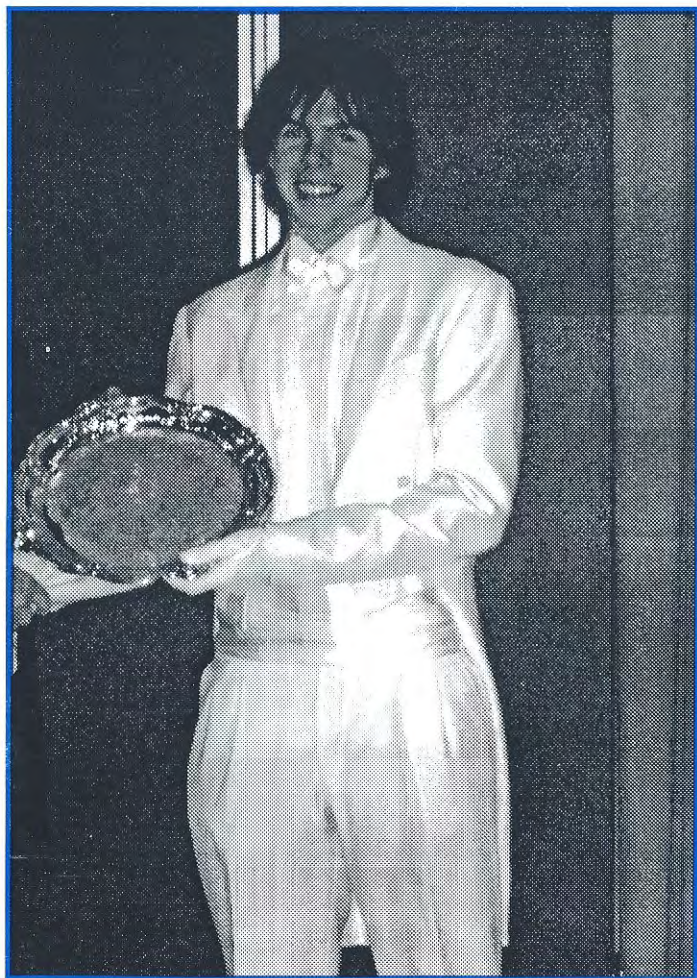


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Gary Mullens, winner of the "Best Dressed Award" at the Nationals Presentation Dinner!

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Editorial

Herald Sun, 28th April 2006.

"PM hints at Gun Reforms"

The 10th anniversary of the Port Arthur massacre has sparked a fresh debate over gun control. Flagging talks with the states on further controls, Prime Minister John Howard told ABC-Radio: "I think there's always more that can be done at a state level.

"We did a lot more in 2002 and 2003 with handguns, but we really must resolve as a nation never to go down the American path."

Herald Sun 4th May 2006

"Bailed addict reveals gun"

"A drug addict who walked into a police station last month with a loaded gun strapped to his chest while reporting on bail has been freed on bail. Frankston Magistrates' Court heard stunned police found a .32 Browning semi automatic pistol with one round ready to fire during a body search at a local police station. The man unzipped a bag strapped to his body to reveal the unregistered handgun after being asked if he had anything on him.

The mans lawyer said his client suffered from cannabis, amphetamine and cocaine abuse and carried a firearm because he feared for his safety. The man pleaded guilty to one count of carrying a loaded firearm in a populous place and one count of possessing an unregistered handgun. He also pleaded guilty to drink driving, failing to display P Plates and displaying false number plates. The magistrate convicted the man and released him on a community-based order. She also ordered his licence be cancelled and that he be disqualified from driving for the next three years. The man was also granted bail over pending charges."

Here we have a Prime Minister (who was fawning all over our Gold Medal winning pistol shooters at the Commonwealth Game) who thinks more could be done at a state level to control handguns, yet a state appointed magistrate convicts a man of serious handgun offences and releases him on a "Community Based Order". Under the Firearms Act the maximum penalty for possessing, using or carrying an unlicensed handgun is 600 penalty units (\$64458.00) or seven years imprisonment, while the penalty for carrying a loaded firearm in a populous place is 60 penalty units (\$6445.80) or 12 months imprisonment.

The Prime Minister says he "does not want us to go down the American path"; maybe he does not want us to go down the American path of being tough on criminals. In many American states the rule of three strikes and your in applies. Be convicted of serious offences three times and you are jailed for life! Yet here we have a person on bail (meaning he has been charged with offences) committing serious firearms offences while on bail, then being granted bail for other offences. How out of touch with community expectations is our judiciary?

I'm sure if a member of our Association committed the same offences they would be feel the full force of the law, and there would be a hue and cry to ban target shooting and remove all handguns from society. Yet time and time again we read of criminals being charged with serious firearms offences and their only penalty is a "slap on the wrist with a wet bus ticket."

We have a State election coming up in November and I'm sure your sitting local members will be looking for your vote. Now is the time to start telling them that they will not get your vote while law abiding Pistol Club members are being persecuted and drug addicted criminals are being let off virtually scott free. Tell them that the current firearms laws are tough enough, if only the judiciary they appoint would apply the penalties available under the Act. Let them know that you are sick and tired of the soft treatment being dished out by the judicial system. Contact your local member by phone, fax, email or personal visit and drum into them that the current laws do not need strengthening, but rather the penalties available under the current laws need to be applied.

Ask them why there are so many home invasions, assaults with all sorts of weapons and road rage incidents. Ask them what they have done to tackle to root cause of all this violence.

Ask them why they nearly always take the easy way out and blame firearms for everything, rather than examining what causes the propensity for violence. You will probably get blank looks, as it is much easier to talk about further restrictions on firearms than it is to determine why society is becoming more violent.

This issue is a bumper issue, with reports on the successful Victorian Teams at both the PA/ISSF and IPSC Nationals, the Commonwealth Games, Victorian Championships and the notice of Annual General Meeting. After the minuscule March issue it has been decide to change the publication dates for the VPN.

The magazine will now be published in January, April, July and October. Speaking of the March issue, thank you to those who responded with some ideas and feedback, hopefully we will be able to incorporate some of your suggestions in future issues.

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Management Matters

From the President

At a recent seminar the Sport and Recreation department unveiled a scheme where a Regional association can apply and be granted funds for various applications.

These funds cannot be applied for by VAPA, as we are a metropolitan association. Clubs that are in the regions designated by the coaching council can band together and apply for these funds to help them in the running of their programs. Any clubs interested can contact me and I will refer them to the right department.

I attended the State Titles for Black Powder in Mildura in March and while it was a good shoot with the shooters all helping out, it was a disappointing turnout as far as numbers were concerned, the answer remains somewhat elusive as the state ISSF titles were at Mid Murray the next weekend and a long drive from Melbourne. Possibly the 2 competitions were too close together or the weather was a factor (it was very hot). Maybe we could look at getting away from traditional weekends and look at the locality with the weather factor at the same time changing the competitions to southern Victoria in the summer and further north when the weather is cooler in those areas. Another reason could be that country people travel well and city dwellers are reluctant to travel long distances, however it is becoming a bit one sided.

Shooters from South Australia and New south Wales travel regularly to their events, so lets give it a go and find a solution. What ever the answer is we should follow the adage if you support country clubs more often then they will support you.

After all it is for the bringing together and strengthening our sport and keeping it going in spite of the many adversities.

Recently at the Australian Cup I noticed a couple of examples of good sportsmanship, one example in the closing stages of a air pistol match a Victorian shooter called a penalty on himself, thus losing 10 points however, the competitor made the final in spite of losing points.

Example 2

Walking out of the 25 metre range during the Commonwealth Games there was a person from Uganda or one of the non white African nations dry firing in the allocated range, after returning a few minutes later the English coach, Tom, was in there demonstrating and teaching this shooter how to shoot properly, this struck me as a wonderful gesture, When I spoke to the coach he thanked me and remarked that "That's what shooting is about, helping each other." That statement and Tom's actions with the previous example made me feel very proud to belong to the shooting fraternity.

Last month the Nationals were held at the Sydney International Shooting Complex and being the first time I had seen the complex I was very impressed, mind you it is not the sort of complex you could have in every state unless there was government funding for the upkeep and running expenses, if only, well one can dream. On to the important part, the shooting results, and a very well done Victoria,

Victoria was victorious with a win for the Manton Shield again and a turn around of 140 points to win the Phillip Adams Trophy from NSW, what a great effort! Our junior shooters have improved and some a great deal with good scores coming from them. Congratulations to all our team members and the managers for an excellent result. The results will already have been posted on the web site and I would suspect that many of you would have seen them before this.

There have been some changes to the Rules for this year, particularly putting the barrel of a loaded pistol on the bench in a perpendicular manner, and will be severely scrutinised at next years Nationals in South Australia.

These rules can be looked up on the NRC website along with many other explanations. Further advice can be sought from any of the judges from your own club and the VPN articles as well.

Those shooters that have dual membership with V.A.P.A. and SSAA will have noticed in the March edition, a very good series of articles, unbiased and good coverage, about the different disciplines in shooting at the Commonwealth Games. Well done to those concerned.

That is another 3 months passed very quickly and until next time good shooting members.

