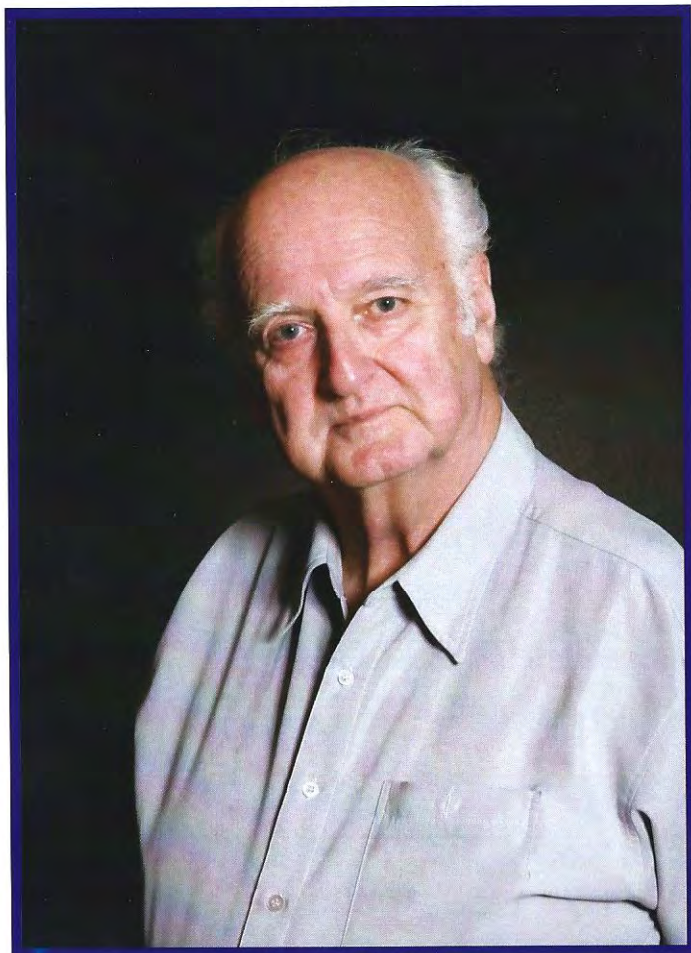


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Editorial

The nomination of four Victorians to the Olympic team for Beijing sees the culmination of years of effort and training on the part of these athletes. We congratulate Bruce Quick, Dina Aspandiyarova, Lalita Yauhleuskaya and Daniel Repacholi and wish them well in the competition ahead.

Whilst not wishing to diminish the achievement of any of our athletes in achieving nomination for the Olympic team—one must wonder what is wrong with our training and development program when there are only two contenders with the MQS score necessary to even be contesting Olympic nomination in the 25M pistol event?

The 25m Pistol event is not the only one with small numbers of qualifiers and by and large it is the same few names appearing on the lists of shooters with an MQS that were there four years ago. The opportunities to achieve an MQS are limited, but nevertheless with four World Cups each year & two Oceania championships, they are there, and it not unreasonable to expect that a country could get 8 or 9 shooters qualified with MQS scores.

It is worth noting that in the events where Australia has a high number of shooters with an MQS, we have also had good success on the world stage—Trap, Double Trap and 50m Prone Rifle for men & Women's trap all have eight or nine shooters with MQS's and have all had World Cup winners and/or Olympic Champions in the past four years. It is perhaps no coincidence that these events also have very high participation rates.

Comments have been made that our coaching, training and development programs need improving. This may be true, but perhaps the cause of our small number of top class shooters is more fundamental. The coaches and administrators can only work with the raw material they are given—in this case the shooters themselves. So if there is an insufficient number of participants competing against each other, it can be difficult to develop and maintain a high level of performance, and in particular that mental and competitive toughness required to succeed on the world stage. I know that our strongest performances in men's air rifle oc-

curred when there was a high number of athletes regularly training with & competing against each other in this event.

So one challenge for our sport & club administrators is to increase participation in the sport, which may have a flow-on effect in improved performances, although this is not guaranteed. However growing participation in the face of the increasingly onerous regulatory imposts that are placed on sporting shooters is not necessarily easy when there are so many sports in which an individual can participate without so much hassle. In particular the ability of our sport to attract and retain junior shooters can be difficult when they must be accompanied by a licenced adult in order to train and compete.

However many clubs have absolutely no difficulty attracting new members—even juniors. It is what happens to these members after they have been in the club for a month or two & the introductory programs have concluded that can make the difference. All of us have seen club members who have disappeared after an initial flurry of enthusiasm. There may be many reasons why they & other members leave—their scores didn't improve quickly enough; they didn't enjoy it; it wasn't what they expected; family commitments, and so on. The question to ask is—can we do anything different to keep shooters participating in our sport?

On a final note, in February this year, the Victorian Department of Justice invited submissions on a draft regulatory impact statement (RIS) that had been prepared with virtually no consultation with the shooting sports. This lack of consultation is staggering in light of the requirements for this organization and its member clubs to provide information to the regulatory bodies. The RIS included some fairly significant fee increases that would impact our sport's members. The many submissions made by individuals and shooting organizations were sufficient to promote a re-think on the proposals contained therein, and the fee increase has now been set at 2.5% across the board.

