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David Soldini (Geelong) at the Practical Postal Finals

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Editorial

It's that time again folks, time to consider who will run this State for the next four years. A lot has happened in the past four years. We have endured the doom and gloom of the buyback, which many people thought would decimate our sport. Sure, our numbers dropped immediately after the buyback, but they have been steadily increasing ever since. Participation at Open Competitions has increased and our sport is getting stronger.

Who is going to govern Victoria for the next four years? I don't know, but it will be one of the major parties. Our biggest worry is the change to the voting system in the Upper House, making it much easier for minor parties to gain seats in the Upper House, and thereby gain the balance of power. You can rest assured that either Labour or Liberal will control the Lower House and form a Government, but will the governing party also control the Upper House in their own right?

Why is the Upper House so important? All legislation and bills must be passed by both houses, if the Government of the day controls both houses their legislation is passed easily. If the Government of the day does not control the Upper House, then they must make deals with whoever holds the balance of power in the Upper House to get their legislation passed.

The worst case scenario for all firearms owners would be for the Greens to hold the balance of power in the Upper House.

Whoever is in Government would then have to do deals with the Greens to get any legislation passed. The Greens are the party that have publicly stated they want to decriminalise possession of cannabis for personal use, trial heroin injecting rooms, allow same sex marriages and lock up the bush. We all know their attitude to firearms and handguns in particular!

I don't know if VAPA as a group will be doing anything on the political front. It is difficult in such situations to make decisions on behalf of so many people with varying ideals and political beliefs. The Combined Firearms Council of Victoria will be active on behalf of all shooters; after all they were set up to be the political voice of shooters.

There is nothing to stop clubs or individual members contacting the C.F.C.V. to offer assistance with the election, or donating to the organisation.

VAPA can't do it all for you, it is up to all members to contact all candidates in their electorate. Ask them their stance on firearms, and more importantly, ask where they will be directing their preferences.

Remember, this election will not just affect pistol shooters. If the Greens gain the balance of power it will be bad news for all firearms owners. While I cannot suggest to anyone how to vote, I am asking you all to think very carefully before casting your vote.

Management Matters

From the President

Since the last VPN we have had our elections and I would like to congratulate our office bearers on their election to the executive committee, Peter Davis 1st Vice President, Gary Fallon 2nd Vice President Welcome Gary! , Bob Maddocks Treasurer, Eddie Evans Secretary, and Executive Officer John Gillman. To all our other representatives running VAPA, The Editor of VPN Magazine, The Coaching Council, Referee Council, Fund Raising Sub Committee, Competition Controller, Postal Controller, Junior Development Officer, Shooting Sports Council, Firearms Consultative Committee, Firearms Appeals Committee I congratulate you all.

Members as you can see there are a lot of people doing the things that we need to do for the smooth running of our association.

The International 1920 state Titles were held in Ballarat in August and it was a very successful competition, good shooting, good weather and good Catering all contributed to a great weekend.

The Air Pistol Trailer will be at the Diamond Creek Fair next week on the 9th September, I will report on that in a later issue, Remember your club can have access to the trailer for any reason to promote your membership drives, it has worked at Warragul/Drouin and Diamond Valley in a positive way providing us with additional members that we may not have seen come to the club to join.

The postal finals are under way and some of them have been held already. More to follow in a later issue. in the meantime results will be available on the website as

they are being shot over the coming week ends.

With the elections coming up in November, Peter Davis and I representing VAPA went along to the forum run by Combined Firearms Council of Victoria to hear from the other shooting groups and associations and at the end of the forum Politicians from the major parties told us why we should vote for them, the Chairman asked each of them 2 questions after their presentation and the answers were pretty positive to our ears, I cannot discuss the content of the meeting as some of it is sensitive at this early stage, but I can inform you, our members that the Greens party have to be last in voting choices or sport as we know it will suffer in particular all forms of shooting and fishing as well as others.

The parties all recognize the threat from the greens. So watch out for How to vote cards as the voting in the upper house has been changed for this election. I / we cannot in all fairness try and tell you how to vote, all we can do is pass on information as we see that information is beneficial to your sport and welfare etc etc.

I/we suggest that you all look out for your own local candidates and give them some assistance on voting day; they will need it and certainly appreciate any help.

The team for the 1920 Nationals has been selected for Bankstown in Oct/Nov and we wish the Team the best of fortune for their competition.

I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and safe New Year.

GRR.

From the Coaching Council

A part of several shooting events entails the use of a holster, and to enlighten those who are unaware, (including the writer) on the requirements to participate in these events, I approached Alex Eagle. Alex, who among other things is a Holster Safety Examiner, put this article together.

What's all this Holster stuff?

Most of us that have been around the traps for a while have seen the emergence of what seems a preponderance of matches being conducted with the competitor drawing the firearm from a holster. This is true to a certain extent, but it has actually been a gradual process. IPSC/ Practical style matches have always used holsters, but when P.A. changed the rules for Service Pistol Match many years ago, to include Power Factored ammunition, the use of holsters was consolidated, since then, we have seen the introduction of Action Pistol (now called 1920 Match) and very recently PA has adopted WA1500 match, which provides an International platform for our dedicated Service competitors.