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MELBOURNE 2006 COMMONWEALTH GAMES



12 April 2006

Mr Graeme Roberts
President
Victorian Amateur Pistol Association
PO Box 301
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Dear Graeme

On behalf of the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation, thank you for your tremendous support for the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games.

The Games have been declared as "simply the best" Commonwealth Games ever.

This great result has truly been a team effort, one in which we can all take great pride and which could not have been delivered without your efforts and those of your team. Our united efforts have led to the delivery of a world class competition that will be remembered for many years by all who attended as well as the 1.5 billion people throughout the world who watched the Games.

Can you please pass on our sincere thanks to everyone involved in your team, not only for their dedication and the hard work that went on behind the scenes, but also for striving to do a "personal best" in everything they did.

A "Celebration of Sport and Culture" was an ideal embodied in the Melbourne 2006 brand - together we have made this a reality.

Thank you again.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.
John Harnden
Chief Executive Officer

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a large, bold 'D' and several sharp, angular strokes.
Drew Ward
General Manager Operations



The Commonwealth Games, A Volunteers Perspective

From Alex & Elizabeth Ligeti

Here are our comments on the Comm. Games as we saw it from the 25 metre range. Liz was a Register keeper (the pen and paper version) and Alex was a Target changer, patcher, etc.

We had 15 days work. Getting up at 5am and out of the house before 6am was No Joke, but we survived it! We were at the range before 7am, and then helped set up the ranges for the Match of the Day. Surprisingly, after the first 5 days we got into the routine, and did not find it quite so hard.



Security Checkpoint

There were 7 or 8 volunteers who had never been involved with shooting before, but they soon got the hang of the target requirements, and worked well with the rest of us.

It was a tight schedule to get the targets scored and changed - in about 2 minutes for each range of 8 shooters. We all got on well with the International Judges, and there were no language problems with the shooters.

As we were busy on the 25m ranges we did not get to see any Free pistol or Air pistol shooting. We saw some of the Dignitaries, and we met the Chief Commissioner - Alex asked her for her photo - "You have mine, can I have yours?" was his cheeky question!! The uniformed policeman with her offered to take the photo, so Alex could be in it too!!

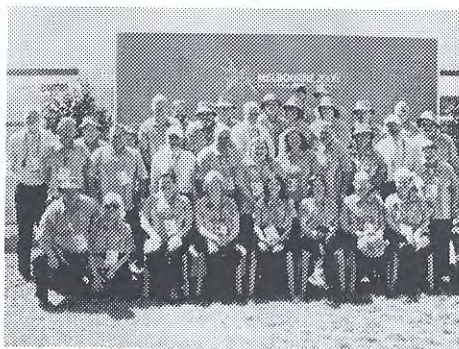


Liz & Alex with Chief Commissioner Nixon

The uniform police were from the Police Academy - firearms instructors, and were a good bunch of guys, and easy to have a joke with. Security check at the entrance to the complex was all right. They checked our bags, and used the wand over every 4th or 5th person. They were all very pleasant while doing their duty, and there were not hassles that I heard of.

Alex gave out some old, used targets to the kids, so they could collect autographs, and that was good fun for the young visitors. He took some of them around to meet the competitors.

Our only complaint was that the food for the workers was only available for a short time - and that was when we were all working on the range!!! Even Nick Sullivan has a poor choice of meal when he arrived near closing time! This was the worst part of the whole event. Food should have been available most of the day, not just from 11.30 - 2pm. Tea and coffee, and biscuits were available all day, which was good, but the bottles of water were only available during the lunch period - then the fridge was padlocked! However, there was water available for "Competitors and Managers" on the range - and all the Range Staff helped themselves from that!!



25 Metre Range Staff

Everyone stayed the distance, and I can't think of any "drop-outs", which was marvellous. Our Officials, and workers did a wonderful job. We can only speak for the 25 metre range, but the friendliness of everyone, and the pitching in to get the job done was terrific.

We were glad to see the last day, though, as we were beginning to wilt a bit!! The BBQ at the end was excellent, and it was nice to see everyone was presented with his or her Goodie Bags individually. Everyone was called up, and personally thanked, and this was greatly appreciated.



Workers in the tunnel

I expect there are a lot of other stories to come out of the Games, but I think all the competitors had an enjoyable time, and were appreciative of the organization and the workers efforts.

Badges were exchanged, and ammo was given to some workers by shooters, who could not take it back home



*Department for
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Notice of Annual General Meeting

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 Road, Port Melbourne on Friday 21 July 2006, at 7.30pm.

The purpose of the meeting will be to:

1. Confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15 July, 2005.
2. Receive and adopt financial statements and report for the year ended, 30 April 2006.
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 15 July 2005 at 7.43pm.

CHAIRMAN:

Graeme Roberts occupied the chair and welcomed the members.

APOLOGIES: Were received from; S Dunbar, M Tyliniski, K Ryan, N Ryan, L Clark, N Stewart, A Watson, K Gillman, R Maddocks, D Peacock, G Fallon, A Constable.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 16 July 2004 were confirmed on the motion of P Davis, seconded J Gillman
Carried

REPORTS:

President

The year 2004 /5 is now at a close for us at the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association.

Since our last AGM there have been a lot of things happening. We have covered our first 12 months of reporting on the new firearms act and while we haven't heard anything from official sources we will just have wait and see if our attendances have risen as a result of the changes and our members have remained licensed.

We have been extremely busy with extra competitions such as the

- ◆ Deaf Olympics which was a lead in to the introduction of equipment for the Commonwealth Games in 2006.
- ◆ Commonwealth Shooting Championships.
- ◆ Melbourne International Shooting Club held their 50th Anniversary Shoot.

As well we held our State titles in February and March.

Athletes from Victoria competed in four World Cups and the Olympic Games in Athens.

To all the competitors well done and may your results improve next year.

To all the officials who worked tirelessly. Well done to you all.

To the executive my sincere thanks to you for your help and guidance over the last year and I look forward to serving with you all again.

It has been a steep learning curve, however an enjoyable year to serve the association.

Treasurer

D Perkins presented the report as circulated at the meeting, and commented that given the drop in membership the slight surplus is nice to see.

It was moved W Dunstan, seconded S Reynolds "that the report be accepted"

Carried

ELECTIONS:

G Roberts declared all positions vacant;

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

As there was only one nomination the position of First Vice President, Peter Davis was declared elected.

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

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

There were two nominations from the floor for the position of 2nd Vice President, Geoff Horton – moved C Lee, seconded D Lee, and Paul Jensen – moved J Gillman, seconded G Roberts. G Roberts and W Roots were appointed scrutineers, and following the vote, Paul Jensen was declared elected.

J Gillman moved that the ballot papers be destroyed.

There was one nomination from the floor for the position of Treasurer, Robert Maddocks, moved G Roberts and seconded C Woods. Robert Maddocks was declared elected.

Closure: The meeting was declared closed at 7.57pm.

President's Report to the members of VAPA – July 2006
from Graeme Roberts

By now at this time in 2006 one would have thought that the Firearms Act 1996 would have been finished, not so, and in our interests it is still going through minor changes, and most of it to our benefit. Thanks to people on the executive serving the members. The last of the changes will become law this month and that will probably be it.

We have seen a lot of changes and some great competitions this last year with the Commonwealth Games being the major event in Australia and the World at that point of time. It brought with it some wonderful memories of small incidents and many larger examples of the way it supposed to be run and of the acts and examples set by the competitors, which made you proud to associate with the sport of shooting and the people in it. As President I have had reports about the excellent way that our Vapa and PA officials did their bit and more to make this the most successful games ever, good luck to India for the next Games.

Recently the President of the Melbourne club floated an idea for some of our officials to form a sub committee to coordinate people and equipment for our major championships, and possibly International events to be held in Melbourne, this idea got off the ground and is up and running, congratulations Tibor, and if we can get the cooperation from our clubs with volunteer officials we can run any competition better than most, that is the reputation Victoria has got and we need to keep it going as it a great reflection on the all the people running the competitions.

Recently in the minutes our secretary advised that I, we needed to have a forum which our presidents can attend and put forward some ideas similar to Tibor's and see where we are heading as a sport, please contact me by the mid July so that we can arrange 2 venues and the numbers required for a days activity, early thoughts would be Ballarat and Warragul. This is a chance to help us combat the anti gun mobs and their litany of lies and half truths, we have to do it at our levels as they get much more funding from government than we do,

The Victorian Teams did very well this year in their respective nationals. Well done to all. My thanks to the hard working members of the executive for their input and encouragement in the last twelve months, To the Managers, Coaches, Judges and officials who are not on the executive my thanks to you also you all make it happen too.

