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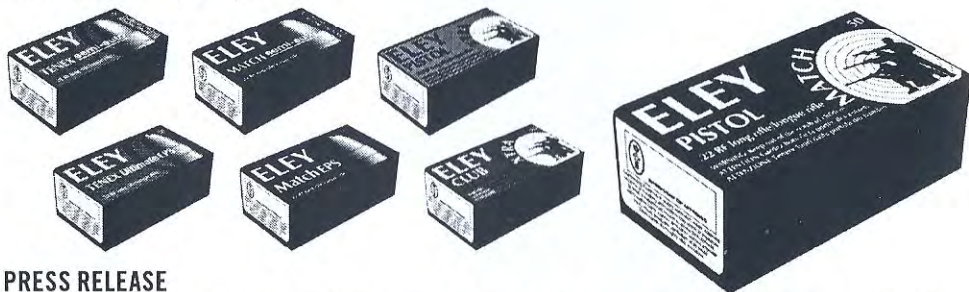


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Editorial

Happy New Year! What a year it promises to be with China hosting the Olympic Games later in the year. With Daniel Repacholi, Linda Ryan & Steve Deller winning quota places to go with the places already won by Lalita Yauhleuskaya and Dina Aspandiyarova, it is highly likely that there will be some Victorian's included in our team for Beijing – we wish them and all the shooters vying for selection well in the trials ahead as they pursue their Olympic dream.

Our shooters have shown they have the capability and form to succeed with the best with several strong performances on the boards in 2007, including a number of new records that are world class performances. A repeat performance by one of shooters at the Olympics would be a fantastic boost for our sport buying a lot of free publicity.

History has shown that Olympic and Commonwealth Games' years are great for generating increased interest in sports and in particular the sports which generally receive minimal media coverage. Shooting clubs can expect an influx of visitors keen to try out our sport and this presents a great opportunity for our sport to increase its membership in both the Olympic and non-Olympic events.

The chance to grow our membership is an opportunity for which every club can prepare and one which I feel should not be missed. Who knows what one of these newcomers might achieve in the future?

Alongside the Olympic Games, 2008 sees the end of the five-year moratorium on shooters who handed in their pistols during the gun buy-back. Already interest has been expressed by some shooters who have visited their old

clubs with a view to getting back into the sport and we hope that many of our former members will take advantage of the opportunity to resume their participation in our events.

The New Editor

Kim Frazer took up pistol shooting in 2006, although she has been involved in shooting sports for over 30 years as a competitor at all levels, coach and administrator.

As a competitor she represented Australia in rifle shooting at the Athens Olympics, four Commonwealth Games and three World Championships winning three Commonwealth Games gold medals, and she has won numerous Oceania and National titles. As a member of the Australian Under 25 team, she competed in fullbore shooting in Canada and at Bisley – the mecca of fullbore shooters.

As an administrator, she is currently treasurer of the Melbourne International Shooting Club where she has been a member since 1996. In the past she has held various positions on the state council of Target Rifle Victoria. She is a regular contributor to the Target Rifle Australia journal and is also editor of her local bridge club's magazine – a game she enjoys immensely and now has time to play since she no longer spends all her free time training for national teams.

As editor, she hopes to bring a broad focus to the VPN. She says "I have invited representatives from all the different pistol matches to become regular contributors to the VPN". Whether this ambition will be fulfilled, only time will tell, however in this first issue you will see this variety has been realised.

Management Matters

By Graeme Roberts

Welcome to our new members and I hope you are settling in comfortably.

By now Christmas has been and gone and the Executive hopes that you all had a very merry Christmas and the best wishes for this year of 2008.

The last year has gone pretty quickly with successes right across the field of shooting in all disciplines including good scores at the Oceania Competition notably Daniel Repacholi with records in Air Pistol, Air Pistol Finals and 50Metre Pistol (Free). Bruce Quick set a record score in Rapid Fire and the Ladies set a new team record in women's Air Pistol.

That was not all, in the ISCD events (International Shooting Committee for the Disabled) there were many creditable scores shot which will count towards Qualifying for the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing China. Well done to all who participated and congratulations to those who set new records.

Being the 5 year anniversary of the buyback many of our ex members who departed from the sport will (we hope) apply for a licence to participate again. At this point in time (December 2007) we are advised that any member applying for a new licence whether they be social members or not will be treated as a new member and have to sit for a Safety Course and serve the current probation period of 6 months. In the case of a social member the term is not recognised in the Firearms Legislation, it is an association category of membership. I certainly hope to see a big influx of membership in the latter part of the year, and of course if there are any changes we

will advise the membership who can in turn contact their old friends.

There will be a few changes in the access to coaches this year as the Coaching Council have appointed their new committee with a few deck chairs moved around, but the important thing is they will be more easily contacted and therefore we should see interested clubs and individual members receiving more coaching. Jack Holden has vacated his Directors position and has moved to the back bench so to speak. We at Vapa thank Jack for his input and expertise over the years and wish him well in his employment which in the past has curtailed his availability somewhat.

Alan Wattz	Director
Annette Woodward	Deputy Director
Annette Holden	Treasurer
Jack Holden	Committee
Norm Edwards	Committee
Les Clark	Committee
John Scott	Committee

Congratulations to all on your appointments. We also had the Victorian Referee Council Elections at their AGM and the office Bearers elected are:

Sharon Reynolds	Director
Peter Davis	Deputy Director
Alex Eagle	Secretary
Exec 3	Geoff Scougal
Exec 4	Peter Rand
Exec 1	Wally Dunstan (<i>Elected last year</i>)
Exec 2	Colin Repacholi (<i>Elected last year</i>)

Congratulations to all on your appointments.

**Junior shooters wanted for the Tri-State competition in Sydney in June.
Interested?**

Contact Paul Jenner on 0427 359 198

International 1920 Match

or as the rest of the world calls it - Action Pistol Shooting Match.

by Les Clark

The first time I actually saw an Action Match competition was a National Championship held at Geelong PC in 1992. Watching from above, to a Free Pistol shooter, there seemed some strange looking techniques particularly in the Barricade event. As luck would have it I was introduced to a friendly sort of fellow named Brian Kilpatrick & he explained all the changing of hands & such which helped to make sense of it all.

It was some time later that I decided to give this match a try for myself, funny thing is it's just like all the other styles of pistol shooting, the better I got at it, the harder I worked to improve.

There are a number of events (usually x 4) that are combined to make a final score. Each event requires its own approach & technique. They all require Accuracy, Speed & a degree of physical ability, just as me on a hot day, after I been prone half a dozen times. All this is spread over 1, 2 or 3 days that can make for a considerable amount of concentration.