There is of course the Western Action discipline which uses holsters, but a loaded firearm in the holster, is usually not part of this match, the holster is used primarily as somewhere to retain the firearm.

Loaded Firearms in a holster: Is it dangerous? of course not, everyone who chooses to compete in these matches is required to undergo a training and qualification regime to attain a "Holster Safety Card" before they are permitted to draw a loaded firearm from a holster, most clubs have a Holster Safety examiner within

the club, which in turn are able to instruct you in the safe use of holsters, in accordance with Pistol Australia's mandatory training, and eventually qualify you, following a satisfactory completion of the test for either a Revolver, or Semi-Automatic, or both. **You are not permitted to draw a loaded firearm from a holster until you have successfully completed the approved holster training course**

The necessity to have proper equipment is paramount, such as a holster that is safe, and intended for the particular firearm, and retains that firearm adequately, and covers the trigger when holstered. The gun belt is a most important part of the "rig", not just a belt that holds the pants up, but one that is able to support the weight of the firearm, and won't "ride up" during the draw. Most gun belts have a steel core that resists flexing. Like all equipment in our sport, there are variations, not all gun belts pass through the belt loops on the pants, it is the choice of the user as to either using a velcro strip inside the gun belt which matches a velcro strip on the outside of the underbelt, another system is the use of "keepers" which are generally a metal clips spaced around the gun belt/underbelt linking the two belts together, this system of "keepers" are seen quite a lot in the security industry, for a further variation, it is permitted for female competitors to install belt loops on their shooting trousers at the level of the hips in lieu of the waist, given that female competitors generally have wider hips than their waists (the rules state this, not the author)

There exists the "Australian Holster Regulations" which all competitors must comply with, amongst other things, these refer to types of holsters, the position where holsters are worn, the ability of holsters to retain the firearm adequately, all these regulations are provided by the examiner during the Holster Test instruction course.

With the introduction of holsters into the various matches, it brings another element (some say difficulty) in the use of handguns in a competitive target shooting environment, but it in no way jeopardizes the safety aspects associated with our sport.

We leave the "foot shooting" to the politicians, and the "cowboys" to the television.

Thank you Alex for your help, it is very much appreciated.

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Kangaroo Cup

In September Friday the 22nd there was a practice shoot for the Kangaroo cup Competition overseen by Vladimir for the juniors in a competition series. 5 attended Saturday was Air Pistol and Sport Pistol competition, 9 arrived and there was a big percentage of state shooters represented in that number.

Sunday was cancelled through lack of interest.

What a disgusting effort, for having over 100 juniors in the state less than 10% entered.

Why should these people bother to organise sessions for our juniors, and a good deal of time goes in to the task and, they see this pathetic result.

Vladimir is the top coach in Australia and he knows that the juniors are our salvation of the sport.

His and the development officers efforts end up like this there is no way that our junior shooters can progress and enter top rankings for Australia to win medals etc to keep the sport on track, because that is what the political bean counters want and if we don't deliver then that will be that.

So come on clubs get behind the association and get the parents doing more for their junior shooters and we will be better off.

GRR

The Judges Decision

It has come to my attention that some competitors have no idea what they must do if there is a disturbance on the range or another impedes a competitor.

First and foremost the competitor must inform the Range Officer or Jury member immediately (rule 8.6.7 page 375 and rule 8.9.6.6 page 388). If for what ever reason these people are not on the range at the time of the incident, and there is a spectator on the range PLEASE get that person to go and get a Range Officer or Judge so that the matter can be dealt with there and then, DO NOT wait until the end of the match and lodge a protest as this is too late. Also please be clear on what you are claiming as the two incidents are treated differently as you will see. But the Jury will deal with the claim as you present it.

If you are disturbed for whatever reason and the claim is justified in the 50m pistol, Air pistol and the precision stages of centre fire and 25m pistol events the shot in question is annulled and the shooter may repeat that shot and complete the series. In the 25m Rapid fire event and the Rapid fire stages of centre fire and 25m pistol the series is annulled and repeated (Rules 8.6.7.1.1 and 8.6.7.1.2)

If the claim is not justified, and the shooter has finished his series the shot or series must be credited to the shooter. If the shooter has not finished his series due to the claimed disturbance, the shooter may repeat or complete the series. Scoring and penalties are as follows. (Rule 8.6.7.2.1)

In the 25m Rapid-fire event the series may be repeated and the lowest value hit on each target is recorded. (Rule 8.6.7.2.2.1)

In the 25m Standard pistol event the series may be repeated and the score as the total of the 5 lowest valued hits on the target. (Rule 8.6.7.2.2.2)

In the 25m pistol and centre fire events the series may be completed and the score must be recorded. (Rule 8.6.7.2.2.3)

A 2-point penalty must also be deducted from the score of the completed or repeated series. (Rule 8.6.7.2.2.4)

In the 50m pistol and Air pistol events the shot will be credited to the shooter and he may continue shooting no penalty is applied. (Rule 8.6.7.2.3)

If a shooter impedes another shooter in an unsportsmanlike manner when the latter is shooting, two points must be deducted. If the incident is repeated, disqualification must be imposed. (Rule 8.9.6.6)

It is to be noted that the Jury will deal with the claim presented to it by applying the above rules. If you lodge a claim of being impeded and the investigation proved that you were not impeded but disturbed it could have the backlash of you having the penalty applied to you (which could mean that you earn a 2 point penalty or even worse disqualification).