Kim Frazer

Letters to the Editor

I just thought that I would let you know about my great day at Mountain District on February 24th. This is the only Open I have shot outside my club and I was very nervous even though I was in company with my boyfriend Greg and two very dear friends Richard Varnava and Les Clark. I was the only female shooter there and upon arrival I must say that I meet some of the most friendly and helpful people you could ever have the pleasure to meet. Not one person but ALL. Right from the lovely ladies in the kitchen, to all the men on the range. I feared that people were going to laugh at me because I knew that even on a good day my scores were never going to compete with any of the other guys and as I expected my scores didn't but not a thing was said. A lovely person by the name of Ralf Motton came up to me after the shoot and said it was good to see a female shooter. So to all you girls who don't shoot this discipline give it a go and have a GREAT DAY!

Stacey Wilkinson; Melton Pistol Club

The recent PA Bulletin contained a complete calendar of events across the country. Given there are only 52 weekends a year, having two events on the same date is unavoidable. However, this year we had the Victorian State Titles and Australia Cup 2 on the same weekend. We also have the MISC and Mildura Open on the same weekend. Shouldn't there be a National calendar so we can at least avoid clashes that might obviously affect our shooters?

Chris Roberts; MISC

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Management Matters

By Graeme Roberts, President VAPA

Welcome to all our new members. We are in the last part of the financial year and things are moving. I have recently been to three State Titles, and have been impressed with both the running of all these competitions and the standard of shooting. We still have to improve our results further and the Coaching Council are involved in training to do just that, more about that later when details come to hand.

But I must say that the few that are running these opens are going to get tired of doing it all the time, with other club members sitting back and reaping the benefits. The small clubs use these competitions to help raise money for facilities that you the member, benefit from. Now how about pitching in and helping the regular few that do it all the time and making the competition a much better run event so that the shooters don't have to pitch in and do as much as they have been.

By all accounts the shooters in Victoria are a very unselfish group of people and if clubs are in trouble with running an open they will pitch in and help, but there are circumstances where some shooters need to leave after shooting and are unable to help leaving more to do with fewer helpers who stay behind. The more volunteers that help with the running of the competition the quicker it will finish with minimal stress on all involved and believe it or not the club will benefit in the future because of the extra commitment.

When we changed the editors of the VPN it was midway between publications, and I didn't have a chance to pass on a few words regarding the previous editor Neil Stewart. Neil edited the VPN for good many years and stepped in at a time when nobody else wanted to do it. We appreciated that - Neil you did a great job and we thank you for the effort. We wish you all the best in your Director's position and hope we will see you still around the State titles.

To our new editor Kim, thank you for your interest and we hope that the VPN will prosper under your reign, as did with Neil, I have heard good reports about the colour photos in the new issue of the VPN from the members and that is a good thing, at least we know some-

body is reading it.

On a more serious note, I have noticed on some of the Ranges I visited recently, there is a concrete apron in front of the 25 Metre firing line where the rapid-fire stage of Center fire and sport pistol matches are shot. We will need to cover this area with rubber or something soft, like a couple of layers of carpet or similar soft material. This is not purely a throwaway line or a frivolous observation as our sport is becoming more and more under the influence of Sport & Recreation and Occupation Health & Safety. If we don't follow those safety standards, we will have problems in the clubs and Occupation Health and Safety could close our Ranges down. And to fix the range up and be accredited again will cost a lot more than simply doing a few simple jobs to make the environment safe for everybody. So we need to be vigilant on those aspects of safety on the Range.

The nationals have come again, and the winners decided in Brisbane this year. By all accounts, including some opinions from the old-time officials it has been one of the best nationals ever shot. The Queensland organizing committee did a wonderful job on the overall Competition finishing a day early with the Pistol Australia Opening Ceremony held at the beginning of the competition, not in the middle. Presentations were made to the shooters at the end of each match which helped to increase the numbers present for these events and gave the winners an opportunity to be there to receive their trophies. These were very good innovations to the previous competitions from the Queensland organizing committee. Well done.

Overall Victoria did pretty well again this year, although we did not win the Manton shield. The new shooters who replaced the team members missing for the world championships performed very well and should be very pleased with their performance. Bruce, Daniel, Lalita and Dina were all missing from the team.

Until the next issue - Good Shooting.

Back to the 1920's

By Les Clark, VAPA Action Director

Last time I spoke of various things including some strange seeming antics going on during certain stages of the 1920 competition.

The most foreign looking, but practical, is changing of the shooting hand for the right & left hand target in the Barricade Match. The idea is to have the outside arm, which is holding the pistol against the barricade, straight making control of pistol far better. e.g. Shooting from the LHS, the left arm is straight & pistol fired with the right hand. Shooting from the RHS, the right arm is straight & pistol is fired with the left hand.

There are other ways of shooting Barricades, but usually their less comfortable or stable.

This technique is only appropriate for Open Class guns, those fitted with scopes & wings. (No they can't fly). This is sometimes difficult for some new shooters (to the discipline) to master, but with practice & tuition it soon becomes quite natural.

While shooting the Plate & Practical Matches it is permissible for a shooter to shoot from a Prone Position after the 10 yard distance, now why would you bother I hear. For one thing the rules say you can, so why not? In all honesty the courses of fire can be shot standing, but

under time constraints, nerves & possibly weather conditions, it's far more stable to shoot with the pistol butt on the ground acting as a pivot point, hence the extended grips.

At one time the rule changes were such that all shooting, except 50yds.in the Practical Match, was to be from a standing position, the idea was to even out the field at the upper level. In fact the top shooters stayed there & the lower grade shooters just had a harder time of it.