I've heard it said 1920 match is too repetitious, also most of the shooters are in the higher grades, so it must be too easy. Now let's see, I.S.S.F., Service Matches, WA1500, even IPSC & Icore are made up of the repeating courses of fire.

As for the large number of high graded shooters; although they may be low in overall numbers, a more dedicated group of competitors would be hard to find! The saying goes along the lines of; the harder you work, the more successful you are. For the average shooter wanting a more

stimulating form of pistol shooting, the 1920 match offers a variety of challenges to keep their interest alive & well. New shooters I've seen, begin by casually giving it a try. After a few tries, the need to improve takes hold & away they go.

Now, the level at which you wish to compete is up to the individual. Rumor has it that the shortage of Federal Primers & various brands of powder was all caused by 1920 shooters high use of such items - this is not totally true but probably close. It is true, however, that State & National team members (and prospective members) would fire many more rounds in training than the average weekend shooter is likely to use in several years.

For those that wouldn't know me from the proverbial bar of soap, I've been at this pistol shooting game for a number of years (how many I'm not saying) & tried nearly all styles with varying degrees of success. I've been asked to write a regular article for the VPN, how interesting or informative these will be remains to be seen?

In the mean time, hopefully there will be some of you that will be curious enough to take the challenge of Action (sorry International 1920) Match. Don't forget if you shoot Service Match you can use the same pistol in Metallic Sight class & shoot in the VAPA Postal comps. (Trying all the time)

Members interested in finding out more about the International 1920 Match should contact Les who is the Victorian 1920 Match Director at email: lcclark@bigpond.net.au

Victorian Shooters get serious about Metallic Silhouette

by James Moore of Yarra Pistol Club

For many years now I have regularly looked at the Pistol Australia magazine's list of top 10 shooters in the country and have never seen a Victorian shooter in the metallic silhouette section. With some hard work and a little luck we hope to change that in the near future. Metallic silhouette is normally shot at upto 100 metres for small bore (22 calibre) and 200 metres for big bore (centre fire calibres). As there are no VAPA affiliated clubs with ranges set up to shoot these distances metallic silhouette is shot on SSAA ranges.

For some time there has been a small group of VAPA shooters from Melbourne and country clubs competing in metallic silhouette competitions held on various SSAA ranges within Victoria. Over the last 18 months we have started to work together and become more competitive in this area of pistol shooting. During March 2007 four of us attended the Pistol Australia small bore national championships and we were given a fair bit of ribbing about the fact that Victoria has never had a state team competing in these events. We looked at the scores that we achieved after that event and it was clear that we were not that far behind some of the top interstate shooters.

With the encouragement and support of the national Pistol Australia metallic silhouette director we decided to pursue the requirements for establishing a Victorian state team for this event. To this end, with some assistance from the state team manager Neil Stewart, we adapted the normal ISSF criteria to suit the metallic silhouette discipline's needs and presented it to the VAPA executive for consideration at their December 2007

meeting. The executive agreed to the establishment of a state team for metallic silhouette. While it still needs to be ratified by the Committee of Management at its January 2008 meeting we are confident that the team will be established in time to attend the Pistol Australia small bore national championships to be held in early March 2008 at Bowral, New South Wales. Accordingly, the selection criteria has been published in this edition of the VPN.

The Pistol Australia website ([http://www.pistol.org.au/Comps/Metallic Silhouette.php](http://www.pistol.org.au/Comps/Metallic_Silhouette.php)) gives a good outline of what the match is really about and how it is conducted **but what do you need to get started** if you are curious about this event.

Well for an ISSF shooter who enjoys free pistol you have a firearm that enables you to shoot 2 of the small bore 22 matches out to one hundred metres. Has shooting at 50 metres become tedious? Well the challenge of shooting the rams at 100 metres could be for you. The results are immediate, you have either knocked it down or it is still standing! Nothing is as sweet as the crack of a 22 and the ting of the steel target being knocked down.

Have you ever wondered whether that centre fire revolver can shoot further than 25 metres? Then the big bore match shooting out to 200 metres should test your skills. Again a revolver would enable you to compete in a couple of events. You will have to change from soft target loads to something with a bit more punch if you want to knock over the rams at 200 metres though it is still satisfying to be able to just hit them at that distance.

Service match pistols can also be used at club level.

If you only shoot centre fire semi automatics then the field pistol event shot out to 100 metres might provide some unexpected challenges. What about that sleek air pistol that you shoot? Well the air pistol match starting with chickens (about the size of a 20 cent piece) at 10 metres finishing with rams out at 25 metres will test your skill. It is even So **who do you contact** to find out more about metallic silhouette?

Yarra Pistol Club

James Moore – 0427 392 837 email jam@kindle.com.au

Peter Mannu – metallicsilhouette@iinet.net.au

Melbourne International Shooting Club

– Les Parker 0401 307 863 email lesparker444@hotmail.com

Euroa Pistol Club

– Mick Arden – 0419 429 485 email kbmarden@aanet.com.au

Bendigo Pistol Club

– Lance Phillips – 0408 506 673 email bpowder50@hotmail.com

Homebush Pistol Club (at Yea)

Charles Wayman - 9305-5576

possible to shoot the small bore match on a 50 metre range with half size targets, subject to range approval.

While some of the guns listed above may not be competitive at a national level they are enough to get you started and if you get hooked well there are plenty of specialist firearms to contemplate, depending on which match you want to pursue.

2007 Youth Nationals

Gary Mullens was the stand-out performer from the Victorian juniors who made the journey to the 2nd Youth Nationals held in Sydney in December 2007. In the Men's Air Pistol, Gary Mullens shot a nice 100.3 in the final to take out the match from Sebastian Hume after both entered the final on 549. Gary backed up to win the 25m Pistol in his age category with 555, and also won the junior mixed category with 538.

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Evan Whelan, President/Organising Secretary, Mountain District Pistol Club Ph: 0402 349 878

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STATE TEAM SELECTION METHOD FOR METALLIC SILHOUETTE.

At the time of going to press the selection policy as set out below was still to be ratified by the VAPA Management Committee at their January meeting.

PURPOSE:

To form a squad from which the State Team to compete at Pistol Australia National Championships for Metallic Silhouette shooting will be selected.

THOSE ELIGIBLE TO NOMINATE:

SENIORS: All shooters of "AAA" or higher as designated by IHMSU from time to time.

JUNIORS: All Juniors who will still be 20 years of age as at **DECEMBER 31** in the year of the Championships.

AUTOMATIC INCLUSIONS:

All current State Team Members are automatically included for their Team Event/s in next year's squad. If you wish to nominate for extra Events please complete the Nomination Form.

