BP25 & 50 M 50M Revolver International Matches	21 Oct	\$8.00 Per Event \$5.00 Int Matches Sat Spit Roast \$10.00	Organising Secretary P O Box 3102 Frankston East Vic 3199 Phone: (03) 9783 4064 Fax: (03) 9769 6047
International 1920 Match Super 7 Series			\$20.00	Geoff Stride P O Box 122 Ormond Vic 3204 Phone: 0408 534 123 E Mail: strideg@xtreme.net.au

VAPA Common Entry Form

Club		Competition Date	
Entry Closing Date		Entry Fee	

NAME:			
ADDRESS:			
		P/Code	
Phone: ()			
E-mail:			
Club:		Licence Number	
Match	Grade	Match	Grade
25 Metre Standard Pistol		25 Metre Pistol Women	
25 Metre Rapid Fire Pistol		10 Metre Air Pistol Women	
50 Metre Pistol		25 Metre Pistol Junior	
25 Metre Centre Fire Pistol		10 Metre Air Pistol Jnr Men	
10 Metre Air Pistol Men		10 Metre Air Pistol Jnr Women	
Service Pistol		Service Unrestricted	
Service 25 Yards		Black Powder 50 Metre	
Black Powder 25 Metre			
Black Powder International			
Modern Single Shot		Fixed Sight Revolver	
Adjustable Sight Revolver		Replica Single Shot	
International 1920 Match			
Open		Stock	.22 Rimfire
Veteran: Date of Birth		Junior: Date of Birth	

Victorian Top Ten 2004

Competitions Included In This Issue:

Castlemaine ISSF, Bangkok, Sydney & Athens World Cups, ISSF State Titles, Black Powder State Titles, Service State Titles, Outtrim Service Australia Cup, Act ISSF Championships, Warragul/Drouin ISSF + Black Powder, Sale Service, Kerang & Echuca 1920

50M Pistol

State Record 555

John Gillman (1976) Bruce Quick (1998)

1	Repacholi Daniel	562
2	Quick Bruce	547
3	Deller Stephen	538
4	Iglesias Jose	536
5	Edwards Norm	535
6	Boyle Kevin	529
7	Scougall Andrew	517
8	Grant Ray	513
=9	Bowron Peter	508
=9	Butcher Peter	507

25M Centrefire

State Record 585

Bruce Quick (1996)

1	Ryan Noel	571
2	Wattz Alan	567
3	Tomassini Paul	562
=4	Wright Jim	557
=4	Iglesias Jose	556
6	Eagle Grant	555
7	Frahm Stefan	551
8	Coote Laurie	548
=9	Poniger Zlatko	547
=9	Smith Ern	547

Rapid Fire

State Record 581

Bruce Quick (2000)

1	Ryan Noel	575
2	Quick Bruce	573
3	Finken Lucas	553
4	Scougall Andrew	528
5	Karamoshos Chris	527
6	Wright Jim	521
7	Boyle Kevin	517
8	Koreny Steve	509
9	Robinson Baden	505
=10	Leticq Lisa	501
=10	Ligeti Alex	501

Standard Pistol

State Record 580

Bruce Quick (1999)

1	Ryan Linda	564
2	Woodward Annette	558
3	Ryan Noel	555
4	Iglesias Jose	554
5	Deller Stephen	541
6	Keogh Glen	539
=7	Boyle Kevin	537
=7	Tomassini Paul	537
9	Wright Jim	533
=10	Scougall Andrew	531
=10	Wattz Alan	531

Men's Air Pistol

State Record 577
Ben Sandstrom (1999)

1	Deller Stephen	576
2	Repacholi Daniel	575
3	Iglesias Jose	568
4	Quick Bruce	567
5	Edwards Norm	566
6	Robinson Baden	562
=7	Frahm Stefan	561
=7	Horton Geoff	561
=9	Boyle Christian	556
=9	Butcher Peter	556

Women's Air Pistol

State Record 387
Lalita Yauhlevskaya (2002)