It is most important that if you lodge a protest or a claim be sure of what your claim is AND lodge it at the appropriate time. If it is something that needs to be dealt with immediately lodge it immediately DO NOT wait. If you have to wait for a Jury member to arrive make a note of how long you waited for. If the Jury finds the claim is justified and you have waited a period of

time the Jury member MAY decide to grant you extra time, HOWEVER this is not to say he will. It is up to the Jury member to way up the pro's and cons and decide if extra time is warranted or not.

Peter Davis
National Judge A

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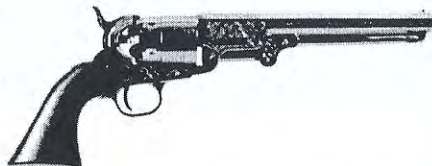
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Around the Opens

Junior Sports Star!

Not the usual type of comment included in this column, but very worthy of mention. Castlemaine Junior Chelsea Mullens was recently awarded the Junior Sports Star of 2005 by the Castlemaine Junior Sports Star Committee in conjunction with the Castlemaine Mail newspaper.

Cold Comfort!

Many people take advantage of the space around the Mid Murray Pistol Club and camp on the range for the Queens Birthday shoot. I hear that a couple of people will be reassessing their options for next year, after waking to find ice had formed on the inside of their swags. And the reckon Castlemaine was cold!

Family Feud!

It could have been a rather quiet trip home from Castlemaine for one couple from the Central Victorian region. At the completion of the precision stage he had 173, while she had 177. Luckily for him, she managed to put a couple of shots in the dirt in the rapid fire stage. Revolvers Are Better For Some!

A group of Service shooters from down South Gippsland way were discussing one of the members new 38 Super semi auto for service and WA1500. One of his clubmates rather unkindly suggested he should have stuck to a revolver, mentioning something about losing too much brass due to age and failing eyesight!

Beware of the Cold!

Black Powder shooters are an inventive lot, they can always come up with some great excuses. One shooter from the eastern suburbs thought of a beauty at the recent Castlemaine Open. He blamed he cold weather for his poor so good shots, explaining his balls had shrunk. He claimed that when he turned the cylinder over to cap the pistol, the balls were moving in the chambers. I know it was cool at Castlemaine, but I didn't think it was that cold!

Keep In With The Local Press!

Castlemaine has always had a good relationship with their local press. The photo below appeared in the local paper after the recent Black Powder Open.



Any publicity for our sport can only help!

International 1920 State Titles.

Getting organised for the 1920 State Titles at Ballarat, I thought Ballarat in August equals cold so packed heaps of warm gear. Arrived to find the club bathed in sunshine and some people even wearing shorts! They must have been locals though, because it wasn't that hot!

There were about forty competitors from Victoria, NSW and South Australia. The competition had been arranged in squads with Mover, Plates and Barricades on Saturday and Practical on Sunday for the Open Class and the reverse for the Metallic Sight.

Falling plates is still the bane of this match, with only six competitors scoring 48 plates. Needless to say these six were leading on Saturday night. Barry Marsh from SA was leading, with Geoff Matthews (NSW) in second and Leon Ovens (SA) in third.

Sunday was another fine clear day, not like Ballarat at all. Competition was tight in both events. At the end of the day it was a NSW raider that took the title. Geoff Matthews won the Open Class with 1914/153x, Barry Marsh from SA was second with 1912/168x.

Alan Brady from Kerang upheld the Victorian honour by taking third place with 1910/155x. Carolyn Evans from Springvale won Top Lady with 1683/90x and in a good weekend for Springvale shooters, Samantha Renzow won Top Junior with 847/22x.

In the Metallic Sight class it was only slightly better for Victoria. The title was won by Craig Ginger from NSW with 1821/120x. Tom Whitehead finished second with 1799/97x and Les Clark took out third place with 1767/100x. The Junior Tittle was won by David Renzow from Springvale on 1352/55x. Unfortunately none of the ladies shot the metallic event.

Thanks to Ballarat Pistol Club for putting on the Championships, and for turning on the weather!



State Champion Open, Geoff Matthews



2006 Postal Competition Finals

Castlemaine was the venue for this years ISSF Postal Finals. Nine clubs from across the state had qualified for the finals, making for some nightmares with the squadding. The competition started in rather cool conditions with 50 Metre Pistol and Air Pistol Women. At least the Ladies were inside and didn't suffer from frostbite. Yarra was victorious in the Ladies Air, taking the pennant from Castlemaine and M.I.S.C. In the 50 metre event it was M.I.S.C. on top, with Yarra and Outtrim filling the minor placing's. This year saw a change to the Junior events, with single person teams to try and encourage more clubs to enter. Castlemaine took the top two places in the Junior Air, with Mid Murray in third and Springvale fourth. Rapid fire was the first title for Outtrim, defeating M.I.S.C. and Castlemaine, with Diamond Valley in fourth. Diamond Valley may have finished fourth in the shooting, but they took first place for uniforms, with all team members and supporters resplendent in club jackets.