Graeme R Roberts
President

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)	G Roberts	R Maddocks
1 st Vice President	Peter Davis (M.I.S.C.)	H Lee	C Lee
2 nd Vice President			
Treasurer	Robert Maddocks (Diamond Valley)	R Maddocks	G Roberts
Secretary	Eddie Evans (Melton)	P O'Donovan	D Morton
Executive Officer	John Gillman (Yarra)	G Roberts	E Evans

VICTORIAN AMATEUR PISTOL ASSOCIATION INC STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH APRIL 2006

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash & Bank	2	436,271	457,756
Receivables	3	7,254	9,092
Inventories	4	50,800	52,206
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		494,325	519,054
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Receivables	5	6,504	14,786
Equipment	6	4,153	4,231
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		10,657	19,017
TOTAL ASSETS		504,982	538,071
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors & Borrowings	7	7,378	1,956
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		7,378	1,956
TOTAL LIABILITIES		7,378	1,956
NET ASSETS		497,604	536,115
MEMBERS ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Accumulated Operating Funds		220,608	271,296
Designated Fund Accounts	8	276,996	264,819
Total Members Funds		497,604	536,115

VICTORIAN AMATEUR PISTOL ASSOCIATION INC
Statement Of Income & Expenditure For The Year Ended 30th April 2006

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
INCOME		
Subscriptions (net)	65,799	63,225
Competitions	800	
Advertising (VPN)	691	1,034
Interest Received	4,360	7,936
State Coaching Council	733	236
State Referee Council	-	217
DVC Grant received	16,500	25,000
Sundries	25	197
	88,908	97,845
ADD Designated Funds Income		
Fighting Fund	10,246	23,105
Team Fund	42,708	23,899
Building Fund	1,931	1,800
Deaflympics	-	5,700
	143,793	152,349
ADD Profit on Trading		
Ritchies & Engraving	39	117
Targets & Patches	(2,109)	10,557
Fund Raising Sub-Committee	989	182
Total Income	142,712	163,205
LESS EXPENDITURE		
Accounting and Audit fees	9,301	3,185
Affiliation Fees	1,760	547
Banking Fees & Taxes	208	293
Coaching Council	4,979	2,517
Competitions (excluding postal)	5,555	3,000
Depreciation	2,402	2,394
Donations & Tributes	70	-
Doubtful Debt Expense	261	-
Fighting Fund Outgoings	15	-
Honoraria	21,491	21,491
Insurance	16,374	17,951
Postage	1,246	589
Postals - competitions	4,617	1,800
Printing & Stationery	2,255	1,801
Promotions	8,051	1,669
Referee Council	2,952	5,683
Rental (meeting rooms)	170	320
Repairs and Maintenance	120	-
Seminars	90	-
State Team Expenses	35,230	13,654
Sundry Expenses	1,721	302
Telecommunications	1,642	1,134
Travel & Accommodation	1,962	1,470
Victorian Pistol News	15,370	16,726
Workcare & Superannuation	1,754	(1,192)
	139,596	95,334
Surplus before allocation of reserves	3,116	67,871
ADD Transfer from Reserves		
Team Fund	(41,627)	(34,754)
Other Designated Funds	-	(7,458)
	(41,627)	(42,212)
Surplus/Deficit of funds for ordinary activities	(38,511)	25,659
ADD Total Members Funds as at 1st May 2005	536,115	510,456
Total Members Funds as at 30th April 2006	497,604	536,115

VICTORIAN AMATEUR PISTOL ASSOCIATION INC
DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2006

BUILDING FUND		2006	2005
	Balance as at 1/5/05	62,134	60,334
ADD	Allocation from Subscriptions	1,931	1,800
	Balance as at 30/4/06	64,065	62,134
FIGHTING FUND			
	Balance as at 1/5/05	202,493	179,388
ADD	Receipts	2,463	19,069
	Interest received	7,783	4,036
LESS	Payments	0	0
	Balance as at 30/4/06	212,739	202,493
STATE TEAM FUND			
	Balance as at 1/5/05	0	0
ADD	Allocation from Subscriptions	7,478	7,043
	Transfer from Operating Funds	35,230	16,855
	Profit from Fund Raising Sales	989	182
	Profit Ritches & Engraving	39	117
	Profit from Target Sales	(2,109)	10,557
LESS	Amounts Expended	(41,627)	(34,754)
	Balance as at 30/4/06	0	0
WORLD MASTERS GAMES FUND			
	Balance as at 1/5/05	0	1758
ADD	Income	0	0
LESS	Amounts expended	0	(1,758)
	Balance as at 30/4/06	0	0
DEAFL YMPICS FUND			
	Balance as at 1/5/05	0	0
ADD	Income	0	5,700
LESS	Amounts expended	0	(5,700)
	Balance as at 30/4/06	0	0
CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS FUND			
	Balance as at 1/5/05	193	193
ADD	Net profit for the year	0	0
	Balance as at 30/4/06	193	193
TRADING ACCOUNT - FUND RAISING			
	Sales	2,762	850
LESS	Cost of Sales	(1,773)	(668)
	Profit transferred to State Team Fund	989	182
TRADING ACCOUNT - TARGETS			
	Sales	30,640	33,386
LESS	Cost of Sales & Commission Paid	(32,749)	(22,829)
	Profit transferred to State Team Fund	(2,109)	10,557
TRADING ACCOUNT - ENGRAVING			
	Sales	95	0
LESS	Cost of sales	(56)	0
		39	0
SUMMARY			
INCOME			
	Operating Funds contribution	35,230	16,855
	Subscriptions & Receipts	11,872	33,612
	Interest Received	7,783	4,036
	Profit on Trading	(1,081)	10,856
		53,804	65,359
LESS EXPENDITURE			
	Amounts expended	(41,627)	(42,212)
	(Decrease) Increase for the year	12,177	23,147
ADD	Designated Funds Accounts at 1/5/05	264,819	241,672
	Designated Funds Accounts at 30/4/06	276,996	264,819

From the Coaching Council

SERVICE MATCH

Whilst at the recent National Championships, during a conversation about shooting, I was lucky enough to enlist the help of a NSW competitor to write an article or two orientated around service match. He is currently Graded "Master" in the 3 Service matches and "High Master" in WA1500.

Part 1 - Dry Fire Training

"Dry firing is the shooters equivalent to health food. We know it's good for us but the very thought of it leaves a bad taste in the mouth". How true is that statement ??? Service Shooters have the most to gain and the least to loose when it comes to dry fire training – why ?? because the match is 90 shots long, has shooting at distances from 50 yards to 7 yards, requires the shooter to be in no less than 3 different positions during the course of the match, use both left and right hands to fire shots, and shoot strings of 6 shots in times ranging from 15 seconds to 4 seconds. It is a very challenging style of match.

Plus, we're afraid because most new shooters and a lot of old hands don't know how to dry fire and obtain the best value, so they just can't be bothered. In reality, if you spend a little time building your skills before your next match, chances are your scores will improve. Extra effort does pay off, and the best part is you need never admit to your friends that you're a closet clicker.

The Basic Necessities

1. A quiet room with good lighting & ideally with a light coloured wall at least three yards away.

2. 15-40 minutes when you know you won't be interrupted. Best not immediately after you've woken up in the morning, nor when you're over-tired.

3. A pistol. Preferably a revolver, but a semi-auto may be used. You may need to use some form of snap cap that protects the firing pin and breech area in non S&W or Colt style pistols.

4. A series of aiming areas. This is solely for the 25 yard and 10 yard multiple series.

What Do We Hope To Achieve?

Dry fire is an excellent means of reinforcing the good technical execution of a shot without fear of getting distracted. By concentrating on all of the technical aspects we can more fully appreciate subtle differences we would not necessarily notice on the range. Above all else, we are not distracted by bullet holes in scoring rings that lead us to an unhealthy preoccupation with scores. When dry firing is performed correctly it takes on an extremely satisfying quality, almost spiritual. It can feel like a solid achievement, which may sound very "Zen", but Grasshopper, you will be amazed at how much more you will perceive after just a few sessions. When you do it right, so right you just know that the shots would have gone into a tiny 10 ring group, the timing was right, the sight picture was perfect, the shots broke cleanly and evenly after settling in the aiming area – it is a great feeling, one of confidence, clarity and correctness, it just feels satisfyingly good. This is the time to let the feeling of the technique, the vibe of the whole performance sink in, because this is what you want to reproduce time and time again.

Does it Really Work ?

Think back to the last time you asked somebody how he or she had just shot. What was their response? I bet they shook their head and mentioned a six or seven that murdered their score. Just what exactly are they focused on? What are their lingering thoughts going to be from a whole day's shooting? Just a handful of bad shots.

They'll berate themselves, gnash their teeth, beat their ego's and when the time comes to front the line again they'll make the same mistakes because they've reinforced or relived those bad shots so many times that you'd think they just can't wait to do it again.

Dry fire is part of a process where you mentally reinforce good technique. If your technique sucks when you first start, work on it until it improves. Good technique is smooth, efficient in motion and embodies basic principles (stance, grip, sighting and shot release). Dry Firing allows you the opportunity to focus on the positives, dismiss the bad shots & revel in the good shots. There is no pressure to perform, no cruel bullet holes, just a clean slate to chalk up pluses and erase the minuses.

Get Set up First

Here is where you will need the help of a friend to set your dry fire range so that it will maximise the benefits.

Your home dry fire range must reproduce the layout of the live fire range where you do most of your shooting. In fact, everything must be the same. You must wear the same shoes, style of clothing and glasses. I sometimes even wear my earmuffs, because that way I am oblivious to any distracting noises such as a TV or stereo in the next room.

The floor where you stand should be hard, like the range. Dry firing on carpet, especially thick pile, will make it difficult to

hold the same balance when still or in motion.

Mark a point where you shoot from on the floor, use a piece of masking tape or electrical tape, it is easy to remove and replace. Next, you must measure the relative position of your aiming mark or marks, and here you will need a friend to take the measurements.