NOMINATIONS:

Shooters wishing to nominate for the State Team should complete and mail the nomination form to:

Mr Neil Stewart
P O Box 2193
MELTON SOUTH VIC 3338

Nominate for only the event/s in which you are currently qualified.

INVITATIONS:

Any shooter who has not nominated, and has shot two or more scores that give the shooter a qualifying Mean Average in Sanctioned competitions, may apply to join the squad, or may be invited to join the squad by the Team Managers.

SELECTION METHOD:

Shooters are required to compete in a minimum of three (3) Sanctioned Competitions. As there

are no PA sanctioned competitions within Victoria, sanctioned competitions conducted by other shooting bodies are eligible for recognition for the purposes of state team selection. They may include interstate and overseas competitions. For a competition to be eligible it must be sanctioned in advance by the relevant shooting body and supervised by a Match Director.

It is the shooter's responsibility to ensure the Team Managers receive a full copy of the results (not just individual scores) within 28 days of the competition.

A final squad of 4 will be selected for each match at the conclusion on the elimination series. Ranking will be in order of Mean Average.

SELECTION PERIOD:

From 1st January to the first weekend in December each year. As the PA Championships for Big Bore and Small Bore are held at different times during the year the selection periods are to be split. As the PA Championships for Small Bore are held in March each year the selection period will be from 1st July to the 1st weekend in December each year. As the PA championships for Big Bore are held in September each year the selection period will be from 1st January to 30th June each year. These periods may be revised if PA alters the timing of its championships.

SELECTION AVERAGES:

To be eligible for selection shooters must maintain the following Mean Average (Average of all scores submitted, discarding the lowest).

	Production	Unlimited	Unlimited any sight	Standing	Unlimited Standing	Revolver
Big Bore	AAA - 33	AAA - 37	AAA - 37	AAA - 22	AAA - 30	AAA - 33
Small Bore	AAA - 33	AAA - 37	AAA - 37	AAA - 22	AAA - 30	AAA - 33
Field Pistol	AAA - 23		AAA - 30	AAA - 23	AAA - 30	AAA - 23
Air Pistol					AAA - 30	

In the event there are insufficient qualifiers in any particular match (event), meaning that a team is unable to be selected in that match, the Selection Sub Committee MAY select from those who have not fully qualified as follows:

- There must be at least one shooter to have qualified in that particular event.
- Other shooters to be considered must have a Mean Average of 99% of the Qualifying Mean Average.
- Shooters who have qualified in other matches may fill the position/s.

SELECTION OF FINAL TEAM:

The final squad of 4 selected for each event will be required to compete in nominated competition/s to select the three Team Members and Reserve.

TEAM SELECTION SUB-COMMITTEE:

There shall be a Team Selection Sub Committee as determined from time to time. It is expected that one of the committee will be designated, as agreed by the Sub Committee, as the team manager for the Nationals.

The Sub-Committee will have discretionary powers when selecting the State Team.

The decision of the Sub-Committee shall be final.

REPLACEMENT OF TEAM MEMBERS:

Once selected should any member of the Team be unable to attend either of the National Championships, his/her position will be filled or left vacant at the discretion of the Team Managers.

If, at the National Championships, it is considered that any Team Members may, in any way, jeopardise the chances of the Team, the Team Managers may replace that member.

Team members will at all times comply with the Team Managers' instructions relating to Team activities.

BENEFITS:

VAPA will provide Team Members with:

- Entry and nomination fees for team event/s;
- Ticket to the Presentation Dinner should Team Members attend;
- An allowance of \$25.00 per day for the period of the Team Members attendance at the Championships.
- Other benefits as may be made available from time to time including a contribution to travel costs and accommodation as agreed.
- Team outfits as provided to the ISSF and NRA Teams from time to time.

GENERAL:

Team members will be in attendance at the venue of the National Championships at least 24 hours prior to their first event/s - or earlier - so that each member can engage in at least one practice session of their event/s, and acclimatise to local conditions.

On completion of their competition events, members may depart the Team although it is hoped that members will remain to support and encourage other team members for remaining competitions at their own expense.

It is expected that all Team Members will stay at the accommodation arranged. Any member (with good reason) may apply to live elsewhere, but it is preferred the accommodation be close to the venue. Spouse or family may accompany Team members at their own expense, but Team activities will at all times take precedence.

Judge's Corner

by Peter Davis - National Judge A

The Judge's decision is back after a few issues of absence. We will start with mention of an article that appeared in the October edition of the Pistol Australia Bulletin. Spencer Tweedie NRC Director wrote this article. I could ask the question - "How many of you read this article"? I doubt I would be wrong in saying that very few of you did.

The article deals with the way in which the RIKA target-scoring machine (for air pistol targets) operates. I am not going to re-write the article here but would suggest that you find the issue and read the article. It should put to rest any thoughts that the RIKA has incorrectly scored the target.

I would also like to take the opportunity to rescind a statement that I made in the September 2005 issue of the VPN, in which I suggested if we believe the RIKA has incorrectly scored a target that we feed the target through the machine in 3 different directions. We will now only feed the target through once.

Whilst we are looking at Air Pistol a couple of things come to mind that I have seen happen over the past few months which we need to correct before somebody is penalized for not following the rules.

The first one is the placement of targets for collection to be transported to the classification office. Rule 8.6.3.1.1.2 (page 361) states:

'Immediately after each series of ten shots the shooter must put the targets in a convenient place for the Register Keeper who must put them in a secure container to

be collected by authorized personal for delivery to the Classification Office'.

Most competitors do this however there are a few who I feel do not believe this rule applies to them. One of the main reasons behind this rule is so that classification do not receive 400 to 600 targets to score at the end of a relay which of course slows down the production of results.

The second one is if a competitor disputes the value of a scored shot hole. Let us begin by saying that only shot holes that have been scored without the use of a gauge may be disputed. Rule 8.13.4.3.1 (page 396) states that:

'the value of a shot determined by the use of a gauge is final and cannot be disputed'.

Rule 8.13.4.3.2 (page 396) states:

'When paper targets are used and scored in the Classification Office, the team official or shooter has the right to see the protested shot hole(s) but is not permitted to touch the target(s)'.

It would be nice the next time I am on a range as Jury to see the above rules being abided by.

Again this column is open to you the reader (competitor) to write into the editor with questions on rules or rulings that you do not understand. It is open to all disciplines so put pen to paper so that I can answer your queries and deliver to you the information that you seek.

Want to run a junior coaching clinic at your club or in your region?