The last event of the day was standard pistol and another victory to Outtrim with M.I.S.C. and Yarra filling the minor places and Oakleigh in fourth.

Sunday saw the Mens Air and the Centre Fire/Sports Pistol Events. Once again Castlemaine lead the field in Junior Sport Pistol, taking first and second place, with Mid Murray third and Echuca fourth. Outtrim showed they are much more than a Service Pistol club by beating all comers in the centrefire event and placing second in Air Pistol Men. Yarra picked up another shield in the 25 Metre Pistol Women.

Service and International 1920 Match were

hotly contested with many good scores being shot. Alan Brady (Kerang) being one of the first Victorians to clean the event in a long time. However, it was not enough to stop Springvale from winning both the Open and Metallic Sight events.

In Service Pistol one competitor from down Gippsland way will remember to check his sights before shooting! A zero score for 50 yards makes it very hard to catch the rest of the field. Outtrim won both Service Unrestricted and 25 Yards Service, with Warragul Drouin prevailing in the Service Pistol Event.

The boys from Outtrim certainly get around, fronting up at Warragul Drouin to compete in the Black Powder finals. Peninsula won the 50 Metre title with Outtrim winning the 25 Metre event.

50 Metre Pistol

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10 Metre Air Pistol Junior

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| 1 | Castlemaine A | 370 |
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10 Metre Air Pistol Women

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| 1 | Yarra | 1091 |
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Rapid Fire

- | | | |
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| 1 | Outtrim & District | 2018 |
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Standard Pistol

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| 1 | Outtrim & District | 2153 |
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Service Pistol

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|---|-----------------|------|
| 1 | Warragul Drouin | 3187 |
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Int 1920 Match Open

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| 1 | Springvale A | 5708.453x |
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Int 1920 Metallic Sight

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| 1 | Springvale A | 2638.167x |
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Practical Open

1 Geelong

2450.4047

Black Powder 25 Metre

1 Outtrim & District

1074

Centre Fire

1 Outtrim & District

2173

Sport Pistol Women

1 Yarra

1656

Sport Pistol Junior

1 Castlemaine A

572

10 Metre Air Pistol Men

1 MISC

2254

Service Pistol Unrestricted

1 Outtrim & District A

3381

Service 25 Yards

1 Outtrim & District A

2437

Practical Standard

1 Calibre

2366.2954

Black Powder 50 Metre

1 Peninsula

1016

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1 Bendigo

832.43

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Outtrim Black Powder 25M



Peninsula Black Powder 50 M



Springvale International 1920



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The Pracical Side of the Postals

From Suzy Ballantyne

On Sunday 10 September, the Sale Pistol Club hosted the 2006 VAPA Practical Postal Finals. Twenty-four shooters, representing six teams from four different clubs participated in the event.

The 'Practical' competition for VAPA purposes consists of two divisions – Open and Standard. Unfortunately this year, due to a clash with the ICORE National Championships in Townsville, many clubs were unable to send their best, or even a full team, resulting in only two clubs (Geelong & Sale) being represented in Open division, while a full contingent of four teams (Geelong, Calibre, Oakleigh & Sale), fuelled by interclub rivalry, hotly contested the Standard division shield.

The event comprised of five challenging stages (approx. 140 rounds in total) – made even tougher due to the slippery conditions created from the previous few days of rain (read: copious amounts of mud and slush!). In brief, stages one, two and five were the traditional and enjoyable field courses we all know and love. Stage three on the other hand was a 36 round standard exercise – yikes! And stage 4 was a 34 round extra long field course involving partial targets at 20 metres, zigzagging across and down the range, to finish on more partials and a mini-popper placed behind solid steel, with only a 5 inch gap for a scoring zone – double yikes!

All in all, a great day was had by everyone who attended, and relief was expressed that other than one brief shower, the rain stayed away during the competition.

As for results, the Geelong Pistol Club is the proud holder of the Open Division shield for yet another year (making it 7 in a row), while Calibre Sports is to be congratulated for their win in Standard Division. Well done!

Open Division:

1st Geelong (2,450) - David Soldini, Suzy Ballantyne, Nazif Xhaferi & Peter Ballantyne

2nd Sale (1,628) - Peter Hayes, Frank Ryan, Graeme Gutschlag & Warwick Thornhill

Standard Division:

1st Calibre (2,366) - Ivan Rehlicki, Ian Rech, Chris Ellis & Mal McClenaghan

2nd Geelong (2,286) - Jonathan Loftes, Peter Muscat, Charlie Darvas & Roger Pointon

3rd Sale (2,068) - Kim Dunlop, Andrew Hall, Jason Chisholm & Rod Pearson

4th Oakleigh (1,808) - Rick Hendrickson, Rod Cheney, Peter Doherty & Sasha Arsenijivec

Many thanks must be extended once again to the Sale Pistol Club for hosting another successful event, and also to the members of the VAPA executive who attended for the day – your ongoing support and assistance to the Practical competition in greatly appreciated.