The NRA board finally saw sense & returned the "prone" rule to the competition. As a whole the 1920 Matches are a combination of being able to shoot accurately in a short time span. Like other disciplines or sports, it's all easy until time or pin point accuracy is added.

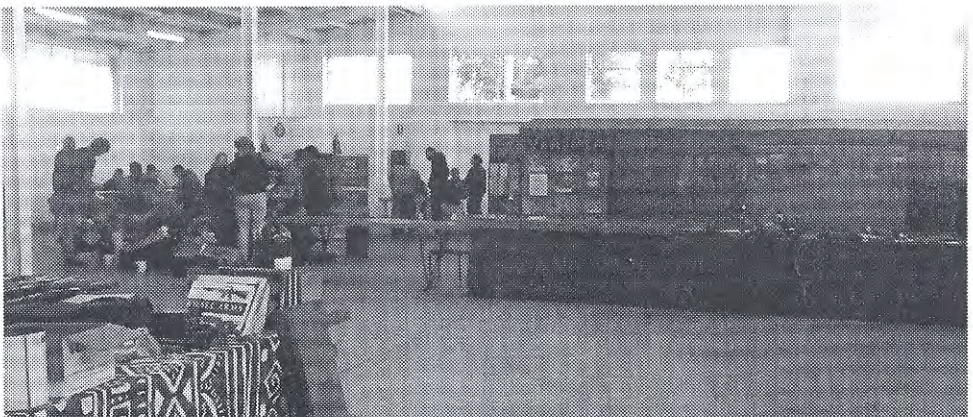
C/F dueling (sorry R/F) would be much easier if not for the 3 second facing time. Golf would be easier without the hole, probably leave out the ball as well!

But all of these eventually make the occasions you get it all right on the day, so much more enjoyable.

Have fun with your shooting,

VAPA at the Gun Show

See Story Page 18



Tibor Gonczol Awarded OAM

By Peter Kelly, Vice President MISC

After a life time of contribution to the Melbourne International Shooting Club (MISC), the preceding pistol shooting organisations and to the wider Australian Competitive Shooting field, Tibor Gonczol has been rewarded with an Order of Australia Medal (OAM).

Tibor is a dedicated and passionate to our sport. His commitment is genuine and his time commitment has been above and beyond the expectations we may hold for any club member. His contribution to the sport has been across all areas as a:

- Competitor where he has represented Australia at both World Championships and Olympic Games;
- Coach where he has been in high demand both nationally and internationally to pass on his skills and experience;
- Technical delegate to the world body International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) for 25 years, as well as President of the Technical committee for the Oceania Federation for 27 years;
- Team official where he has been Australian Pistol Team manager and/or coach at Oceania Games, World Championships, Olympic Games and other shooting teams on multiple occasions;
- Competition official; and
- Club member – President - to this day.

In the lead up year or so before and particularly in the six months up to the 2006 Commonwealth Games Tibor's commitment was full time and then some. He was part of the committee tasked to bring MISC up to world standards and host the Commonwealth Games. His was an unpaid role and was to ensure as far as possible that the "Games" went ahead without issues of an organisational or technical nature being raised. I spent the month of March on the range and can report that no issues of any substance were raised by competitors or officials in the lead

up practice days (5), followed by the lead up competitions (5 days), then the 10 days of the Commonwealth Games. A magnificent feat.

To get to this point, Tibor's long time world wide experience, technical knowledge and understanding of major world standard events, gave him a vision long ago that put us in a position superior to any other club in Melbourne to host the Commonwealth Games. Fourteen Gold, Silver and Bronze medals were awarded to the pistol and rifle winners at our club. In recognition of his stature within the sport Tibor was asked and did present some of the winners with their gold medals as the events were decided.

His abilities and repute is international as I believe he holds three prestigious awards for his dedication to Shooting by the U.I.T. now known as the ISSF for his Technical and Coaching expertise and achievements. Tibor was awarded a 'Master of Sport' award by Hungary, which tells me his achievement has been very significant on an international level.

Tibor is an International "A" level Judge for Rifle and Pistol, an accredited ACC High Performance Coach (Level 4) and ISSF Internationally Accredited Coach at the highest level.

The State shooting body, the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association granted Tibor Honorary Life membership long ago as did Melbourne International Shooting Club Inc. Tibor has been quite selfless in all of his time as a club member.

It is not often that one of our members is honoured with recognition in the form of a national award. After a lifetime of commitment to the sport, it is wonderful that Tibor has received the recognition that is his due and we are very proud of his achievements.

VALE—Lance John Stokes

8th February 1951—26th January 2008

On Australia Day 2008, Yackandandah Pistol Club lost a much valued member, mate and all-round great bloke. Anyone who has been in the pistol shooting game over the past fifteen years will remember Lance, most probably because of his big booming voice, cheery laugh, and enormous sense of humour.

If you have been a visitor to our Opens, you will know Lance as the man who sent out your entry forms, and woe betide you if your entry didn't come back all filled in. He would be on the phone wanting to know why you would not be here.

Lance had been battling cancer for the better part of the last year. His troubles began in January 2007, when due to no fault of his own, he and his motorbike had an altercation with a car at a roundabout. Within a few short weeks he was back on the range shooting Postal

scores for the club, albeit with his leg in plaster and using crutches. As the weeks went by he became aware that all was not well with his health. After many tests and visits to various specialists, the verdict was cancer.

Between treatments, Lance was still coming out to the range to shoot or help out where he could at working bees. His last big effort was last year's Open. He was glad to see so many old friends and be able to say goodbye to them at the end of the weekend, knowing it was highly likely that he wouldn't see them at this year's State Titles.