Contact Paul Jenner on 0427 359 198 to discuss arrangements

Development Squad News

by Paul Jenner - VAPA Junior Development/Sport Development Officer

Another year is almost over and we have had some pleasing results for juniors here in Victoria. At this point I would like to congratulate Christian Boyle, Marlo Wilson and Elena Galiabovitch for being selected on the state team for this year's National Championships in Queensland. I also would like to congratulate Christian for making the state rapid fire team and Kevin Boyle, who is one of the junior coaches for making the standard pistol team. For those of you that are unaware, Daniel Repacholi, who was a junior not so long ago, has shot the automatic qualification score for next year's Olympics by shooting a 586 in air pistol. This is something that all juniors should strive to achieve in pistol shooting.

This year there will be the 27th Tristate competition in Sydney over the Queen's Birthday weekend in June. At this point of time we will be looking at forming a squad of

juniors early in the New Year. This squad will have some coaching and training days leading up to the event. If you are interested in being a member of this squad please ring me on 0427 359 198. A great time is always had at the Tristate (even if we don't win). We have won this competition once in 26 years but there is always next year.

As for coaching of juniors generally, we have decided that we will not coach large groups any more but will work with smaller club groups or regions. Recently we held a coaching day at Warragul Drouin club where we had 10 juniors from Warragul Drouin, Beaconsfield and Diamond Valley. It was a most successful day. If you wish to have some coaching at your club for juniors please ring me on the above number so that we can arrange this.

All the best for the New Year.

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Our Newest Record Holder



Daniel's path to his record is interesting to say the least. He had an extended break from shooting have only trained a couple of times since the beginning of the year, and consequently he just scraped into the Oceania team by shooting a 574 at the Sydney Grand Prix a few weeks earlier which was his last chance to qualify. He then hardly picked up his gun until the training days preceding each match at Oceania. He said he felt good going into the Free Pistol match where he shot 554 winning the quota place along the way. Having that gave him a lot of confidence going into the Air Pistol match and with a solid training session the day before it he was relaxed and ready. His air pistol shoot was easy with even a rare 100 scored along the way, and although his group opened up a little in the last series, he laughed and said that it was probably due to lack of practice more than nerves at the great score he had going.

The extended break has really worked for Daniel, rekindling his passion for shooting which had waned with the daily grind of training our international team members often face.

He is now looking forward to the training and competition leading up to Beijing later this year.

A repeat performance at the Olympics would certainly put Daniel in strong contention for a place in the finals and we wish him well in the year ahead.

At the Oceania Championships held in Sydney in October 2007, Daniel Repacholi set a new Australian and Oceania record in the men's air pistol event with his record breaking 586 in the qualification rounds. This score is also the Automatic Nomination Score (ANS) for the Beijing Olympics next year, so assuming no-one else manages to achieve the ANS in the remaining qualification shoots Daniel is definitely Beijing bound.

Melton Pistol Newton Open

By Spiro Abela, Melton Pistol Club

Melton Pistol Club held its second open on 8th & 9th September 2007. I think the whole weekend went fairly smoothly judging by the comments passed around on the weekend. Judge for the weekend was Colin Repacholi who also ran a range for us on the weekend.

Saturday was a beautiful day, the sun shining and a gentle breeze. Centre-Fire, 25Metre Pistol, Junior 25Metre Pistol, Men's and Ladies Air Pistol being shot. Sunday was also a nice day, with a cool breeze coming down the valley ideal for the 50Metre Pistol, Men's and Ladies Air Pistol and Rapid-Fire matches.



I thought the ranges were run fairly efficiently throughout the weekend with very little delay due to malfunctions and other mishaps that always occur at the wrong time. We had a couple of hiccups like a pin on the target frames decided to break off during a centre fire detail. Also there was some confusion in the air pistol shed on Sunday, but this was later explained to me by Colin and it will be rectified for next year. (Sorry Ladies).

All other details seemed to go through without a hitch and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, especially with the great food available both days, well done canteen staff especially Tracie (**oops!!! Stacey**) who made some delicious home-made pasties as well as roast beef and pork and Annie Whybrow who made some great Singapore noodles, also to Meredith who did a great

job running the canteen. I think everyone had their fill and there was quite a deal of food left over - great job girls.

I would also like to thank all who were on hand to help run the ranges including the Range Officers, Scorers, Patchers and target changers, Range, kitchen staff & all the gophers who kept the range staff fed & watered. Particular mention must go to all the children who kept these people from dying of dehydration and starvation. Finally thanks to the shooters who without you there will be no opens (and the patience you showed throughout the weekend).

Particular thanks to some of the most important people who kept the scores coming all weekend, especially Heather Rodwell who panicked a little at first but came through with flying colours. Finally a big thank you to "THE JUDGE" Colin Repacholi.



Councillor Bruce Rowan of Melton Shire

A special thanks to one of our local councillors - Bruce Rowan of Melton Shire. Bruce is also a long arm shooter and graciously came down for the presentations.



Ladies Champion: Irene Gobbett (Yarra)
Mens Champion: Chris Roberts (MISC)

Oceania Championships 2007

A Victorian slant on an International Competition!

by Sharon Reynolds

In late October Australia hosted the Oceania Shooting Championships at the Sydney International Shooting Centre. There was also a para-Oceania competition conducted at the same time. While the Oceania pistol competition tends to be a contest between Australia and New Zealand, the para-Oceania competition is quite different, with contingents from many countries including the Iran, Korea, Czech Republic and more.

Oceania, as it is known, is a biennial event and is often the first taste of international competition

for up and coming shooters. With the Beijing Games only a year away this was a much needed opportunity to gain Olympic quota places, as well as one of the few opportunities for our Standard and Centre Fire shooters to compete internationally. AISL nominated 3 teams for most of the pistol events, with the A team being fully funded by AISL, and the B and C teams being partially funded by Pistol Australia. With no international junior teams this year the junior events were designated as a Grand Prix rather than an Oceania competition.



Dina Aspidiyarova - 3rd in the Air Pistol Match

VAPA was well represented a total of 13 pistol shooters (from 6 clubs) made the trek north to represent Australia. For some it was a new experience, for others it was another chance to compete internationally. They were joined by 6 VAPA volunteers (from 3 clubs)!

The highlight of the week was Daniel Repacholi's new Australian Record of 586 in Men's Air. This gave him an automatic nomination to the Beijing Olympic squad, and after a successful final, a gold medal. As Daniel had already won a quota place in 50m Pistol

he was ineligible to win the Air Pistol quota. That honour went to Stephen Deller. Bruce Quick came first in the Rapid Fire qualification event but was not eligible to contest the final. Lucas Finken held 3rd place in the final to win bronze. The gold medal and quota place was won by David Chapman (AUS), with silver going to Justin Toohey (AUS). Linda Ryan was successful in the 25m Pistol Women event, winning a gold medal and the quota place. Newcomer Emma Crouch, also did very well, holding 4th place in the final. Not a bad effort for her first international competition! In the 40 shot air pistol competition Lalita Yauhleuskaya and Dina Aspandiyarova came in 1st and 3rd respectively. With the 2nd place-getter ineligible for the final (only A team members are

eligible) it was a battle for gold and silver, and on the last shot there was 0.1pts between them! Dina's last shot was a 10.5 enough to give her the gold medal.