Calibre Pistol Team, Standard Division Winners



Geelong, Open Division Winners



Oakleigh



*Department for
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Tri State Junior Competition

The 25th annual tri state was held in Adelaide this year on the 9th 10th and 11th of June at the Penfield Pistol Club. It was good to see many old faces still attending the competition as well as seeing some brand new ones. Especially the South Australian side who were able to muster a full team together after a four drought years of competitors, making this year a true tri state competition. One of the great things about the tri state competition is meeting the junior shooters from the two other states. The friendship and competitive spirit that the tri state is conducted in goes well for our sport in the future, as it is from this group of competitors that our future is based.

The weekend got under way on the Saturday with each team having all day training sessions. The Victorian team was named, with myself being elected as Captain and Gary Mullens as Vice Captain. The Victoria team consisted of Gary Mullens, Chelsea Mullens, Michael Fekete (Castlemaine PC), Andrew Jenner, Luke Potter (Beaconsfield PC), Seb Hume (Mildura PC), Joel Waghorne (Melbourne PC), Christian Boyle (Bairnsdale PC), and Ashleigh Butterworth, Elena Galiabovitch (Oakleigh PC),. I would like to congratulate Ashleigh and Michael for selection on to the Victorian team for the first time

They made great contributions to the team because without them there would be no team. Training was done under the watch full eyes of our two junior state coaches Bryan and Kevin, skills in sport pistol and air pistol were worked on. With time being spent on the line allowing us to get used to the ranges.

As the team training came to an end we all headed out to the ice skating ring for a night of fun and food. Luckily there were no major injuries before the competition. It's a good thing the team was picked on pistol shooting skills because as ice skaters the best that could be said is "bloody scary". However it gave a great opportunity for the teams from each state to mix and get to know each other. After this we headed back for a well deserved rest before the big day of competition ahead of us. It must be said here that to have a good night sleep ear muffs would have been an advantage as the snoring from the older generation and some not so young was unbelievable.

The day arrived and we were all got woken up at the ungodly hour of 7:00 am, had breakfast, placed into our details, ran through gun check and the competition was under way. Thankfully there were no real problem's with equipment allowing the comp to run smoothly. Air pistol was held at the Penfield club while all sports pistol details were held at the Elizabeth pistol club, as it was better equipped to handle a larger number of people. Competition was very intense and some great scores shot, congratulations must go to the new team members for doing so well at their first go at the competition. By the end of the day all juniors had done the best they could on this particular day. The end results was NSW in first once again continuing there winning streak, closely followed by Victoria, with SA trailing only by a small margin.

That night it was up to the juniors had to entertain themselves. Which they did in many different way such as the game of spoons started by myself and a few others that grew into almost as hot competition as the tri state itself. Old friendship continued and new ones developed. If for no other reason one should get on the team is the food that is served, real food and lots off it

Then all juniors retired to their beds, so that they may be ready for their journey home.

I would like to thank all the management of all teams for looking out for us the unruly juniors. Penfield and Elizabeth pistol clubs for hosting the event, and anyone else who helped out in any way on the weekend that

deserves praise. Most importantly thanks to the Victorian management team Bev, Paul, Kevin and Bryan for all the effort they put into things THANK YOU from all the Victorian Tri State team.

Next years Tri State is in Victoria and I hope to see all juniors in Victoria trying out for next year's tri state team and hope that it may be as enjoyable as this one. For those juniors that have not thought of trying out, come on have ago it's a great event, full of great people. I look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Sebastian Hume, Captain Victorian tri state Team 2006



Tuning up the "Green Machine"

by Alex Eagle.

The following are observations, and the result of mainly frustration, trying to get a Green Machine progressive reloading press to operate to my satisfaction, however, firstly, it must be said that my engineering skills consist of a fair ability in the use of an angle grinder, and a two pound ball pien hammer.

When I started reloading in the sixties, there was very little around in the way of reloading presses, especially progressive reloaders, just the good old Super Simplex, and the odd Lyman gear seem to be the lot, years progressed, and I graduated to Dillon equipment, I had heard of the Green Machine (made by RCBS) some people used to swear by it, whilst others used to swear at it, but I had, had no experience with one, and the Dillon presses gave me no great problems, so why change.

Late last year, I had occasion to visit a country club, and on their notice board was a For Sale notice – Green Machine in .38/.357, for a fair price, condition was excellent, so I bought it, got it home, bolted it down, and then the fun started.

PROBLEM #1 The press comes with a "Little Dandy" powder measure, complete with rotors that throw various size charges, but what happens here, if there is no case at the bellling and powder charge station, the measure does a dandy job of dropping powder all over the case transfer bar, and every nook and cranny in the area. This method of powder charging had to go, Enter one Dillon Powder measure complete with 7/8 x 14 die, bit of a tight squeeze, but it fitted with the help of the aforesaid angle grinder. Problem solved, no case at the station, no dropped powder.