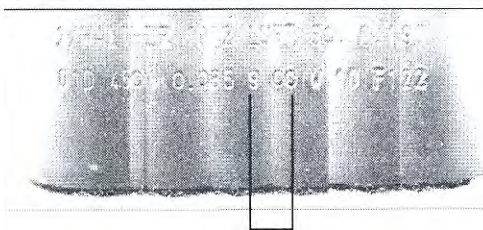
For the members of Yackandandah, we have lost one of the best. In keeping with one of his last wishes, we will scatter some of his ashes over each of the ranges so he can, to quote the man himself, "haunt the buggers".

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For safety, however, Walther would again point out the **maximum period** of use of all compressed air cylinders of **10 years**. Details **on air cylinder** (http://www.carl-walther.info/dev2/images/start/kartuschen_info_en.pdf)

PURPOSE:

To form a squad from which the State Team to compete at National Championships will be selected.

THOSE ELIGIBLE TO NOMINATE:

SENIORS: All shooters of "A" or Master Grade for PA and ISSF events. Master Grade or High Master Grade for NRA Events.

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 complete and mail the nomination form to

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 Open 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 four (4) Sanctioned Open Competitions. There is no limit to the number of such compe-

titions and they may include interstate and overseas competitions. For a competition to be eligible there must be a minimum of a Judge "B" in attendance. In the event that there are less than six (6) Open Competitions planned for a particular event closed elimination/s may be conducted.

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. Should the PA and ISSF National Championships be split, selection periods will be advised.

SELECTION AVERAGES:

To be eligible for selection shooters must maintain the Mean Average as shown in Table 1 below (Average of all scores submitted, discarding the lowest).

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.

	50M	R/F	C/F	Std	25M	Air	Serv	Unrest	Serv 25	1500	BP25	BP50
Open	535	550	565	555		565	855	870	605	1440	360	350
Ladies					560	370						
Junior					545	355						

Table 1

Team Nomination Process

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.

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 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:

- a) Accommodation on a twin or triple share basis from up to 2 nights before the Team Members first Team competition, or from the commencement of Official Training (whichever is the later) until up to 2 nights after the conclusion of the Team Members final team competition or the conclusion of the Championships (whichever is the earlier);
- b) Transport to the city of the Event, or the equivalent cash reimbursement. Should two or more Team Members travel in the same vehicle the cash reimbursement will be adjusted accordingly;
- c) Transfers to the site of the Event, as appropriate;
- d) Entry and nomination fees for team event/s;

- e) Ticket to the Presentation Dinner should Team Members attend;
- f) An allowance of \$25.00 per day for the period accommodation is paid for by V.A.P.A., or the Team Members attendance at the Championships, whichever is the shorter; except that if the accommodation paid for by V.A.P.A. includes daily breakfast the allowance will be reduced to \$10.00 per day.
- g) Other benefits as may be made available 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. If any such request is approved, and dependant on the style of accommodation, the member may be reimbursed up to the equivalent of the accommodation arranged by the V.A.P.A.

Spouse or family may accompany Team members at their own expense, but Team activities will at all times take precedence.

NOMINATION FOR 2008 ISSF/PA STATE TEAM—Due by 30th June 2008

Return to: Neil Stewart, PO Box 2193 Melton South Vic 3338
 Ph: 0417 121 378; Fax 9747 3187

I wish to nominate in the events I have listed for the Elimination Series to select the State team that will represent Victoria at the 2009 National Championships. I undertake to abide by the decision of the Team Selection Sub-Committee and, if selected, the conditions of the published State Team Selection Method 2009.

Nominated Match	Current Grade	Highest Score Shot In Open Competition In The Past 12 Months
50 Metre Pistol		/600
25 Metre Rapid Fire Pistol		/600
25 Metre Centre Fire Pistol		/600
25 Metre Standard Pistol		/600
10 Metre Air Pistol Men		/600
10 Metre Air Pistol Women		/400
25 Metre Pistol Women		/600
25 Metre Pistol Junior		/600
10 Metre Air Pistol Junior Men		/600
10 Metre Air Pistol Junior Women		/400
Service Pistol		/900
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Victorian State Service Titles 2008

By Alan Howard



R Motton & T Davey in action



Spectators on 50m Range

The Victorian State Service Titles were held on the 23rd and the 24th February 2008 at the Mountain District Pistol Club Inc range in the Yarra Valley.

The Titles, hosted by MDPC in conjunction with VAPA, were contested in perfect weather conditions by 44 participants from 14 pistol clubs. Deserving particular mention is John Vella who regularly makes the round trip from Adelaide to participate in Victorian competitions.

At the conclusion of shooting on Sunday, trophy winners were announced by MDPC President Evan Whelan and presented by Gary Fallon, Vice President of VAPA.

In this year's event, the winner of the Service 25 Match was decided in a shoot-off between Paul Jensen and Ralph Motton, with Paul coming out the eventual winner. We congratulate all our state champions and placegetters.

MDPC wishes to thank:

Graeme Roberts, VAPA President, and his wife Gwen for their personal support,

Alex Eagle for ably serving as Judge, as he has done on many previous occasions,

David and Jason Hounam for their computer record keeping,

The Team who prepared and served the excellent snacks, drinks and meals throughout the weekend, and, indeed, all those, both competitors and spectators, who assisted in the running of the Victorian State Service Titles 2008.