In the junior air pistol event, which was a 60shot mixed event, Christian Boyle and Gary Mullens won silver and bronze respectively, with New Zealand taking out the gold.

In the team events Australia scooped the pool I don't think we had any shooters who did not stand on the winners' podium at least once. The full results are posted on the AISL website.

As one who will never aspire to shoot anything above C grade (and lucky to do that!), I am full of admiration for the training and dedication that our shooters put into their sport. I would also like to acknowledge the people who help to



The victorious Women's Sport Pistol Team

make the competition happen the organizing committee, who start their job months, and in some cases years, before the actual competition; the volunteers, who give freely of their time to work in numerous jobs such as range staff, manning the armoury, classification etc; the

SISC staff who presented the range in tip top condition and made sure that everything needed was available. (We were a little short-staffed this year, so if you think you might like to get involved in the future please let me know!!!)

Coaches Column

Thoughts on Follow Through

by Tibor Gonczol – International Pistol Coach

When firing a shot, the recoil starts as soon as the projectile starts to move through the barrel. Because the pistol is not supported or held right behind the centre of the barrel line, the recoil causes the muzzle of the pistol to move upwards. Therefore, by the time the projectile exits the muzzle, the barrel is NOT in the same position when it was at the time the shooter pressed the trigger. If the shooter stops concentrating and looking at the sights in that fraction of the second when the action of the firing was initiated, he can make mistakes during the time while the firing mechanism completed its work and while the projectile travels through the barrel. While this time is only measurable in milliseconds, the amount of sight misalignment that can occur in this very short time, can still be considerable, without the shooter even recognising the mistake he had made.

It is therefore important and necessary to keep holding the pistol and concentrating on the sight alignment not only till the trigger is released, (activated), but for some time after that, as it is only somewhat later that the projectile actually leaves the barrel of the pistol/rifle. To keep concentrating on the sights longer, to keep them in sharp focus and aligned with each other even as the gun recoils, (as well as maintaining the same degree of muscle tension, grip strength and character and even the trigger pressure) is called the "FOLLOW THROUGH" – for obvious reasons. This is one of the most important elements of our shooting

techniques. If you THINK you could see the sights at the moment of firing, but the "called" shot is not where you thought it should be, the chances are that you were NOT following through. If you think that you did, then you did not follow through for LONG ENOUGH.

One of the problems with this difficult technique is that most people – perhaps due to the way it is talked about – think of follow through as something that happens AFTER the gun is fired. Thinking about or trying to follow through AFTER the shot fired is too LATE. Follow through is in fact the CONTINUATION of all the actions we do while holding and firing a shot. Follow through is not ONLY a matter of "keep watching the sights". It is also "keep holding the pistol" as motionless as possible and keep adding pressure on the trigger while concentrating on the sights. This must continue right through the whole effort of firing a shot and beyond, long enough, to ensure that the pistol (rifle) is not pushed out of alignment while the projectile is still in the barrel.

Follow through is necessary in all types of shooting – and in many other sports too – but is particularly important in Free and Air Pistol (and rifle) shooting. This is due to the long barrels (relatively "long" time of the projectile in the barrel) and the relatively relaxed gripping of these guns. The even longer time the .177 pellet spends in the barrel of an air pistol or

rifle, due to its low velocity, adds extra importance to follow through.

CALLING THE SHOT

With experience (and a lot of proper training) the shooter will develop the ability to "call" his/her shots. That is, after firing the shot, the shooter – without looking in the scope – will know where the shot has landed on the target. This ability can develop to an extremely high degree. Really top class shooters are able to call their shots even within the ten ring. "Accurate calling of the shot should be dependent upon the exact recall of a mental image of the sight alignment at the In the non-Olympic events

instant of firing. Total awareness of the slightest error in alignment is an absolute requirement of accurate shot calling from a clear visual memory."

To accurately "call" a shot is only possible with absolute concentration on maintaining the exact relationship between front and rear sights. Developing this ability is one of the basic requirements of good shooting. With regular practice, sooner or later it will happen. When you can call your shots, you can be satisfied that – with some more work – you are on your way to becoming a master shooter

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Technical Talk

HIGH-PRESSURE HAND PUMPS by Bert Smith

Unlike the high-pressure hand pump, the SCUBA tank alternative isn't easily transported. Take the pump to the range in the boot of your car, disassemble it to transport on airlines, and you are independent with your own free air supply. An important feature of the hand pump is that it lets you put exactly the same amount of air into your PCP (pre-compressed pneumatic) cylinder each time. The modern hand pump is a wonder of technology. It works fine when used as intended, but as it will not tolerate a lot of abuse, or uninformed tinkering, a bit of TLC is necessary. Besides, a new pump costs approximately \$400!

Three manufacturers' brands of high quality pumps are Axsor, FX and Hill. I have two Axsor pumps and have used a FX pump, but have not yet seen a Hill pump. Some cheaper pumps are copies originating in China or Korea. I have only seen one of these copies. For what it's worth, my advice on alternative pumps is "*caveat emptor*"!

How to use a high-pressure hand pump

Also worth reading is the article found at <http://tinyurl.com/2fwl4w>

Don't try filling a PCP cylinder just before a match! It is a good aerobic workout. Also, don't try it if you have heart, back, or lung problems! My body mass is about 82 kg. I can easily use my late model Axsor pump to reach 200 bar (200 times atmospheric pressure), and I am certainly not a competition weight lifter! It is the *technique of pumping* that matters. (Stand upright, stretch your arms, straighten your back, bend your knees, and let your body drop vertically on the pump. Then fully raise the pump handle.) A QuickTime video is available at <http://tinyurl.com/vqum5m> to show you the technique.

These pumps don't operate in the same manner as a bicycle pump. Once the PCP cylinder pressure rises to about 150 bar, the

last 5 cm of pump handle travel is what counts. Near 200 bar it is rather hard, but relatively easy once the technique is learnt. When this happens, straighten your arms, lock your elbows and wrists and bend at the knees, letting your body weight carry you through the pump stroke. That's the secret to using the hand pump. Pump about 25-30 strokes before taking a break letting the pump (and you) cool down. After 10 minutes, resume pumping.