PROBLEM #2 Most modern progressive reloading presses work on a rotary system of advancing the case to the next station, but not the Green Machine, it is best described as an "in line" system, where the case advances along a straight line to the next operation station, the case transfer bar has four spring loaded pawls which pick up the cases at each station and moves them along. I've mentioned every nook and cranny previously, so a pull-down of the transfer bar and pawls, and a good clean out is imperative, all that old spilt powder really does "clag" the system, lo and behold, the cases move along like good soldiers, problem #2 solved. (What do they say? Cleanliness is next to godliness good reloading)

PROBLEM #3 The priming action seemed a little too firm to my mind, and binds sometimes, this has to be timing me thinks, and the primers could be a little deeper as well, the manual gives the necessary adjustments for primer depths which are a real breeze, to adjust the case transfer bar for travel on both ends with the U Clevis Transfer Cam and return block assembly, is almost as easy.

PROBLEM #4 This would have to be the worst and irregular primer feed system that I have seen, totally untrustworthy, and guaranteed to fail at the most inopportune time (I'm a real fan of this system) I'm also told that Norm Edwards makes an aftermarket primer feed tube that really works, but re-enter Mr Dillon, his small primer pick-up tube replaces the whole primer feed system, and fits the locking block perfectly, I must add, I did remove the primer transfer bar, and gave the end a good

rounding and polishing on the four sides, I'm not sure if this is necessary, but it helped to make things smoother for me. The primer feed drop tube can stay in the press, and can be refilled with another pick-up tube if you leave a cut down plastic tip on top of the drop tube to act as a "joining sleeve" when filling
(The original primer feed system makes a good anchor for model boats)

PROBLEM #5 (so far the last) Whilst I like the idea of loading the projectile into the top of the seating die, the two linkage arms which operate the seating cycle can tend to deform/deflect, and to make the necessary adjustments if you change projectile type is a real pain. Good old Mr Dillon again to the rescue, all the linkage system and original seating die went for more boat anchors, and Mr Dillon's standard seating die went in quite nicely (no angle grinder or hammer needed) except the dexterity needed to pre-seat the projectile directly on top of the case takes a couple of minutes, but is soon learned. I found that I needed to increase the amount of belling slightly to assist the pre-seating.

It is customary for all things associated with reloading to state that we/I are not responsible for things outside our control, this said, I'm happy with the operation of the press now, and I'm also sure there are lots of people out there who have other or better ideas.

I suppose after all this lot, it's a pity RCBS stopped making this press about fifteen years ago

I also suppose I was lucky to have a few of Mr Dillon's bits and pieces around and be able to improvise, it just so happened that I had just previously added a .32 S&W long change over for my Dillon 550B

Still no need to buy a hacksaw yet to enhance my engineering equipment.

Editors Note.

Alex has already mentioned it but I will remind the readers of the disclaimer on Page one. Persons acting on any opinion, advice fact or advertisement published in this issue do so at their own risk.

Australian Paralympic Committee

Paralympic Preparation Program

An information session is being organised for pistol competitors who qualify as disabled in a category of ISCD. In the past it has been difficult for those competitors to advance to the Paralympic and International level, due to lack of information.

This information and the criteria for advancement is now available to those competitors who qualify as a disabled competitor. The objective is to identify those competitors with potential and assist them in their advancement within the ISCD movement. By which they can achieve the best possible results from their efforts.

Any competitor who believes they qualify should contact Jim Morgan at jsaysok@bigpond.net.au to be included in the next information session.

2006/07 Open Competition Calendar

MONTH	DAY	COMPETITION TYPE	VENUE
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	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		
Jan 07	6-7		
	13-14		
	20-21		
	27-28		
Feb	3-4	Service	Outtrim
		ISSF	Castlemaine
	10-11		
	17-18	ISSF & Black Powder	Warragul Drouin
	<u>24-25</u>	<u>Service State Titles</u>	<u>Outtrim</u>
Mar	<u>3-4</u>	<u>Black Powder State Titles</u>	<u>Peninsula</u>
	<u>10-12</u>	<u>ISSF State Titles</u>	<u>Ballarat</u>
	17-18		
	24-25		
Mar/Apr	31-1		
Mar/Apr	<u>31-10</u>	<u>PA/ISSF Nationals</u>	<u>Adelaide</u>