First, have your friend measure the distance from the floor to your arm when you are aiming at a target on the range. When in your dry fire room, set your arm at the same distance from the floor, and then place your aiming area at the relative height on the wall. Obviously distance from the pistol does not matter much.

The next step is to make the aiming area a relative size. To do this, take a piece of cardboard and cut the lower part to fit snugly over your pistol roughly where the front sight is situated. Then, holding the pistol in the shooting position, get your friend to mark with a pen both sides of the apparent size of the black. You can then reproduce the corresponding size rectangle on your wall with the help of the template. For the Multiple series in the Service Pistol matches this is how you reproduce the spacing for your 3 targets. The same process should be followed for the 10 yard targets since the shorter distance allows a much larger aiming area. A wider piece of card may be needed, and a little patience, but if you are going to practise motor skills it is pointless doing so unless you do it right.

Most important is the colour of the cardboard used to make you aiming area markers – always use a light colour, preferably a manila folder cover or the back of an air pistol target. Do not use dark colours – you will struggle to define the sights against say a black background and will end up incorrectly training yourself to

look at the target. By using a light colour you will be able to focus on the sights. Remember the aiming marks are for building muscle memory and relative positioning of the shooter & pistol during the traverse between targets.

What is the point of going to all of this trouble ?

If you do a lot of dry fire, and it can be addictive, you will build up motor memory in your muscles, build automatic sight alignment into your subconscious as a natural reaction & improve trigger control. All of these elements are critical in matches where speed and accuracy are both required.

By training-in the correct stance you will be in a stable platform, correctly addressing the target with body, pistol and holster. You will become so used to the correct stance that just a few degrees difference can change your whole body position to the stage where it will feel unfamiliar. Without the work, you will not be aware of the misalignments and performance will suffer. All performances can be improved, and all it takes is a few minutes dry fire training a day.

Timers and Beepers

In order to train for the timed fire matches you could make a recording of the specific range commands for each series and insert beeps for the various sequences. For a period of time, I used to use an old tape recorder to do this, and would play the tape in a Walkman tape player with earphones on under my earmuffs. While I was training that way I was exposed to all the noises of a range. It was a bit of a hassle trying to locate the start of some stages so I eventually change to use a PACT shot timer. Luckily to day, we have access to a large number of shot timers and the like that can

be pre-programmed to beep at a specific time intervals. The PACT, CED, ProTimer, TFP and many others are all ideal for this. Some have a low volume dry-fire mode and all are well worth the investment if you are serious about improving.

The bottom line here is that to shoot a string of shots in 15 seconds or a single shot in 3 seconds, the competitor must be able to shoot in time, & with a reliable cadence. The shot timer or a recording will allow the training in of the reliable cadence.

The Bottom Line

Dry firing does not have to be a chore. It doesn't have to go on for ages; a successful session can be as short as 10 minutes. My best sessions are short; I generally only stay longer when I'm having difficulty getting it right. I usually want to get at least two perfect dry fires to finish a session, so I know what a perfect series feels like and am able to repeat it on demand.

Try to have a specific goal in mind when you start a session. If your trigger pull is not smooth, try to concentrate on that. And try to never finish on a negative. Remember, we're trying to reinforce the positives, so stick with it until something feels good, even on a bad day.

Ultimately, you will have to make the decision to improve, and then do something towards making the improvement. Dry Firing is the first step in the right direction. Good Shooting.

Thank you Greg for your help, it is very much appreciated. Any feedback on this type of article would be of help in future publications

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The Judges Decision

In this issue I am going to cover some of the rules concerning safety issues that appear in the ISSF rulebook. These rules cover the safe handling of firearms whilst on the range.

I know some of you will say that these have been covered in the Bulletin. The following rules all appear in the January 2005 printing.

Rule 6.2.2(page222)

The safety of shooters, range officials and spectators requires continued and careful attention to gun handling and caution in moving about the range. Self-discipline is necessary on the part of all. Where such self-discipline is lacking, it is the duty of range officials to enforce discipline and the duty of shooters and team officials to assist in such enforcement.

Rule 8.2.5.1 (page347)

When the pistol is out of its case, the pistol must always be pointed in a safe direction. In the range, when the pistol is not on the firing point, it must always be in its case, unless otherwise authorised by a Range Officer.

Rule 8.6.1.2 (page360)

Before and during the series, including while chambering a cartridge, or checking or cocking a pistol or revolver, the pistol must always be kept pointing down range and within the target backstop area before returning to the READY position for the next shot, or while the command 'UNLOAD'.

If we look at the above rules it is quite pointed that the pistol may not be uncased anywhere but the firing line (a case can also be a gun rug or a piece of cloth that the gun is wrapped in). This means that you must take the case to the firing line remove the pistol from the case ensuring that the barrel is pointed down range not back towards the spectator area.

We have to look at this in the line that we may have spectators around who are not involved in shooting and the action of uncasing the pistols of the firing line may appear dangerous and frightening by those who are not part of the sport. Any shooter wandering away from the firing line with an uncased pistol is not a reassuring image to spectators.

Bear in mind that this is OUR (shooters) problem NOT the spectators. If we want spectators to go away with a view that we are a safe sport then we need to create that image even if it may seem to be going overboard.

When on the firing line the pistol must always be pointed in a safe direction. This means where there is a backstop the pistol must not be pointed above the top of the mound. If the range is fitted with overhead baffles the pistol must not be pointed above the baffle. The pistol must not be pointed behind the firing line and it must not be pointed at the bench. And care must be taken when loading the pistol or scoping shots that the pistol remains pointed in a safe direction.

All of the above have the potential to be hazardous to personal on the range or to the sport if shots leave the confines of the range by ricochet.

An addition to rule 8.2.5.1 in the January 2006 printing of the rule book reads "When not actually firing, all pistols must be unloaded and the action must be open. The action, breech or loading device must not be closed until the pistol is pointing down range in a safe direction toward the target/butt stop area.

The consequences of not following these rules could lead to a disqualification due to a breech of safety. A little due diligence can avoid this disqualification.

Just as a side note I saw a good reason for the avocation of the wearing of safety glasses whilst on the firing line. Whilst at the nationals this year a shooter in the centre fire match using a semi-auto had a shot go off without the breech being fully closed. The side of the case blew out. This left the shooter unable to pull the slide back or to remove the magazine.

As luck would have it the hole created in the case went down into the magazine, it could have easily blown out through the side or the top of the partly opened breech, showering all around with burnt residue and bits of brass.

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2006 PA/ISSF Nationals

Whoever thought of holding the PA/ISSF Nationals at two different venues, with only one day between them should be hung, drawn and quartered, then we will do something really nasty to them. It makes travel arrangements a nightmare to start with. Eventually arrived in Wagga Wagga for the Service and Black Powder part of the Nationals after many delays caused by the weather in Sydney, minus one bag. The bag wasn't really important at this stage; I don't need what it contained until the Presentation Dinner, which will be held after the ISSF part of the Nationals. There was one delay that wasn't caused by the weather. The flight from Sydney to Wagga Wagga was on a 50 seat Dash 8 aircraft. With the Queensland and Western Australian teams also on this flight I reckon there would be a fair amount of guns and ammo in the hold. While we were sitting on the tarmac the Captain announced that there would be a delay while they defueled the aircraft. They had to take 400 to 500 pounds of fuel off the aircraft to compensate for the weight of the baggage. I don't know of many pilots who are willing to sacrifice fuel for baggage, most pilots will say you can never have too much fuel. All team members have arrived and settled in ready for training the next day.

Over breakfast it was mentioned that they didn't have a program for scoring the 1500 match. The one I cobbled together for the World Masters Games would be very handy, trouble is it is sitting on a CD at home. Spent most of the day in classification trying to rebuild the program from memory. Eventually got something together that may work.

Meanwhile all team members are happy with their training and are ready for the start of competition. Dined at the restaurant at the motel tonight ordered at 7.00 pm and ate at 8.45 pm. There was probably only about 15 people in the restaurant, must have been cooking one meal at a time.

Competition started with Service Pistol and the boys all performed well. With Ralph Motton 9th, Chris Winterhalter 10th and Paul Jensen 13th the team has placed second, just 13 points behind NSW. The match was won by Harry Thomas (Qld) with a new National Record of 883. One match for one team placing is a pretty good start. Decided to try one of the clubs for dinner tonight. A much better idea, less than 15 minutes from ordering to eating. The Club also had rock and roll dancing much to the delight of Gianna Motton

The Black Powder boys get their chance to shine today, along with service unrestricted. Wayne Davis is the first of the Black Powder 25 metre team and he is having real trouble with his balls. His shots are all over the place. Noel Ryan and John Sammartino put in their usual performances to have the team placed in contention after the precision stage. Meanwhile on the service range, Unrestricted is the match of the day and it has not been so good. Ralph had a late shot and Les was shooting low. Chris performed well to tie with Max Wray (WA) for second place. Unfortunately for Chris, Max won the shootoff, relegating Chris to third. Ironically their 7 yard scores in the match and the shootoff were identical, 119 to 116. The Team placed fifth, with NSW, Qld and WA filling the podium.