Pump with slow, deliberate strokes. Stop for a full second at the top and bottom of each stroke to let the airflow through the tiny holes inside the pump. The pump works in both directions, though it feels hardest on the downstroke, so make the upstroke count, too. Don't fail to go all the way to the end of each stroke, as most of the work is accomplished in the last 5 cm of pump rod travel.

Try to use the pump in a room with relatively low humidity (i.e. if possible air conditioned in summer) to avoid getting moisture in the gun and cylinder. It's best to take several breaks along the way, both for your body and to allow the pump to cool down. The continuous usage of the pump creates too much heat and can blow seals.

When your gun is filled to the pressure you want, it's time to bleed the pump and disconnect the gun. **Condensation forming in the pump and being transferred to the PCP cylinder is bad news! ALWAYS bleed the pump using the brass bleed screw at the base of the pump - never the bleed screw on a refill adapter. *Rapidly* turn the screw so that the air rushes out taking water vapour with it.** This should remove most of the moisture that has collected in the base of the pump.

As far as I could tell, there was no clear difference in difficulty in my pumping up empty FWB P34 cylinders to 200 bar using both late model Axsor and FX pumps.

Servicing Pumps

Twenty or more different O-rings are found inside these high-pressure hand pumps. Local sources of equivalent replacement high quality O-rings can be difficult to find. Some are lubricated with special grease that's not easily available. Disassembly of the pump by the uninformed can easily result in it becoming unrepairable. Don't remove any dark coloured lubricant from the pump shaft. This lubricant will stain clothing, but it is *not* molybdenum disulfide grease. If you remove it, your pump will soon fail. Read on if you are willing to try it!

Axsor Pumps (<http://tinyurl.com/289qvU>)

My personal experience is one of outstanding support from this pump manufacturer. If you have trouble with your Axsor pump, it is worth looking at <http://tinyurl.com/3x2c9g> and doing a search for your particular problem.

FX Pumps (<http://tinyurl.com/2vzzod>)

In response to my queries, FX states: *"There is not much maintenance on them, keep them clean, and once in a while it could be a good idea to clean out the moisture trap inside the base block. One important thing is to bleed the valve quickly when you have pumped so all the moisture that has been captured in the*

moisture trap blows out, if you just release it softly you will end up with a lot of moisture left in the chamber and then it will be transferred to the air tube."

<http://tinyurl.com/vrgflg> gives details on how to repair the bleed hole seal on an FX pump. A useful reference for servicing the FX pump is found at <http://tinyurl.com/vrg84z>

The Hill Pump (<http://tinyurl.com/2ke73s>)

If you are considering a Hill pump, a useful comparison between the FX and Hill pumps is at <http://tinyurl.com/vpkn23>. It appears that the Hill pump is the leader in hand-pumps because of its excellent capabilities for moisture removal. There is some very useful information on the Hill web site for owners and users of Hill pumps. The web site for the Australian distributor of Hill pumps is at <http://tinyurl.com/2l6olx>.

Bert also sent some diagrams with his article, however space did not permit these to be published. If you would like a copy of these please email Bert at the address below.

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50m Pistol

State Record 555

John Gillman (1976), Bruce Quick (1998)

1	Repacholi Daniel	554	Oceania Nov
2	Quick Bruce	553	Sydney W/C Apr
3	Deller Stephen	547	Aust Cup 1 Feb
4	Roberts Chris	546	Melton Sep
5	Leyshan Robert	537	Shepparton Sep
6	Boyle Kevin	535	Oakleigh Nov
7	Cindric Dane	523	Shepparton Sep
8	Mullens Gary	523	Vic Titles Mar
9	Edwards Norm	522	Vic Titles Mar
10	Bowron Peter	520	Castlemaine Feb

Standard Pistol

State Record 580

Bruce Quick (1999)

1	Quick Bruce	569	Shepparton Sep
2	Roberts Chris	562	Yarra Oct
3	Ryan Linda	561	Vic Titles Mar
4	Finken Lucas	560	Aust Cup III Jul
5	Boyle Kevin	559	Vic Titles Mar
6	Repacholi Daniel	559	Aust Cup III Jul
7	Hall Ben	552	Castlemaine Feb
8	Horton Geoff	550	Oakleigh Nov
9	Moncrieff Les	550	Nationals Apr
10	Mullens Gary	549	Vic Titles Mar
	Sammartino John	549	Mid Murray Jun

Rapid Fire

State Record 564

Lucas Finken (2007)

1	Quick Bruce	574	Oceania Nov
2	Finken Lucas	572	Sydney W/C Apr
3	Ryan Noel	557	Castlemaine Feb
4	Healey Stuart	552	Vic Titles Mar
5	Davis Wayne	551	Mildura Oct
6	Boyle Christian	550	Vic Titles Mar
7	Boyle Kevin	549	Vic Titles Mar
8	Moncrieff Les	549	Mildura Oct
9	Edwards Norm	538	Castlemaine Feb
10	Repacholi Daniel	533	Castlemaine Feb

10 Metre Air Pistol Men

State Record 577

B Sandstrom (1999)

1	Repacholi Daniel	586	Oceania Nov
2	Deller Stephen	575	M.I.S.C. May
3	Roberts Chris	574	Postal Finals Aug
4	Finken Lucas	571	Oakleigh Nov
5	Leyshan Robert	566	Postal Finals Aug
6	Iglesias Jose	564	Postal Finals Aug
7	Moncrieff Les	560	Vic Titles Mar
8	Edwards Norm	559	Yack Oct
9	Hall Ben	558	M.I.S.C. May
10	Healey Stuart	558	Melton Sep

25m Centrefire

State Record 585

Bruce Quick (1996)

1	Ryan Noel	574	Yarra Oct
2	Hall Ben	568	M.I.S.C. May
3	Quick Bruce	568	Shepparton Sep
4	Davis Wayne	565	Mildura Oct
5	Smith Ern	565	W'bool May
6	Roberts Chris	564	Postal Finals Aug
7	Horton Geoff	563	W'bool May
8	Moncrieff Les	556	Vic Titles Mar
9	Tomassini Paul	556	Melton Sep
10	Eagle Grant	555	Postal Finals Aug

10 Metre Air Pistol Women

State Record 387

Lalita Yauhlevskaya (2002)

1	Aspandiyarova Dina	395	Hungary Jan
2	Holden Annette	384	Yack Oct
3	Ryan Linda	383	Aust Cup II Apr
4	Gillman Kristy	382	Yarra Oct
5	Yauhlevskaya Lalita	382	Hungary Jan
6	Woodward Annette	376	Castlemaine Feb
7	Charlton Irene	374	Nationals Apr
8	Crouch Emma	373	M.I.S.C. May
9	Gobbett Irene	372	Postal Finals Aug
10	Leticia Lisa	368	M.I.S.C. May
	Woodward Kathryn	368	Yack Oct