A number of people commented on the major upgrade under way on the 2.5km access road to the range. (Perhaps these same people visited the range on a dampish weekend a year or two ago?) Funds raised over the weekend will be used to continue the site improvements.

Our thanks to the sponsors who provided items for the packs presented to each competitor and also to those who provided major items in support of our fund raising efforts.



Melbourne City



ISSF State Championships 2008

By Sharon Reynolds

Each year, as Labour Day approaches, we know that the VAPA ISSF State Titles are almost upon us. This year the competition was hosted by the Yackandandah Pistol Club. An easy 4 hour drive from Melbourne, Yackandandah is a small National Trust town set among the hills of North East Victoria, in the heart of gold mining country. Close by is the Milawa Gourmet region, including the famous Beechworth Bakery!! Many of the competitors were able to find some time to see something of the area – not so the range staff, judges and hardy 5 match competitors!!

Like much of the country everything is very dry in that part of Victoria. The range is set in a beautiful location, with views across rolling fields, and a dam close by – just the thing to calm down shooters upset with their performance!! The locals may want rain – but the universal prayer was “not this weekend, please”. That prayer was answered and we had a weekend of warm, dry weather.

It is a credit to the club that they had ex-members who willingly assisted in a number of areas over the weekend. Raelene Riella spent 2 days feeding targets through the RIKA – with half an hour of panic when the machine “died”. With the help of John Payne and his lock-picking kit (oops, sorry John – his lock-smithing kit!) we managed to get it going again. Seems it doesn't like having bits of target stuck inside it! It was great to see so many of the competitors getting involved and helping on the ranges once they had finished shooting – without this sort of involvement by all the shooters many clubs would find it impossible to run an Open competition – particularly in the ISSF events.

The events all ran smoothly, with the usual queries about scores, relief at a good score, and despair at a poor one. One junior was anxious to know his Sport Pistol score – and when I told him was most upset at being one point off Master grade. Better luck next time Christian! Chris Roberts, on the other hand, was delighted with his Master grade score in air pistol – well done!

At State Titles finals are run in all the Olympic

events. Traditionally this is organized by the judges, although the club has to have prepared targets etc and get the range set up. The decimal scoring is done manually, using a special gauge, and for the 50m final, on a hot and dusty afternoon, we had to find people willing to walk up and down the 50m range 11 times! There was no lack of volunteers and the final ran smoothly, with Chris Roberts overtaking Ben Hall to come out the State Champion for 2008.

In the Rapid Fire final the contestants shot 2 by 2 as the range, like most ranges in Australia, cannot accommodate 6 shooters at one time. Norm Edwards and John Scott were up first and John managed to outshoot Norm to take 5th spot. Jack Holden and Paul Tomassini shot next and remained in 3rd and 4th respectively. Now for the top two – Christian Boyle and Lucas Finken stepped up to line. By the end of the final Lucas had managed to overtake Christian to win the Championship for this year.

The Sport Pistol Final attracted a number of spectators – with 2 finalists on 549 and 3 on 548 there was an anticipation of a hard fought final. Kristy Gillman went into the final with a lead of 6 points and, not surprisingly, retained her lead to become State Champion for 2008.

The only real controversy of the weekend came on the absolute last shot of the weekend, in the Final of the women's Air Pistol competition. That last shot was late, and gave the championship to Emma Crouch of Ballarat. Emma had shot an excellent final, scoring 94.4, and can be proud of her win – but, for her, it was a disappointing way to do it. There was a protest lodged on the timing but the Jury, and following that a Jury of Appeal, decided that the protest would not be upheld.

State Titles are the highest level of competition that comes under the jurisdiction of VAPA. Over the years we have tried hard to keep this competition at a high level as far as adherence to the rules, preparation of the ranges, qualification of the range staff and judges etc. are concerned. Yackandandah did all this magnificently, with the only problem being in the classification office systems (not the quality of the

staff, which was excellent). Why? – nothing to do with the results “on the scene” which were promptly available. However, things like extracting the aggregates, producing top tens, presentation lists, Finals notices etc. were not automatic and they do need to be. A universal system (including training) should be available to clubs hosting State Titles and a recommendation to this effect will go to the VAPA Committee of Management.

Congratulations to all our champions for 2008. And congratulations to Annette Holden and her team at Yackandandah for putting on such a great competition – any competition is a lot of work but they can now kick back and enjoy that feeling of a job well done.

Victorian ISSF State Champions for 2008

Air Pistol – Men	Chris Roberts	MISC	575 / 666.5
Air Pistol – Women	Emma Crouch	Ballarat	372 / 466.4
Air Pistol – Junior Men	Christian Boyle	Bairnsdale	564
Air Pistol – Junior Women	Elena Galiabovitch	Oakleigh	365
Rapid Fire	Lucas Finken	Outtrim & District	547 / 736.2
50m Pistol	Chris Roberts	MISC	529 / 624.5
25m Pistol – Women	Kristy Gillman	Yarra	559 / 751.7
Junior Sport Pistol	Elena Galiabovitch	Oakleigh	548
Centre Fire Pistol	Ben Hall	Shepparton	568
Standard Pistol	Lucas Finken	Outtrim & District	561
5 Match Aggregate (Men)	Paul Tomassini	Oakleigh	2585
3 Match Aggregate (Women)	Kristy Gillman	Yarra	1470
2 Match Aggregate (Juniors)	Elena Galiabovitch	Oakleigh	913

2008 Victorian Service State Champions

Service Match	Jason Chisholm	Sale Pistol Club	870
Service Unrestricted	Jason Chisholm	Sale Pistol Club	877
Service 25	Paul Jensen	Warragul-Drouin Pistol	623

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National Championships

By Neil Stewart

Where do we start? Victoria did not win either the Philip Adams Trophy or the P.A.K. Manton Shield this year, but it was still a hugely successful Nationals. The loss of Dina Aspandiyarova, Bruce Quick, Daniel Repacholi and Lalita Yauhleuskaya from the selected team took a lot of firepower from our team. However, those that stepped into the breach did a magnificent job and we finished second in the Manton Shield by only 23 points.