Wayne had been chasing around most of yesterday afternoon and evening to find some new balls. Whoever's balls he borrowed did the trick, his rapid fire stage of Black Powder 25 metre of 190 was the second best of the day. All Victorian Team Members shot in the first detail and the team is in first place, with only one team that can beat us. That team is Queensland and the team member is one time Mildura member Glenn Flett. Glenn had to shoot 183 or better for Queensland to beat us. I've never seen so many Victorians watching a Queenslander shoot. Glenn couldn't produce the required score and we have our first team victory. Noel has tied for second with Bob Chalker (NSW), unfortunately Noel was beaten in the shootoff and finished third and John Sammartino finished 8th



Black Powder 25

Service 25 was not such a happy hunting ground for the team. Ralph Motton was our best, finishing in 8th place, with Chris 13th and Paul 21st our team finished 4th

You would think after all these years of arranging accommodation and rooming lists I would have it right. Ern Smith mentioned at breakfast he had trouble waking up one of his roommates. Finally got him awake and then noticed the earplugs he was wearing. Seems the third person in the room was a good snorer and the earplugs went in about 1.00 am.

Out to the range for 50 metre black powder and the inaugural WA1500 match. After the first detail of black David Moore was leading the pack with 378 and Wayne Davis was second with 355. John Sammartino had trouble with his gun not closing properly and was resquadded to the afternoon detail. At the conclusion of the afternoon detail David Moore was still in first place and Wayne Davis was still second. Ern Smith was in fifth and John 20th, giving the team second place behind NSW.

David Oates (NSW) is the inaugural WA 1500 match National Champion. His final score was 1482/80x, Jamie Longbottom (Qld) was second with 1478/75x and Dom Ciccotosto (WA) took third on 1476/66x. Best placed Victorian was Jason Chisholm with 1472/61x in fifth place. While there was not much publicity about this being a National Championship event, there were still forty entries. Next year WA 1500 will be a full Teams event also. We need clubs to hold this event so as to be able to select a team. Outtrim has an Open scheduled for October, but we definitely need at least two more Opens.

These Nationals could be a taste of things to come, and I'm not sure I really like it. It seems strange not having the ISSF competitors arriving and mixing with the Service and Black Powder shooters. However, if they keep adding more events to the Nationals we will run out of venues that can host the Championships.

At the completion of the Service and Black Powder events, our efforts to retain the Phillip Adams OAM Teams Trophy are not looking so good. We are currently in fourth place, 105 points behind the leader, NSW.

I'm expecting to make up some points in the ISSF events, but 105 is a big chase.

Pack up at Wagga Wagga and headed to Sydney, at least on this flight there is only the WA Team and there is not such a problem with weight. Picked up those that had flown from Melbourne at the airport and was heading out to the motel when I missed the exit from the motorway. Then a miracle occurred. One of our female team members calmly picked up the street directory, found the right map and then gave clear and timely directions to get us back on track. Thanks Linda! Arrived at the range just after lunch time, on what is the only official training day. Centrefire is the match tomorrow and many of the centrefire shooters have been competing in Wagga Wagga, then faced the five hour drive to Sydney to squeeze in a little bit of training on electronic targets before their match.

Unfortunately, due to work commitments, Bruce Quick had to withdraw from the centre fire team, giving Gary Mullens a baptism of fire in the senior team. Gary performed admirably, teaming with Noel Ryan and Wayne Davis to place the team third behind NSW and WA. Wayne was third overall with Noel fourth. All this was shortly after Gary had won the Junior centre fire championship.

Good Friday turned out to be a very good day for Victoria. With standard pistol, Women's Air and Junior Air it was a very busy day, with Victoria winning all team matches.

Bruce Quick was third in standard with Linda Ryan 7th. Lalita Yauhleuskaya won Women's Air with Linda in third. In the Junior Air events Gary Mullens finished

second in the men's, with Sebastian Hume in eighth, while Elena Galiabovitch won the Junior Women's event. We have made up a little bit of ground in our chase for the Adams trophy and have established a handy lead in the Manton Shield.



The Juniors

Another day and another three events to be decided. Both Precision and Rapid Fire Stage of Women's and Junior Sport, Mens Air Pistol plus finals in Women's Sport and Men's air, it was a rather long day. Most members of all State Teams shot air in the first detail and it looks like another team win for Victoria, and we could possibly have all four team members in the final! Meanwhile the ladies are in second place after the precision stage of Sport Pistol, just 2 points behind Queensland but well ahead of NSW. In the junior event there is only one point separating first from third. After the second detail of air it is confirmed as a team win and all team members are in the final. Daniel Repacholi in 1st, Stephen Dellar 4th, Bruce Quick 6th and Gary Mullens 8th. Herein lies a problem. The reporting time for the final is the same time Gary is squadded to shoot the Rapid Fire stage of Junior Sport. A quick chat to the referees and the final is delayed long enough for Gary to have a break between the two.

I seem to remember a similar problem with the program last time the Nationals were held at S.I.S.C., with a junior making the Mens Air Final. To make matters worse, at the completion of his Junior Sport, Gary is in a shootoff for 3rd place. Unfortunately Gary was beaten in the shootoff and finished fourth. Elena Galiabovitch finished eighth and Seb Hume 14th giving the team second place behind NSW.

Our Ladies have also done a magnificent job taking another Team championship, with Lalita in first and Linda in third going into the final. This now gives us six Team wins so far, and a handy lead in the Manton Shield. We have made up some ground in the Adams Trophy, but are still eighty points behind NSW with only two matches to go. I reckon it would be a big ask to make up 80 points in two matches.



Our Ladies Team

The Men's Air Final finally got underway and there were plenty of place changes. David Porter (SA) took the championship, relegating Daniel to second place, while Gary Mullens jumped to sixth, passing Ben Sandstrom and Bruce Quick.

In the Ladies Sport Final Lalita retained her first place, hotly pursued by Linda who jumped to second. There were several other place changes throughout the final, who said finals do not make things interesting.

Two days and two matches to go, though it feels like it should be all over. With the split program its now been eleven days since I left home, the Nationals are just getting too long.



Steve, Bruce & Daniel, 50 Metre & Mens Air Team

Most team members are on the 8.30 detail of 50 Metre Pistol and it looks like another team victory, with all three team members in the final at this stage. After the second detail it is another victory for the team, with Stephen second, Daniel third and Bruce sixth going into the final. During the final things stayed pretty much as they were, with Stephen and Daniel retaining their places and Bruce moving up to fifth. The biggest mover in the field was Marie Rydquest (NSW) jumping from seventh to fourth.

Meanwhile the first half of rapid fire has been completed and the team is looking good. Lucas Finken is leading with Bruce in second and Noel not far behind. Team wise we are 23 points ahead of NSW.

One half of rapid fire to go and it's all over! Thank god for the new malfunction rules, as one NSW team member had a malfunction during sighers, then a further two during the match, giving Victoria our eighth team title for the Nationals.

Bruce Quick is leading and Lucas Finken in fourth going into the final, with Noel Ryan finishing ninth. Bruce retained his lead during the final, unfortunately Lucas fell back to finish sixth.

Victoria has won the Manton Shield for the fifth consecutive year, although we have a long way to go to catch NSW record of 15 consecutive and have won the Phillip Adams trophy, storming from fourth place after the Service and Black Powder events.



We only won a couple of trophies!

It's all over and time for the presentation dinner. Last year Noel Ryan raised the dress standard by wearing a Dinner Suit, this year he was outshone by Gary Mullens, resplendent in white tails, complete with cummerbund and gloves! Gary ruled the dance floor, even managing to entice PA President, Catherine Fettell onto the floor.

Another very successful Nationals has come to a conclusion. Once again the team are to be congratulated on their efforts and achievements. The Camaraderie and team spirit was fantastic. The strength of the team is bought about by competition for places. If you know of anyone shooting A grade scores encourage them to join the squad and create more competition for places.

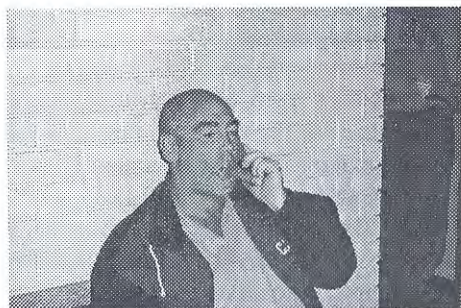
At this stage next years Nationals will be in Adelaide, with all events being conducted in the one location. Stay tuned for more details.



Stephen and Daniel



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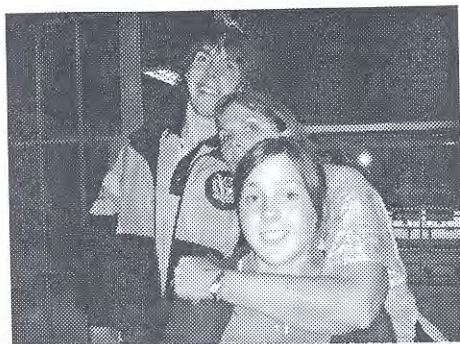
Sammo enjoys a cigar after the 25 Metre Black Powder victory



Wayne & Les with some of the trophies



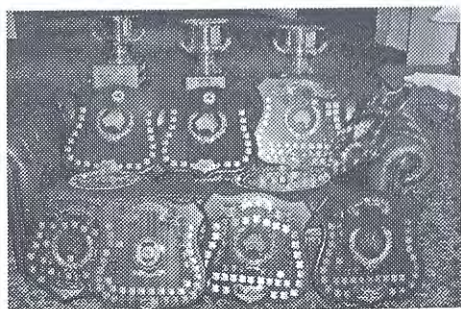
Juniors on the Dance Floor



The Mullens Clan Relax



Rapid Fire Team



The Victorian Trophy Collection



Service Pistol Team

Around the Opens

Remember Your Routine!