1	Yauhlevskaya Lalita	387
2	Ryan Linda	384
3	Aspandiyarova Dina	382
4	Woodward Annette	377
5	Riella Emma	374
6	Mullens Joy	371
=7	Gillman Kristy	369
=7	Power Helen	369
9	Kelly Jan	368
10	Ryan Helen	365

Junior Men's Air Pistol

State Record 571
Daniel Repacholli (2000)

1	Finken Lucas	571
2	Robinson Baden	566
3	Coote Dallas	550
4	Boyle Christian	544
5	Mullens Gary	539
6	Burns Kieran	538
7	Ruge Mark	512
8	Jenner Andrew	503
9	Waghorne Joel	450
10	Ballantyne Keegan	449

Women's Sport Pistol

State Record 582
Lalita Yauhlevskaya (2003)

1	Yauhlevskaya Lalita	585
=2	Aspandiyarova Dina	582
=2	Woodward Annette	582
4	Ryan Linda	580
5	Mullens Joy	555
6	Kirkpatrick Kerry	552
7	Gillman Kristy	551
8	Power Helen	547
9	Lester Dee	544
10	Ryan Helen	541

Junior Sport Pistol

State Record 578
Andrew Gonczol (1990)

1	Finken Lucas	575
2	Mullens Gary	561
3	Robinson Baden	559
4	Riella Emma	557
5	Boyle Christian	553
6	Coote Dallas	545
=7	Jenner Andrew	498
=7	Ruge Mark	498
9	Anderson Angela	491
10	Mullens Chelsea	471

Junior Ladies Air Pistol

State Record 385
Annemarie Forder (1998)

1	Riella Emma	367
2	Anderson Angela	349
3	Rodger Bronwyn	319
4	Mullens Chelsea	291
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Black Powder 25 Metre

State Record 378

Noel Ryan (1980)

1	Sammartino John	372
2	Mapleson Arnold	370
3	Wright Jim	369
=4	Smith Ern	366
=4	Motton Ralph	366
=6	Hastie David	360
=6	Clark Greg	360
=8	Scougall Andrew	359
=8	Wattz Alan	359
10	Burgess Grant	358

Service Pistol

State Record 887

Peter Muscat (1991)

1	Motton Ralph	875
2	Clark Les	867
3	Winterhalter Chris	864
4	Sandman Brett	861
5	Doherty Joe	854
6	Olsen Stuart	853
7	Wilkinson Chris	846
8	Kavanagh John	841
=9	Perkins David	838
=9	Scott Peter	838

Service 25

State Record 622

Chris Winterhalter (2004)

1	Winterhalter Chris	626
2	Motton Ralph	621
3	Doherty Joe	614
=4	Sandman Brett	611
=4	Olsen Stuart	611
=4	Watson Tony	611
7	Winterhalter Alan	608
8	Scott Peter	604
9	Eagle Alex	599
10	Butcher Peter	597

Black Powder 50 Metre

State Record 374

Dennis Martin (1998)

1	Hastie David	356
2	Smith Ern	351
3	Sammartino John	344
4	Keogh Glen	340
5	Wright Jim	336
6	Olsen Stuart	325
7	Scougall Andrew	312
8	Motton Ralph	310
9	Burgess Grant	309
10	Dunbar Stuart	307

Service Unrestricted

State Record 886

Peter Muscat (1989)

1	Winterhalter Chris	881
2	Sandman Brett	877
3	Doherty Joe	874
4	Olsen Stuart	871
5	Kavanagh John	869
=6	Clark Les	867
=6	Motton Ralph	867
=8	Wilkinson Chris	859
=8	Perkins David	859
=8	Corbidge David	859

International 1920 Match

State Record 1920 172x

Craig Ginger (2001)

1	Whitehead Tom	1916	146x
2	Ray Murray	1884	135x
3	Brady Allan	1881	150x
4	Clark Les	1881	145x
5	Tait Nathan	1876	140x
6	Bannister Roy	1872	133x
7	Kerner Charles	1869	144x
8	McCarthy Darren	1846	119x
9	Siebert Richard	1828	133x
10	Hardy Brian	1827	131x

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