What were the highlights? They were many and varied.



Junior Sport Champion—Christian Boyle

City of Brisbane Pistol Club had done a lot of work around the ranges, including building a huge veranda around the club house. It proved to be a very popular spot to catch up with people. At Registration everyone was given a laminated ID card on a lanyard, with his or her name, state and competitor number. On the back of the card were all their squadding details! No excuses for losing your squadding.

While the team were waiting in the queue for Equipment Control, a group of us from Victoria and NSW were standing outside when this strange wet stuff started falling from the sky. None of us had seen rain for that long we actually stayed outside and enjoyed the sensation.

On the first day of competition the Opening Ceremony was held! For many years the Service and Black Powder shooters have grouched that the Opening Ceremony has been held after

they have completed their competition. Queensland bit the bullet and decided to hold the ceremony on the opening day. Much appreciated by all who attended.



Geoff Horton looking dapper on the Service Match Range

The daily presentations included the presentation of the perpetual trophies. In past years these had been presented at the Presentation

Dinner, and in many cases the winner was not present. At least now when you win a National Championship you can get your hands on your trophy.

One of the biggest innovations was the scoring display. Networked laptops were all over the ranges. As soon as the series was scored, results were entered into the computer and displayed on big screens on the ranges and in the clubhouse.



Match Aggregate presented to Linda Ryan by Jenny Gregory



Davey Oates' (NSW) great group—wrong place
Shot at Service Unrestricted 50 yards (sitting)

As for the shooting, the team's efforts were magnificent. In many cases the team score at the Nationals was higher than the elimination average, normally in the pressure of the Nationals the score drops off but bit, but not this year. It was a bloody good effort!

We ended up on the dais in 12 of the 15 events, winning Centrefire, Ladies Air and Black Powder 50 and we came second to NSW in Service Unrestricted on a count back. So tight was unrestricted that Ralph Motton finished 6th, two points behind the winner! Peter Knowlton (Qld) won the event with 882, with four shooters tied on 881, then Ralph 6th 880 and Jason Chisholm 7th, 879. The pattern continued all the way to 10th place, 876. Six points covering the top ten is one of the closest for many years.

Other highlights included John Sammartino shooting his highest Nationals scores ever in

both Black Powder events, resulting in two second places. Emma Crouch shooting a PB of 374 in Ladies Air, and having our entire Team in the Final. Stephen Dellar, despite undergoing treatment for lymphoma, anchored both the Free and Men's Air team to podium finishes and made the free final, jumping from eighth to sixth in the process.

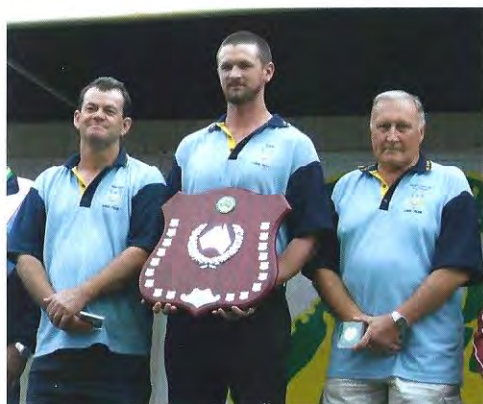
But the biggest highlight was the overall team performance, truly magnificent.

There were a few other "incidents" that are worthy of mention.

One evening a couple of the team were wandering around the nearby shopping centre. As



Crouch, Kristy Gillman & Linda Ryan
Ladies Air Pistol Champions



Wayne Davis, Ben Hall & Geoff Horton
Centre Fire Champions

with all shopping centres there are stalls with people trying to get you to sign up for something or buy something. One Black Powder shooting gentleman from down the Mornington Peninsula way was accosted by a lady flogging moisturiser and nearly ended up with a full facial!

Over breakfast one morning we were discussing things in general when one of the team let slip that a Service shooter from Gippsland way (currently residing in Sydney) was checking the trigger on his revolver when suddenly the hammer went all loose. Only a slight problem like a broken mainspring! Luckily one of the others had a spare so it was no major drama, but not the sort of thing you need at the Nationals.

Development News

By Paul Jenner

Melbourne Gun Show

Recently at the Melbourne Gunshow (held at the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds on the 29th and 30th of March,) VAPA had the portable air range running. The public were able to have a go at shooting air pistols. On the Saturday there were three of us on duty and we completed 66 NORI forms, 20 handgun license shooters and 18 who came back 2, 3 and 4 times.

A total of 104 people used the air range. We had people from all over Victoria and a couple from SA as well. Of the people that returned several times, I believe that 4 to 6 of these may join a club somewhere in Victoria. It was an extremely busy day with only 3 on duty. Sunday was a bit slower but we still did the same total of 100 plus people (60 NORI forms again). There were five on duty that day. We again had people that were extremely interested in our sport and could join a club.