25 Metre Pistol Women

State Record 583

Linda Ryan (2001)

1	Yauhleuskaya Lalita	584	Postal Finals Aug
2	Ryan Linda	582	Aust Cup II Apr
3	Aspandiyarova Dina	579	Aust Cup 1 Feb
4	Gillman Kristy	568	Melton Sep
5	Crouch Emma	566	AISL G/P Sep
6	Woodward Kathryn	565	Oakleigh Nov
7	Blake Cherie	559	Yack Oct
8	Mullens Joy	553	Nationals Apr
9	Galiabovitch Elena	548	Postal Finals Aug
10	Gobbert Irene	547	Oakleigh Nov

25 Metre Pistol Junior

State Record 578

Andrew Gonczol (1990)

1	Mullens Gary	566	Postal Finals Aug
2	Boyle Christian	564	Oakleigh Nov
3	Waghorne Joel	550	Melton Sep
4	Hume Sebastian	549	Nationals Apr
5	Mullens Chelsea	548	Castlemaine Feb
6	Galiabovitch Elena	538	Nationals Apr
7	Jackson Nathan	518	Postal Finals Aug
8	Dunlop Simon	513	Mid Murray Jun
9	Jenner Andrew	509	Shepparton
10	Scougall Douglas	493	Oakleigh Nov

10 Metre Air Pistol Junior Men

State Record 571

Daniel Repacholli (2000)

1	Mullens Gary	560	Nationals Apr
2	Boyle Christian	559	Oakleigh Nov
3	Hume Sebastian	555	Vic Titles Mar
4	Scougall Douglas	514	Shepparton Sep
5	Jenner Andrew	508	Yarra Oct
6	Waghorne Joel	499	Melton Sep
7	Jackson Nathan	494	Melton Sep
8	Dunlop Simon	489	Yack Oct
9	Whelan Peter	488	Yarra Oct
10	Hornsby Kyle	425	W'Bool May

10 Metre Air Pistol Junior Women

State Record 385

Annemarie Forder (1998)

1	Galiabovitch Elena	374	Munich Jan
2	Wilson Marlo	356	Yarra Oct
5	Mullens Chelsea	347	Castlemaine Feb
4	Payne Allie	319	Vic Titles Mar
5	Deller Tiahn	314	Melton Sep
6	Johnson Kerrienne	314	Yarra Oct
7	Bennison Caroline	312	Oakleigh Nov
8	Dunlop Erin	311	Yack Oct
9	Saunders Emma-Rose	311	Oakleigh Nov
10	Deller Lauren	309	Melton Sep

Black Powder 25 Metre

State Record 378

Noel Ryan (1980)

1	Sammartino John	378	Fremantle May
2	Ryan Noel	370	Nationals Apr
3	Horton Geoff	366	Yarra Nov
4	Moncrieff Les	365	Mildura Oct
5	Scougall Andrew	365	Nationals Apr
6	Smith Ern	364	Nationals Apr
7	Davis Wayne	362	Mid Murray Jun
8	Dellar Steve	362	Yarra Nov
9	Wattz Alan	359	Yarra Nov
10	Kerr Bill	354	Castlemaine Jun

Black Powder 50 Metre

State Record 374

Dennis Martin (1998)

1	Davis Wayne	362	Vic Titles Mar
2	Sammartino John	359	Mid Murray Jun
3	Hastie David	352	Mid Murray Jun
4	Smith Ern	343	Vic Titles Mar
5	Moncrieff Les	342	Mildura Oct
6	Scougall Andrew	336	Mildura Oct
7	Horton Geoff	328	Vic Titles Mar
8	Kerr Bill	323	Castlemaine Jul
9	Reed Howard	321	Mildura Oct
10	Tretiakov Mikhail	319	Mid Murray Jun

Service Pistol

State Record 887

Peter Muscat (1991)

1	Winterhalter Chris	877	Outtrim Sept
2	Sandman Brett	872	Vic Titles Feb
3	Motton Ralph	871	Sale Apr
4	Chisholm Jason	868	Outtrim Feb
5	Jensen Paul	862	ACT Titles Mar
6	Olsen Stuart	860	Postal Finals Sep
7	Clark Les	855	Outtrim Feb
8	Doherty Joe	853	Sale Apr
9	Davis Wayne	847	Outtrim Sept
10	Wilkinson Chris	843	Outtrim Feb

Service Unrestricted

State Record 886

Peter Muscat (1989)

1	Winterhalter Chris	884	Vic Titles Feb
2	Chisholm Jason	880	Mildura Jul
3	Motton Ralph	878	Sale Apr
4	Jensen Paul	875	Postal Finals Sep
5	Sandman Brett	873	Outtrim Feb
6	Watson Tony	868	Mid Murray Jun
7	Clark Les	867	Nationals Mar
8	Doherty Joe	866	Sale Apr
9	Olsen Stuart	864	Mid Murray Jun
10	Scott Peter	862	Postal Finals Sep

Service 25
State Record 630
Chris Winterhalter (2007)

1	Winterhalter Chris	632	Outtrim Sept
2	Motton Ralph	630	Mt District Oct
3	Jensen Paul	624	Cessnock May
4	Olsen Stuart	623	Postal Finals Sep
5	Sandman Brett	619	Vic Titles Feb
6	Chisholm Jason	618	Sale Apr
7	Watson Tony	617	Mid Murray Jun
8	Davis Wayne	616	Nationals Apr
9	Scougall Andrew	615	Mildura Jul
10	Wilkinson Chris	609	Yarra Nov

WA 1500 Match
State Record 1477 92x
Dean Brus (2006)

1	Motton Ralph	1474.56x	Nationals Apr
2	Winterhalter Chris	1466.67x	Outtrim Feb
3	Jensen Paul	1463.60x	Nationals Apr
4	Sandman Brett	1460.55x	Outtrim Feb
5	Chisholm Jason	1459.67x	Vic Titles Sept
6	Clark Les	1449.73x	Outtrim Feb
7	Bishopp Paul	1434.51x	Nationals Apr
8	Wilkinson Chris	1433.60x	Vic Titles Sept
9	Davis Wayne	1428.46x	Nationals Apr
10	Winterhalter Allan	1428.45x	Vic Titles Sept

International 1920 Match (Open)
State Record 1916 161x
Charles Kerner (2005)