Which Black Powder shooter from down the peninsula way forgot his routine at the recent Warragul Drouin Open? Given the command to load, he added powder and filler and the greased the chambers. Seems he had only forgotten one thing (well five things actually). I'm sure said shooter will remember his balls next time!

Just Desserts!

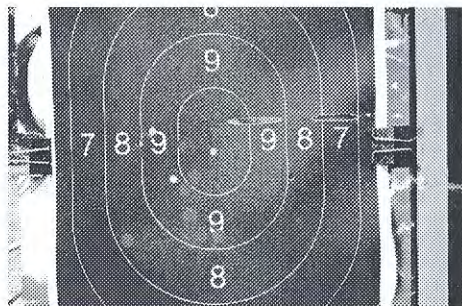
Some shooters would say it's Karma! Which Judge from down Gippsland way finished the 25 Yard Service State Championships with a score of minus 47? Seems after working Equipment Control all day he forgot to get someone to check his pistol before shooting, incurring a ten point penalty for each shot fired.



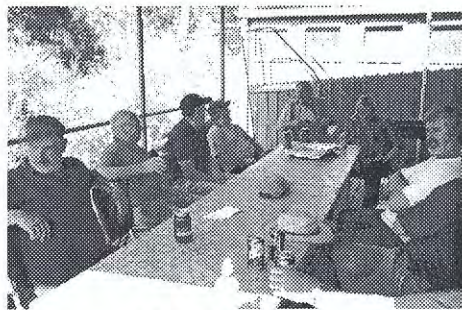
Black Powder at Warragul Drouin

Check Your Bags Sir!

What is it with Black Powder shooters and forgetting equipment. Which new team member from the far North West of the state was about half way to Wagga when he realised he had left some of his equipment at home? Nothing really important, only trivial stuff like powder, balls, caps and the rest of the paraphernalia that black powder shooters carry with them. At least he remembered his pistol!



Big Skid at Outtrim



Relaxing at Outtrim

2006 Victorian State Titles Service Matches

During the weekend of February 25 & 26 the Mountain District Pistol Club Inc. hosted the Victorian State Championships in the three Service Match disciplines.

The location of this club is in the heart of the beautiful Yarra Valley just outside Melbourne.

This competition had over 140 details shooting during the weekend from over twelve attending clubs, some travelling from the extremities of Mildura and Sale. Even Adelaide sent two shooters across to compete in these events.

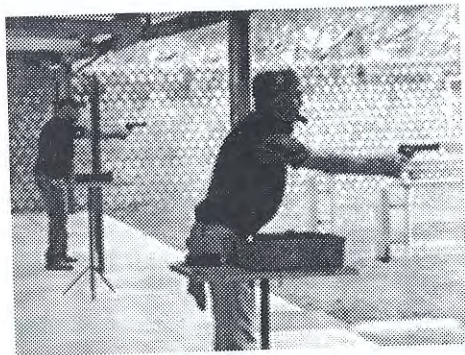
The Saturday consisted of Service Restricted and Service 25 competitions held in glorious sunshine, while the Sunday early morning rain dampened the spirits of some, never the less, the rain did ease enough for the competition to continue.



Matt Terry, John Vella (Both Adelaide) and Paul Jensen

Sunday's water on the road into the range caused a few problems in that some competitors had to be ferried in by four wheel drive to enable them to compete.

With the rain creating problems with patches not adhering to the backing targets, it was decided by the Club's Committee of Management and the V.A.P.A. Judge Alex Eagle that we would have to do away with the backers. This also allowed the proceedings to speed up a little, with less time involved in the patching process.



Unrestricted Shootoff

Thanks were expressed during the trophy presentations to the VAPA President, Graeme Roberts for his attendance, along with VAPA Judge Alex Eagle. Special mention was made to our interstate competitors who drove across from Adelaide to participate in our events.

As usual, the Ladies Auxiliary did a splendid job in the food & drink department, by keeping all the competitors, range staff, other officials and visitors well catered for.

From the State Championships



John Sammartino and Wayne Davis



Gary Mullens, Air Pistol Champion



Adding up the scores



It was a long, hot weekend at Swan Hill



Black Powder Team with their Canon

2006 Victorian Champions

Service Pistol	Chris Winterhalter	873
Service Unrestricted	Brett Sandman	878
25 Yard Service	Ralph Motton	623
Black Powder 50 Metre	Gary Green	352
Black Powder 25 Metre	John Sammartino	374
50 Metre Pistol	Andrew Scougall	530/610.7
Rapid Fire	Lucas Finken	554/738.7
Standard Pistol	Linda Ryan	557
Centre Fire	Wayne Davis	562
Air Pistol Men	Gary Mullens	557/651.3
Air Pistol Women	Linda Ryan	378/477.5
Air Pistol Junior Men	Dallas Coote	540
Air Pistol Junior Women	Chelsea Mullens	335
25 Metre Pistol Women	Linda Ryan	567/767.5
25 Metre Pistol Junior	Gary Mullens	561

Congratulations to all our State Champions for 2006. All the championships were spread far and wide, with Mountain District hosting the service, Mildura Black Powder and Mid Murray the ISSF. Mildura and Mid Murray put on magnificent weather for the events, and once again you needed a four wheel drive to get in and out of Mountain District. Numbers were down at Mildura and Mid Murray, it's a pity more Victorians don't realise that these clubs are actually still part of Victoria! As Graeme alludes to in his musings, maybe it is time to visit the dates and timings of our State Championships. With the coming of WA1500 match will make things more difficult as it will most likely mean another weekend.

I don't think there are too many clubs that could host both service matches, service 25 yards and WA1500 match in the one weekend.

Do we really need to host our State Championships over consecutive weekends? Do they all need to be at the start of the year? Sure the ISSF titles need a long weekend, but can we spread the others throughout the year?

Despite the low numbers some good competition was had. Congratulations to all our Victorian Champions.

IPSC Nationals

From Suzy Ballantyne

The Southern Vales Practical Shooting League (McLaren Vale, South Australia) hosted the 2006 IPSC National Handgun Championships over the Easter long weekend. This internationally sanctioned Level III event was particularly special, as it celebrated the 30th anniversary of IPSC in Australia.

As the grey clouds crept in early on Friday morning, the match was officially opened by IPSC World President, Nick Alexakos (Canada) and IPSC World Secretary, Vince Pinto (Hong Kong). Seemingly on cue with the final notes of the Australian anthem, down came the rain – and it set in for the first day of competition.

Days two and three had fine weather, although still quite cool – even for us Victorians! The various ‘Shoot-off’ competitions scheduled for the Monday morning started with storm clouds above, and only the junior and ladies events were conducted before the heavy rain started and again continued for the remainder of the day.

In total, a record number of 309 competitors participated in the event, comprising 20 challenging and enjoyable stages (including chronograph). Match statistics as follows:

Open division – 117 shooters finished the match, including: 34 seniors, 22 women and 6 juniors. **Standard division** – 120 shooters including: 34 seniors, 13 women and 8 juniors. **Production division** – 54 shooters including: 13 seniors, 1 woman and 1 junior. Only 3 competitors met the official requirements to enter **Revolver division**, although others were to be seen competing directly against the Open

division shooters. Fifteen competitors were disqualified from the match, and once again, the minimal number of International visitors was most disappointing, but not unexpected given Australia’s calibre and magazine capacity restrictions.

Victorian shooters again demonstrated their excellence in the discipline of IPSC on a national level, taking out three of the major National titles:

Open Champion - **Brodie McIntosh**
Open Ladies Champion - **Suzy Ballantyne**
Standard Champion – **Ivan Rehlicki**

Congratulations to Ivan on his first national title in IPSC, while Brodie and Suzy are regular winners; each holding a remarkable 8 Australian National IPSC titles.

With results such as these, it is no great surprise that Victoria again won gold in both the Open and Standard team events (full details below). Worthy of special mention is the composition of the winning Open Gold team this year – all are members of the Geelong Pistol Club – possibly a first that all members of the ‘No 1’ Victorian team hailed from the same club! Two of the 4 Standard team members are also from the Geelong Pistol Club.

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

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 Darwin, followed by Townsville in 2008.