The Victorian Police checked on everything and were suitably impressed. Many VAPA members visited the range on the weekend and had favourable comments about it. I believe that some 4000 people attended the show over the weekend. Any club that wishes to use this facility at a show or an event should look at booking it by contacting Wayne Roots at Warragul/Drouin Pistol Club.

I would like to thank the following people who helped me on the weekend::

Jim Edlington – Beaconsfield PC
Steven Jenner – Beaconsfield PC
Wayne Roots – Warragul/Drouin PC
Charlie Roots – Warragul/Drouin PC
Gary Fallon – Warragul/Drouin PC
Kate Ord – Diamond Valley PC
Andrew Jenner – Beaconsfield PC

Ex-Pistol Shooter Questionnaire

I recently sent out a questionnaire to over 220 ex pistol shooters that have left the sport in the past year. About one third responded. The aim of this was to try to ascertain reasons for these people to leave our sport. The overwhelming reason was government legislation /rules with family/time commitments. However, the overwhelming majority enjoyed the sport so much that they would consider returning if circumstances allowed. Many of the respondents gave very positive suggestions that may improve aspects of our sport and this is where current members can help. We need current members to help ensure we don't lose any more shooters.

Areas where current members and club officials could look at are:

- more flexible opening times
- checking the fee structure so not too expensive
- making women and juniors feel more welcome
- having more social/fun events

- getting coaches in more often
- updating old club guns and club facilities
- encourage shooters of all standards—not just the elite
- issue life membership after 20 years in one club
- increase publicity about your club – advertise

I feel this feedback gives us an insight into how we maybe able to improve/maintain the organization of your own club and so keep your members happy and encourage new ones to join. It is easier to retain members than get new ones.

Paul Jenner
VAPA SDO

PS: A complete document will be set to all club secretaries shortly.

Judge's Corner—Range Etiquette

By Peter Davis—National "A" Judge

From observation range etiquette is something that seems to have slipped under the carpet. There are a multitudes of things that come under this banner; I will cover some of them now.

The first and foremost is late arrival on the range for a competition. Etiquette requires that the competitor report to the Range Officer before entering their bay. Depending upon the event and competition the Range Officer may request that the competitor wait until that series is completed before allowing the competitor to enter the bay and set up his/her equipment. Rule 8.6.6.1.3 (page 371) also states that unless the late arrival is beyond the competitor's control he/she will not be credited with any extra time. If it is a time fired event e.g. Standard Pistol; the competitor may have to forgo sighting shots. Each occurrence will be determined on the event and circumstances at the time.

The next is noise on the range. Rule 8.9.1 (page 387) states 'Loud noise is not permitted near the firing line'. Range officers, Jury members, Team officials and shooters must limit their conversation to official business when they are near the competitors. This means that when you have finished shooting please consider those who have not and be quiet or move off the range if you wish to converse with somebody else. Of course this is after obtaining the Range Officers permission to leave the range.

The last one I will mention is that of packing up any of your equipment before the Range

Officer has told you to do so, or moving your bench to another position whilst other competitors are still shooting. Etiquette requires that you do not pack up any of your equipment until told to do so by the Range Officer. Also if you need to move your bench to another position i.e. going from 150 seconds to 20 seconds in the Standard Pistol event, you will be given time before being told to load for the first 20 second series to relocate your bench.

Q: *Recently I was shooting the 25m Pistol match in the Rapid-Fire stage. I had a shot that caught the target as it was turning, and I wasn't sure if it scored as a hit or miss. What is the rule on this?*

A: Rule 8.11.2.2.1 (page 390) explains shots fired whilst the target is in motion must not be scored as hits, unless the greatest horizontal dimension of the bullet hole (surface lead/bullet mark on the target is ignored) measures, not more than 7mm in the 25m Rapid fire 5.6mm (22) events, or 11mm in the Center Fire pistol event.

What this means is that if you fire a shot and it hits the target whilst they are turning away and it is no more than the above measurements the shot will be counted. To top this off if the shot happens to touch a demarcation ring of a higher value then the higher value is recorded. A rule of thumb is that if the target is no more than 45 degrees from the faced position the shot will be recorded as a hit.

TRI STATE 2008

We are still seeking juniors to make up a squad for the TriState this year. This will be the 27th Tristate competition. It will be held in Sydney over the Queens Birthday weekend in June. There may be a chance that the squad will have 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.

Paul Jenner

VAPA Junior Development/Sport Development Officer

2008 National Championships

Metallic Silhouette Bore & Field Pistol

By James Moore

Victoria entered its first ever State Team for the 12th National Championships which was held at Bowral Pistol Club NSW from 29th February to 2nd March. The VAPA flag was prominently displayed over the course of the weekend at its first outing at a metallic silhouette event. After a week of rain in New South Wales the weather over the course of the event was fine and generally very good that is, it wasn't windy. The team members comprising Les Parker (MISC), Michael (Mick) Arden (Euroa Pistol Club) and Lance Phillips (Bendigo Pistol Club) were welcomed by all and given the usual ribbing that Victorians seem to get. The event was also attended by John Leckie of Warragul Drouin Pistol Club and myself.

was in the revolver match where they took out 4th and 5th place respectively with scores of 38 and 37 out of 40. Lance was only one scoring shot from competing in the shoot off for 1st place. Les achieved a 7th placing in the standing event. With a bit more work we should be able to have shooters in the top 10.