1	Kerner Charles	1918.144x	Echuca Apr
2	Whitehead Tom	1916.148x	Mildura Jan
3	Cvetnic Zeljko	1913.161x	Adelaide Apr
4	Hardy Brian	1912.147x	Vic Titles Aug
5	Clark Les	1912.143x	Nationals Nov
6	Moncrieff Les	1910.156x	Nationals Nov
7	Tretiakov Mikhail	1908.132x	Vic Titles Aug
8	Siebert Richard	1907.152x	Vic Titles Aug
9	Dajczer Henry	1902.148x	Vic Titles Aug
10	Ray Murray	1898.144x	Vic Titles Aug

**International 1920 Match
(Metallic Sight)**
State Record 1829/114x
Barry Marsh 2005

1	Cvetnic Zeljko	1858.117x	Adelaide Apr
2	Whitehead Tom	1846.116x	Vic Titles Aug
3	Rehlicki Ivan	1846.110x	Vic Titles Aug
4	Kerner Charles	1836.102x	Nationals Nov
5	Hardy Brian	1828.111x	Vic Titles Aug
6	Tretiakov Mikhail	1813.114x	Geelong Jun
7	Clark Les	1788.113x	Echuca Apr
8	Siebert Richard	1730.088x	Nationals Nov
9	Renzow Peter	1646.082x	Ballarat Jun
10	Woods Les	1646.062x	Mildura Jan

Record setters in 2007

The status of Australian Records is currently a little ambiguous. Pistol Australia policy as set in October 2006 is that PA records can only be set at the PA nationals by Australian resident PA members, however AISL is also maintaining a list of national records which it hopes to formalise as "Australian Records". When asked, the AISL Executive Director Nick Sullivan stated that he "believes" is that an Australian record is that score shot by an Australian at a listed event; which in AISL's case these would be the Australia Cup series, the youth champs, the Australian Grand Prix (we want this to be called the Australian Championships), Oceania, member body Nationals, World Cups, World Championship.

Hence an Australian (AISL) record would be 'global' providing it is a properly sanctioned event. Clearly this is at odds with those who maintain they can only be shot at their Nationals.

A draft discussion paper on records is likely to appear on the AISL website soon just to create such activity/discussion."

Whether the AISL record keeping proposed will include non-Olympic events shot at competitions such as World Championships, Commonwealth Games and Oceania is not clear.

Whilst the management of two sets of records might create some confusion, it is noteworthy that several new records were set during the past year with Victorian Shooters prominent in achieving new marks.

In the Olympic events, the first new record for the year was Dina Aspandiyarova who set a new Women's Air Pistol record of 392 at Australia Cup I held in February 2007. Then at the end of the year at the Oceania Championships we saw Daniel Repacholi set a new men's air pistol record of 586, plus a new finals record of 684.5.

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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		WA1500	
Black Powder 25 Metre		Black Powder 50 Metre	
Black Powder International			
Modern Single Shot		Fixed Sight Revolver	
Adjustable Sight Revolver		Replica Single Shot	
International 1920 Match			
Open		Metallic Sight	
Veteran: Date of Birth		Junior: Date of Birth	

Open Competition Calendar Contact Details

Club	Events	Entry Close	Entry Fees	Contact Person
Outtrim Service & WA1500 2-3 Feb	Service, Service 25, WA1500, Service Unrestricted	10 Jan	\$10.00 per event, Sat Dinner \$15.00	Neil Stewart P O Box 2193, Melton South Vic 3338 Ph: 0417 121 378 E Mail: nste2369@bigpond.net.au
Castlemaine ISSF 2-3 Feb	All ISSF	11 Jan	\$10.00 per event	Organizing Secretary 21 st Goldfields Open PO Box 761, Castlemaine Vic 3450 Org/Sec Graham Ph: (03) 54742152 E-mail gsontarget@bigpond.com.au
Mildura Int 1920 2-3 Feb				Peter Griffin 5023 6747
Warragul Drouin ISSF/Black Powder 16-17 Feb	All ISSF, Black Powder 25M & 50M	23 Jan	\$10.00 per event, Sat Dinner \$15.00	Gary Fallon P O Box 69 Chelsea Vic 3196 Ph: 0402 904 187 E Mail: garyfallon@bigpond.com
Service State Titles Mt District 23-24 Feb	Service Pistol; Service unrestricted; service 25yds	5 Feb	\$12.50 per event	Evan Whelan- Organizing Secretary Email: ewhelan@bigpond.net.au 5 Ashbrook Place, Mooroolbark PH 0402 349 878
Black Powder State Titles Outtrim 1-2 Mar	Black Powder 25M & Black Powder 50 M State Title Events. International Matches as side events	8 Feb	\$5.50 VAPA Reg Fee for State Title Events. \$10.00 per event for 25M & 50M. \$5.00 for International.	Neil Stewart P O Box 2193 Melton South Vic 3338 Phn: 0417 121 378 E Mail: nste2369@bigpond.net.au
ISSF State Titles Yackandandah 8-10 Mar				Colin Glanville glanvillec@member.ams.org
Echuca Int 1920 12-13 Apr				Russell Crowl rcrowl@bigpond.net.au
Sale Service April 26-27	Service / Service 25 & Service Unrestricted	11 Apr	\$10 per event	Joe Doherty 03 5146 0889 P/O Box 105, Loch Sport, Vic 3851 Email - salepistolclub@gmail.com
Warrnambool ISSF 10-11 May	All ISSF		\$10.00 per event, \$8.00 for Juniors	Sue Henry P O Box 1132 Warrnambool Vic Ph: 55627225.
MISC ISSF 24-25 May	All ISSF		\$12.00 per event	Ian Butland c/-MISC 120 Todd Rd, Fishermans Bend Vic 3207 Ph:9646 3976 E: comps@melbourneinternational.org.au

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Month	Date	Competition	Venue
Feb	2-3	Service & WA1500	Outtrim
		International 1920	Mildura
		ISSF	Castlemaine
	9-10		
	16-17	ISSF & Black Powder	Warragul Drouin
	23-24	<u>Service State Titles</u>	<u>Mt District</u>
Mar	1-2	<u>Black Powder State Titles</u>	<u>Outtrim</u>
	8-10	<u>ISSF State Titles</u>	<u>Yackandandah</u>
	15-16	PA/ISSF Nationals	Brisbane
	22-23	PA/ISSF Nationals	Brisbane
	29-30		
Apr	5-6		
	12-13	Int 1920	Echuca
	19-20		
	26-27	Service	Sale
	27	International 1920	Geelong
May	3-4		
	10-11	ISSF	Warrnambool
	17-18		
	24-25	Service	Melton
		ISSF	Mildura
		ISSF	M.I.S.C.
May/Jun	31-1		
June	7-9	ISSF, Service & Black Powder	Mid Murray
	8	International 1920	Geelong
	14-15		
	21-22	Black Powder	Mildura
	28-29	Black Powder	Castlemaine

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