OPEN DIVISION RESULTS

Outright

Place	%	Points	Name	State
1st	100.00%	1,816	Brodie McIntosh	VIC
2nd	90.74%	1,648	Gareth Graham	NT
3rd	90.43%	1,642	David Soldini	VIC Team (VAPA)
11th	80.93%	1,469	Andrew Moss	VIC Team (VAPA)
14th	78.19%	1,420	Nazif Xhaferi	VIC Team (VAPA)
20th	74.63%	1,355	Suzy Ballantyne	VIC Team (VAPA)

Open Gold Teams – (David Soldini, Andrew Moss, Nazif Xhaferi & Suzy Ballantyne)
1st VIC (4,532), 2nd NSW (4,402), 3rd QLD (4,339)

Open Silver Teams – (Justin Durham, Darren Mudge, Jarrod Gordon & Mario Fiorentino)
1st QLD (3,890), 2nd VIC (3,829), 3rd NSW (3,721)

Open Ladies Teams – (Beate Sexton, Julie Campbell & Sarah Winnik)
1st QLD (3,016), 2nd VIC (2,518), 3rd NT (2,437)

Open Seniors Teams – (Bill Campbell, Joe Sullivan & Hans Widuckel)
1st QLD (3,481), 2nd SA (3,376), 3rd VIC (1,958)

STANDARD DIVISION RESULTS

Outright

Place	%	Points	Name	State
1st	100.00%	1,756	Ivan Rehlicki	VIC Team (VAPA)
2nd	98.23%	1,725	Mario Mori	VIC Team (VAPA)
3rd	94.95%	1,667	Paul Williams	SA
22nd	74.99%	1,317	Peter Muscat	VIC Team (VAPA)
DQ	0.00%	0	Jonathan Loftes	VIC Team (VAPA)

Standard Gold Teams – (Ivan Rehlicki, Mario Mori, Peter Muscat & Jonathan Loftes)
1st VIC (4,798), 2nd SA (4,646), 3rd NSW (4,472)

Standard Silver Teams – (Tony Constable, Nick Bray, Chris Ellis & Rod Cheney)
1st VIC (4,131), 2nd SA (3,860), 3rd NSW (3,797)

Standard Ladies Teams – (Anita Pitt, Susan West & Danielle Jansen)
1st VIC (2,388), 2nd WA (2,301)

Standard Seniors Teams – (Tom Whitehead, Murray Marshall, Greg Smith & Stephen Jellie)
1st QLD (3,208), 2nd WA (3,056), 3rd SA (2,782)

Standard Juniors Team – (No Victorian team entered)

1st NT (1,967)

PRODUCTION DIVISION RESULTS

Outright

Place	%	Points	Name	State
1 st	100.00%	1,718	Vaughan Alexander	WA
2 nd	95.13%	1,634	Paul Grech	SA
3 rd	92.15%	1,583	Paul Langley	NSW

Production Gold Teams – (Paul Nowak, Simon Whitfield, Greg Moon & Andrew Trotter)

1st SA (4,490), 2nd VIC (4462), 3rd NSW (4096)



Andrew Moss in action



Naz reloads



Suzy Ballantyne, Open Ladies Champion



Hanging around

2006 Open Competition Calendar

MONTH	DAY	COMPETITION TYPE	VENUE
July	1-2	Black Powder	Castlemaine
	8-9		
	15-16		
	22-23		
	29-30	International 1920	
Aug	5-6		
	12-13	Int 1920 State Titles	Ballarat
	19	Service	Geelong
	26-27		
Sept	2-3		
	9-10	Black Powder	Ballarat
	16-17	ISSF	Shepparton
	23-24	Kangaroo Cup ISSF	Oakleigh
Sept/Oct	30-1	ISSF	Yarra
Oct	7-8	ISSF	Melton
		WA 1500	Outtrim
	14-15	ISSF & Service	Mildura
	21-22	Service	Mt District
		ISSF	Yackandandah
	28-29		
Oct/Nov	28-5	International 1920 Nationals & NRA World Championships	Blacktown (NSW)
Nov	4-5	Black Powder	Peninsula
	11-12	ISSF	Oakleigh
	18-19		
	25-26	Service & Black Powder	Yarra
Dec	2-3		
	9-10		
	16-17		
	23-24		
	30-31		

Open Competition Contact Details

Club	Events	Entries Close	Entry Fees	Contact Person
Int 1920 State Titles Ballarat Aug 12-13	Int 1920 Open & Metallic sight			
Geelong Service Aug 19	Service, Service Unrestricted & 25 Yard Service	4 th August	\$10.00 per event	Peter Aspley 2 Longueville Lane Grovedale 3216
Ballarat Black Powder Sept 9-10				
Shepparton ISSF Sept 16-17				
Oakleigh Kangaroo Cup Junior Competition Sept 23-24	Sport Pistol, Air Pistol, Rapid Fire, 50 Metre Pistol			Vladimir Galiabovith
Yarra ISSF Sept 30 Oct 1	All ISSF	8 th Sept	\$10.00 per event	Neil Stewart P O Box 38 Pascoe Vale Sth 3044 Phn: 0417 121 378 Fax: 9386 1152 E-Mail: nste2369@bigpond.net.au
WA1500 State Championships Outtrim Oct 7-8	WA1500, Service Unrestricted, Service 25 Yards	22 nd Sept	WA1500 \$15.50 (Inc VAPA reg fee) Others events \$10.00 each Sat Dinner \$15.00	Organising Secretary: Alex Eagle. Po Box 249 Hampton Park. 3976 Phone: (03)9799 1434 E-Mail: alex@virtual.net.au
Melton ISSF Oct 7-8	All ISSF	22 nd Sept	\$10.00 per event	Melton Pistol Club PO Box 43 Melton 3337. E-mail mailbox@meltonpistolclub.com Dave Morton 0419 330 569
Mildura Service & ISSF Oct 14-15				
Mt District Service Oct 21-22				
Yackandandah ISSF Oct 21-22				

YAPA 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		Metallic Sight	
			.22 Rimfire
Veteran: Date of Birth			Junior: Date of Birth



MELTON PISTOL CLUB

Clarkes Road, Melton South

I.S.S.F. Open 7th & 8th October 2006

Squadding will be handled in order of receipt, however, every effort will be made to comply with any special requests.

ENTRY FEE : \$10.00 per event.

RULES:

- P.A. and V.A.P.A. rules will be followed as closely as is practicable.
- Grading cards & Handgun Licences must be produced at gun check and I.D. cards must be worn.
- Ladies may shoot Center Fire, Men may shoot 25 Metre Pistol.
- Squadding time is the commencement of the match, you must allow for preparation time and completing the range attendance sheet.

CATERING: Breakfast, Lunch and refreshments will be available in the clubhouse all weekend.

CAMPING: Is not available on the Range, however, if you wish to set up in the adjacent paddock or car park, that is up to you. There are no shower facilities.

TROPHIES: Will be presented on Sunday to;
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Tom Newton Men's aggregate in Air, Centre Fire, Standard & 50 Metre.
Pat Newton Ladies aggregate in Air, 25 Metre & Standard.

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E-mail mailbox@meltonpistolclub.com

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ENTRIES CLOSE: 22nd September 2006

Name: _____
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Club: _____

Insert Grade For Each Event Entered		
	Saturday	Sunday
Standard Pistol		
Center Fire		
25 Metre Pistol		
Junior 25 Metre Pistol		
50 Metre Pistol		
Rapid Fire		
Men's Air Pistol		
Ladies Air Pistol		
Junior Men's Air Pistol		
Junior Ladies Air Pistol		

Map Required YES / NO (Please Circle).

Range Assistance: If you can help please tick the appropriate box.	Range Officer	Scorer	Patcher

Special Requests: _____

Victorian Top Ten 2006

COMPETITIONS INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE:

Aust Cup I, Outtrim Service, Aust Cup II, Mildura 1920, Castlemaine ISSF, Service State Titles, Black Powder State Titles, ISSF State Titles, Commonwealth Games, China World Cup, Echuca Int 1920, PA/ISSF Nationals, Warragul Drouin ISSF & Black Powder World Cup Brazil, Sale Service, Munich World Cup, Milan World Cup, Warrnambool ISSF, M.I.S.C. ISSF, Bianchi Cup

50m Pistol

State Record 555

John Gillman (1976), Bruce Quick (1998)

1	Deller Stephen	557	M.I.S.C. May
2	Repacholi Daniel	556	Munich W/Cup May
3	Quick Bruce	545	M.I.S.C. May
4	Mullens Gary	533	Nationals April
5	Edwards Norm	530	Castlemaine Jan
6	Scougall Andrew	530	Vic Titles March
7	Ryan Noel	522	Vic Titles March
8	Tait Peter	518	Castlemaine Jan
9	Bowron Peter	518	M.I.S.C. May
10	Iglesias Jose	513	M.I.S.C. May

Standard Pistol

State Record 580

Bruce Quick (1999)

1	Quick Bruce	569	Comm Games March
2	Finken Lucas	559	Aust Cup II Feb
3	Ryan Linda	557	Vic Titles March
4	Robinson Baden	549	M.I.S.C. May
5	Ryan Noel	546	Vic Titles March
6	Horton Geoff	546	Nationals April
7	Burgess Grant	543	Castlemaine Jan
8	Twaite Travis	541	Warragul Feb
9	Davis Wayne	537	Nationals April
10	Healey Stuart	535	M.I.S.C. May

Rapid Fire

State Record 554

Lucas Finken (2006)

1	Quick Bruce	570	Aust Cup II Feb
2	Finken Lucas	559	M.I.S.C. May
3	Robinson Baden	549	Castlemaine Jan
4	Ryan Noel	546	Nationals April
5	Tait Peter	544	Castlemaine Jan
6	Davis Wayne	543	Vic Titles March
7	Moncrieff Les	532	Vic Titles March
8	Healey Stuart	527	M.I.S.C. May
9	Tretiakov Mikhail	524	M.I.S.C. May
10	Olsen Stuart	518	Warragul Feb