Open Competition Contact Details

Club	Events	Entries Close	Entry Fees	Contact Person
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	All ISSF, Service, Service Unres & Serv 25	2 nd Oct	\$10.00 per event	Peter Griffin PO Box 4127 Mildura Vic 3502 Phone: 03 5023 4843 Fax: 03 5021 0089 Email: griffinp@bigpond.net.au
Mt District Service Oct 21-22	Service, Serv Unres, Serv25	13 th Oc	\$10.00 per event	Cameron Perkins 52 Kalinda Ringwood North. PH 0412 556 715 E-mail: Cameron.perkins@bigpond.com
Yackandandah ISSF Oct 21-22	All ISSF	4 th Oct	\$10.00 per event. Sat Dinner \$15,00 Adult, \$8.00 Child	Lance Stokes, PO Box 98, Yackandandah Vic 3749 Phone: 02 6027 1161 Mob 0417 062646 Email: stoke-em@netspace.net.au.
Peninsula Black Powder Nov 4-5	Black Powder 25 & 50 Metre. BP Int Matches. 50M Revolver	21 st Oct	\$8.00 for 25m and 50 \$5.00 for Intl matches	Organising secretary P.O BOX 3102 Frankston East Vic 3199 Phone: (03) 9783 4064 Fax: (03) 9769 6047
Oakleigh ISSF Nov 11-12	All ISSF	20 th Oct	\$10.00 per event	Margot Akerman 6 Boree Ave Clarinda Vic 3169 Tel: 0425763340 Email: margot.akerman@bigpond.com
Yarra Service & Black Powder Nov 25-26	Service, Serv Unres, Serv25, BP50M & BP25M	31 st Oct	\$10.00 per event	Geoff Horton P. O. Box 36, Bentleigh Vic 3204 Phone: (03) 9557 5062 Mobile: 0418 533 043 E-mail: malpeso@cavva.com.au

VAPA Common Entry Form

Club		Competition Date	
Entry Closing Date		Entry Fee	

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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

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, Canberra Trophy 1920, Wagga ISSF, Ballarat ISSF & Service, Castlemaine Black Powder, Aust Cup III, Mid Murray ISSF, Service & BP, Tri State Junior, ISSF World Champs, NSW 1920 State Titles, Vic 1920 State Titles, ISSF Postal Finals, Int 1920 Postal Finals, Service Postal Finals, Black Powder Postal Finals, Warragul WA1500 Open

50m Pistol

State Record 555

John Gillman (1976), Bruce Quick (1998)

Standard Pistol

State Record 580

Bruce Quick (1999)

1	Quick Bruce	561	Aust Cup III July
2	Deller Stephen	557	M.I.S.C. May
3	Repacholi Daniel	556	Munich W/Cup
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	Horton Geoff	521	Postal Finals Aug
9	Bowron Peter	518	M.I.S.C. May
10	Tait Peter	518	Castlemaine Jan

1	Quick Bruce	578	Wagga May
2	Finken Lucas	559	Aust Cup II Feb
3	Ryan Linda	559	Postal Finals Aug
4	Deller Stephen	558	Postal Finals Aug
5	Roberts Chris	549	Aust Cup III July
6	Robinson Baden	549	M.I.S.C. May
7	Horton Geoff	546	Nationals April
8	Ryan Noel	546	Vic Titles March
9	Burgess Grant	543	Castlemaine Jan
10	Smith Ern	542	Mid Murray June

Rapid Fire

State Record 554

Lucas Finken (2006)

10 Metre Air Pistol Men

State Record 577

B Sandstrom (1999)

1	Quick Bruce	576	Aust Cup III July
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

1	Repacholi Daniel	579	Comm Games
2	Edwards Norm	574	Warragul Feb
3	Deller Stephen	571	Nationals April
4	Quick Bruce	568	Nationals April
5	Mullens Gary	565	Nationals April
6	Van Rossum William	565	Castlemaine Jan
7	Iglesias Jose	562	Postal Finals Aug
8	Leyshan Robert	560	Castlemaine Jan
9	Robinson Baden	559	Warragul Feb
10	Burgess Grant	556	Castlemaine Jan
	Roberts Chris	556	M.I.S.C. May

25m Centrefire

State Record 585

Bruce Quick (1996)

10 Metre Air Pistol Women

State Record 387

Lalita Yauhlevskaya (2002)

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

1	Aspandiyarova Dina	390	Aust Cup III July
2	Yauhlevskaya Lalita	385	Nationals April
3	Kelly Janice	382	Ballarat April
4	Ryan Linda	378	Nationals April
5	Woodard Annette	376	Castlemaine Jan
6	Gillman Kristy	374	Postal Finals Aug
7	David Elvira	369	M.I.S.C. May
8	Power Helen	369	M.I.S.C. May
9	Riella Emma	369	Vic Titles March
10	Mullens Joy	368	Castlemaine Jan

25 Metre Pistol Women

State Record 582

Lalita Yauhleuskaya (2003)

1	Yauhleuskaya Lalita	587	China World Cup
2	Ryan Linda	583	Postal Finals Aug
3	Aspandiyarova Dina	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	Gobbert Irene	551	Ballarat April
8	Mullens Chelsea	551	Aust Cup II Feb
9	Galiabovitch Elena	547	Aust Cup II Feb
10	Koreny Yvette	547	Postal Finals Aug

10 Metre Air Pistol Junior Women

State Record 385

Annemarie Forder (1998)

1	Galiabovitch Elena	366	Tri State June
2	Mullens Chelsea	350	Tri State June
5	Neeson Sue	349	Mid Murray June
4	Butterworth Ashleigh	328	M.I.S.C. May
5	Payne Allison	278	Castlemaine Jan
6	Dunlop Erin	272	Castlemaine Jan
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25 Metre Pistol Junior