10 Metre Air Pistol Men

State Record 577

B Sandstrom (1999)

1	Repacholi Daniel	579	Com Games March
2	Edwards Norm	574	Warragul Feb
3	Deller Stephen	571	Nationals April
4	Quick Bruce	568	Nationals April
5	Van Rossum William	565	Castlemaine Jan
6	Mullens Gary	565	Nationals April
7	Leyshan Robert	560	Castlemaine Jan
8	Robinson Baden	559	Warragul Feb
9	Burgess Grant	556	Castlemaine Jan
	Iglesias Jose	556	M.I.S.C. May
	Roberts Chris	556	M.I.S.C. May

25m Centrefire

State Record 585

Bruce Quick (1996)

1	Quick Bruce	574	M.I.S.C. May
2	Davis Wayne	570	Nationals April
3	Ryan Noel	569	Nationals April
4	Hall Ben	568	M.I.S.C. May
5	Tomassini Paul	562	Castlemaine Jan
6	Bowron Peter	560	Vic Titles March
7	Moncrieff Les	560	Vic Titles March
8	Finken Lucas	556	M.I.S.C. May
9	Kelly Mike	553	Castlemaine Jan
	Mullens Gary	553	Vic Titles March
	Leyshan Rob	553	M.I.S.C. May

10 Metre Air Pistol Women

State Record 387

Lalita Yauhlevskaya (2002)

1	Aspandiyarova Dina	386	Com Games March
2	Yauhlevskaya Lalita	385	Nationals April
3	Ryan Linda	378	Nationals April
4	Woodard Annette	376	Castlemaine Jan
5	Gillman Kristy	373	Aust Cup II Feb
6	David Elvira	369	M.I.S.C. May
7	Power Helen	369	M.I.S.C. May
8	Riella Emma	369	Vic Titles March
9	Kelly Jan	368	Nationals April
10	Mullens Joy	368	Castlemaine Jan

25 Metre Pistol Women

State Record 582

Lalita Yauhleuskaya (2003)

1	Yauhleuskaya Lalita	587	China W/C March
2	Aspandiyarova Dina	581	Aust Cup I Feb
3	Ryan Linda	581	Aust Cup I Feb
4	Woodward Annette	578	Castlemaine Jan
5	Gillman Kristy	567	Warragul Feb
6	Mullens Joy	556	Aust Cup II Feb
7	Mullens Chelsea	551	Aust Cup II Feb
8	Galiabovitch Elena	547	Aust Cup II Feb
9	Koreny Yvette	546	Vic Titles March
10	Ryan Kerry	544	Vic Titles March

10 Metre Air Pistol Junior Women

State Record 385

Annemarie Forder (1998)

1	Galiabovitch Elena	359	Nationals April
2	Mullens Chelsea	339	Nationals April
5	Butterworth Ashleigh	328	M.I.S.C. May
4	Payne Allison	278	Castlemaine Jan
5	Dunlop Erin	272	Castlemaine Jan
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25 Metre Pistol Junior

State Record 578

Andrew Gonczol (1990)

1	Mullens Gary	562	Castlemaine Jan
2	Mullens Chelsea	551	Vic Titles March
3	Boyle Christian	545	Nationals April
4	Galiabovitch Elena	537	Nationals April
5	Hume Sebastian	526	Vic Titles March
6	Waghorne Joel	525	Vic Titles March
7	Ballantyne Keagan	489	Castlemaine Jan
8	Scougall Doug	471	Vic Titles March
9	Jenner Andrew	469	Warragul Feb
10	Fekete Michael	453	M.I.S.C. May

Black Powder 25 Metre

State Record 378

Noel Ryan (1980)

1	Sammartino John	374	Vic Titles March
2	Burgess Grant	368	Vic Titles March
3	Ryan Noel	367	Nationals April
4	Smith Ern	366	Nationals April
5	Davis Wayne	362	Vic Titles March
6	Moncrieff Les	359	Nationals April
7	Horton Geoff	354	Warragul Feb
8	Mapleson Arnold	351	Warragul Feb
9	Hastie David	350	Nationals April
10	Motton Ralph	343	Nationals April

10 Metre Air Pistol Junior Men

State Record 571

Daniel Repacholli (2000)

1	Mullens Gary	559	Nationals April
2	Boyle Christian	544	Nationals April
3	Coote Dallas	540	Vic Titles March
4	Hume Sebastian	534	Nationals April
5	Jenner Andrew	510	Warragul Feb
6	Ballantyne Keagan	509	Castlemaine Jan
7	Scougall Doug	477	Vic Titles March
8	Waghorne Joel	456	Vic Titles March
9	Fekete Michael	451	M.I.S.C. May
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Black Powder 50 Metre

State Record 374

Dennis Martin (1998)

1	Smith Ern	361	Warragul Feb
2	Davis Wayne	355	Nationals April
3	Sammartino John	349	Warragul Feb
4	Hastie David	343	Warragul Feb
5	Mapleson Arnold	330	Warragul Feb
6	Olsen Stuart	323	Warragul Feb
7	Dunbar Stuart	318	Warragul Feb
8	Cashen John	314	Nationals April
9	Reed Howard	309	Vic Titles March
10	Kerr Bill	296	Vic Titles March

Service Pistol

State Record 887
Peter Muscat (1991)

1	Winterhalter Chris	873	Vic Titles Feb
2	Motton Ralph	866	Vic Titles Feb
3	Chisholm Jason	864	Melton May
4	Sandman Brett	863	Outtrim Open Feb
5	Clark Les	863	Nationals April
6	Jensen Paul	860	Nationals April
7	Wilkinson Chris	853	Outtrim Open Feb
8	Doherty Joe	846	Vic Titles Feb
9	Jensen Wayne	830	Vic Titles Feb
10	Corbidge David	828	Vic Titles Feb

Service Unrestricted

State Record 886
Peter Muscat (1989)

1	Sandman Brett	884	Sale April
2	Winterhalter Chris	881	Nationals April
3	Chisholm Jason	878	Vic Titles Feb
4	Motton Ralph	878	Melton May
5	Jensen Paul	869	Outtrim Open Feb
6	Davis Wayne	867	Nationals April
7	Olsen Stuart	865	Outtrim Open Feb
8	Doherty Joe	859	Vic Titles Feb
9	Clark Les	858	Vic Titles Feb
10	Eagle Grant	857	Outtrim Open Feb

Service 25

State Record 624
Ralph Motton (2005)

1	Motton Ralph	626	Outtrim Open Feb
2	Chisholm Jason	626	Sale April
3	Winterhalter Chris	622	Outtrim Open Feb
4	Doherty Joe	611	Vic Titles Feb
5	Scott Peter	611	Melton May
6	Jensen Paul	609	Outtrim Open Feb
7	Sandman Brett	608	Sale April
8	Theunissen Frank	604	Vic Titles Feb
9	Watson Tony	599	Vic Titles Feb
10	Twaite Travis	597	Outtrim Open Feb

WA 1500 Match

No State Record as Yet

1	Chisholm Jason	1472.61x	Nationals April
2	Sandman Brett	1457.63x	Nationals April
3	Jensen Paul	1446.58x	Nationals April
4	Motton Ralph	1443.67x	Nationals April
5	Davis Wayne	1388.51x	Nationals April
6	Moncrieff Les	1370.34x	Nationals April
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International 1920 Match (Open)

State Record 1916 161x
Charles Kerner (2005)

1	Kerner Charles	1910.153x	Echuca March
2	Whitehead Tom	1910.150x	Bianchi Cup
3	Hardy Brian	1906.159x	Mildura Feb
4	Clark Les	1904.151x	Echuca March
5	Brady Alan	1904.141x	Echuca March
6	Moncrieff Les	1899.146x	Mildura Feb
7	Dajczek Henry	1896.149x	Mildura Feb
8	Powell Darrell	1892.128x	Echuca March
9	Ray Murray	1888.131x	Echuca March
10	Tait Nathan	1883.139x	Echuca March

International 1920 Match (Metallic Sight)

State Record 1829/114x
Barry Marsh 2005

1	Hardy Brian	1836.108x	Mildura Feb
2	Whitehead Tom	1828.091x	Echuca March
3	Clark Les	1793.108x	Echuca March
4	Kerner Charles	1776.101x	Echuca March
5	Cvetnic Zeljko	1722.092x	Echuca March
6	Wilson Bob	1718.076x	Mildura Feb
7	Tretakov Mikhail	1610.070x	Echuca March
8	Moncrieff Les	1597.066x	Echuca March
9	Renzow Peter	1556.069x	Mildura Feb
10	Renzow David	1480.059x	Echuca March

VICTORIAN AMATEUR PISTOL ASSOCIATION FUND RAISING SUB-COMMITTEE

Some items currently available through the Fund Raising Sub-Committee are listed below:

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\$1.10 each

For use in the ISSF Events only. Each pad consists of 50 scoresheets. For use in all ISSF matches (e.g. Centre Fire, Rapid Fire, etc.)

\$4.40 each (Small quantity held)

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