State Record 578

Andrew Gonczol (1990)

1	Mullens Gary	572	Postal Finals Aug
2	Mullens Chelsea	551	Vic Titles March
3	Waghorne Joel	547	Tri State June
4	Boyle Christian	545	Nationals April
5	Galiabovitch Elena	538	Tri State June
6	Hume Sebastian	538	Tri State June
7	Jenner Andrew	514	Tri State June
8	Scougall Doug	501	Postal Finals Aug
9	Ballantyne Keagan	489	Castlemaine Jan
10	Randall Clay	476	Postal Finals Aug

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	Moncrieff Les	365	Mid Murray June
6	Davis Wayne	362	Vic Titles March
7	Motton Ralph	360	Postal Finals Sept
8	Mapleson Arnold	359	Postal Finals Sept
9	Wattz Alan	357	Postal Finals Sept
10	Kerr Bill	355	Castlemaine July
	Olsen Stuart	355	Postal Finals Sept

10 Metre Air Pistol Junior Men

State Record 571

Daniel Repacholli (2000)

1	Mullens Gary	560	Ballarat 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	Waghorne Joel	497	Ballarat April
8	Dunlop Simin	495	Mid Murray June
9	Scougall Doug	483	Mid Murray June
10	Fekete Michael	451	M.I.S.C. May

Black Powder 50 Metre

State Record 374

Dennis Martin (1998)

1	Sammartino John	361	Castlemaine July
2	Smith Ern	361	Warragul Feb
3	Davis Wayne	355	Nationals April
4	Hastie David	353	Postal Finals Sept
5	Vanetten Hank	335	Postal Finals Sept
6	Kennedy Brynley	334	Postal Finals Sept
7	Motton Ralph	334	Postal Finals Sept
8	Kerr Bill	332	Castlemaine July
9	Mapleson Arnold	330	Warragul Feb
10	Olsen Stuart	323	Warragul Feb

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	866	Warragul Sept
4	Jensen Paul	864	NSW Titles Aug
5	Clark Les	863	Nationals April
6	Sandman Brett	863	Outtrim Open Feb
7	Hancock Colin	853	Ballarat April
8	Wilkinson Chris	853	Outtrim Open Feb
9	Doherty Joe	846	Vic Titles Feb
10	Watson Tony	843	Mid Murray June

WA 1500 Match

No State Record as Yet

1	Chisholm Jason	1472.61x	Nationals April
2	Motton Ralph	1458.75x	NSW Titles Aug
3	Sandman Brett	1458.64x	NSW Titles Aug
4	Jensen Paul	1446.58x	Nationals April
5	Jensen Wayne	1421.47x	Warragul Sept
6	Davis Wayne	1388.51x	Nationals April
7	Moncrieff Les	1370.34x	Nationals April
8	McKean Malcolm	1355.22x	Warragul Sept
9	Fallon Gary	1349.39x	Warragul Sept
10	Lewis Andrew	1343.35x	Warragul Sept

Service Unrestricted

State Record 886
Peter Muscat (1989)

1	Sandman Brett	884	Sale April
2	Winterhalter Chris	882	Postal Finals Sept
3	Chisholm Jason	878	Vic Titles Feb
4	Motton Ralph	878	Melton May
5	Jensen Paul	869	NSW Titles Aug
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

International 1920 Match (Open)

State Record 1916 161x
Charles Kerner (2005)

1	Brady Alan	1920.154x	Postal Finals
2	Kerner Charles	1916.152x	Postal Finals
3	Whitehead Tom	1910.150x	Bianchi Cup
4	Hardy Brian	1906.159x	Mildura Feb
5	Clark Les	1904.151x	Echuca March
6	Ray Murray	1904.145x	Vic Titles Aug
7	Moncrieff Les	1899.146x	Mildura Feb
8	Cvetnic Zeliko	1899.142x	Canberra June
9	Siebert Richard	1898.144x	NSW Titles July
10	Dajczek Henry	1896.149x	Mildura Feb

Service 25

State Record 624
Ralph Motton (2005)

1	Winterhalter Chris	627	Postal Finals Sept
2	Chisholm Jason	626	Sale April
3	Motton Ralph	626	Outtrim Open Feb
4	Jensen Paul	625	NSW Titles Aug
5	Sandman Brett	613	Postal Finals Sept
6	Doherty Joe	611	Vic Titles Feb
7	Scott Peter	611	Melton May
8	Watson Tony	609	Mid Murray June
9	Theunissen Frank	604	Vic Titles Feb
10	Corbridge David	602	Postal Finals Sept
	Olsen Stuart	602	Postal Finals Sept

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	Siebert Richard	1765.096x	NSW Titles July
6	Cvetnic Zeljko	1722.092x	Echuca March
7	Wilson Bob	1718.076x	Mildura Feb
8	Tretakov Mikhail	1653.084x	Vic Titles Aug
9	Wilson Don	1610.066x	Vic Titles Aug
10	Moncrieff Les	1597.066x	Echuca March

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