The field pistol events involve shooting a centre fire calibre over the 100 metres in the standing position and is quite challenging. Again Mick and Lance were having their usual personal competition with Mick finishing 14th overall with an aggregate score of 52 out of 80 while Lance also with a score of 52 finished 15th (Mick shot the most rams at 100 metres which gave him the higher ranking). Les was having one of those days



Victorian Team Members
Les Parker, Lance Phillips and Mick Arden

but still finished 19th with an aggregate of 48. With a bit more work on the chicken and pig targets at 25 and 50 metres, which are supposed to be the easier targets to shoot, we will achieve higher placings.

John and I while not part of the VAPA team achieved top 3 placings in our respective grades and showed that the guys on the team will have to keep working if they want to retain their positions.

While the Victorian team wasn't in

The small bore (22 cal) events comprise 4 different events being production gun, revolver, standing and unlimited gun and the overall winner is the person with the highest aggregate for the events. There were 42 shooters competing in the aggregate event and the highest aggregate score was 148 (out of a possible 160). Lance Phillips achieved a score of 126 to be placed 11th overall while Mick Arden finished one point behind on 125 to be placed 12th. This is an excellent result given that the Australian team members took 4 of the top 10 places. The event that Lance and Mick surprised everyone

the top 3 overall in either event we demonstrated that we have the ability to get there in the future. This was a great result given the team was only formulated in January and that we don't have access to a VAPA range on which to train and compete. One of our challenges will be to establish a women's and juniors team to attend these events so if you are interested please contact James on 0427 392 837.

The overall team placings are listed on page 25.

VICTORIAN AMATEUR PISTOL ASSOCIATION

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Technical Talk

The TOZ-35/35M 50M Pistol

By Bert Smith

Shooting a 50 m (slow fire, free pistol) match is the "marathon" of pistol shooting. Many consider 50 m pistol to be the toughest of the Olympic shooting events. It can be a very frustrating discipline to master. (In spite of best efforts, I never did.) Admittedly, it is a *mental* marathon, but it is usual for competitors to feel drained by the end of the match. Be prepared in both mind and body when you fire the first shot. Sadly, here in Tasmania, only a few devoted shooters now compete in this match. There are many reasons for this, including the acknowledged difficulty of 50 m pistol, the number of alternative pistol shooting competitions and the high price of a new competitive 50 m pistol. When things go well there is no more satisfying feeling than shooting ten consecutive shots within the nine and ten rings.



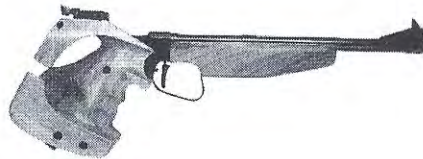
TOZ-35

Developed in 1959, the TOZ-35/35M is truly a remarkable pistol. It is the most successful 50 m pistol in history. The TOZ has many championships and medals to its name. Although relatively inexpensive, it seems to get the best results for athletes. This pistol is the result of quality Russian design and continues to yield the highest results in competitive 50 m pistol shooting. However, its components are not particularly well made, machining is fair, but not great, and many shooters find the factory grips quite uncomfortable. (The best add-on you can buy or build for this gun is a set of custom grips). The trigger, when set up correctly, is exceptionally consistent and the overall balance and feel contribute to it being a "forgiving" gun.

TOZ is an acronym for Tula Arms Factory (or something similar). I believe the current factory address is 300002, Tula, ul. Sovetskaya, 1a, Russia. The TOZ factory's web site is at tinyurl.com/2wa285 but the TOZ-35/35M is not shown in their current product range.

Initially, the TOZ-35 was only available to Soviet block shooters. Later it became available around the world. It is a single shot falling block pistol using a design coping much from the early Hammerli Free Pistols. A lever in the base of the pistol grip operates the action. Moving the lever forward opens the action.

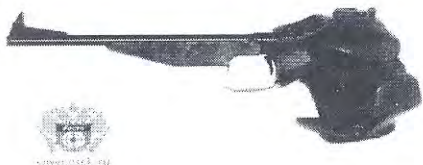
I believe that the TOZ-35/35M has not been in production for many years. All of the "new" (?) pistols on the market probably originate from warehouses. There are 2 models, the 35 and the 35M. A quickly identifiable difference is that the M (modified or match) version has a collar around the barrel to which the front sight blade holder is attached, whereas the 35 has the front sight blade holder attached directly to the barrel. I suspect that the M version is/was easier to mass produce and assemble. The trigger guard is much larger on the M version.



As stated, TOZ -35M the TOZ-35 is neither renowned for high quality machining nor beautiful finish. The gun features great design and manufacturing in three areas that are most important to 50 m shooters, the trigger, chamber and bore. Machining marks, misfit parts and canted front sights are par for the course with

TOZ-35/35M pistols. Thankfully, some key parts are supplied with the pistol. However, breakages are common. I have seen TOZ firing pin springs and firing pins to break unexpectedly. Murphy's Law says it will occur during a match. Watch out for a misfire followed by a light firing pin strike. When practised it is a five or so minute job to remove the bolt and replace this spring and/or the firing pin. If you can do this yourself on your TOZ, you will save a lot of stress!

If you have a good TOZ-35/35M, consider it a collector's piece. If you should catch up with Alex Taransky, please ask him about the TOZ-60. I would love to know!



Does the TOZ- 60 exist?
Apparently so. S e e
cssk.ru/index.php?page=arsenal2

(tinyurl.com/3298od) Little information is available.

I accessed the web links shown below in mid-February 2007. I hope that they will still work when you get to read this. If not, a judicious search using your favourite search engine will be profitable!

Where can I get some useful information on the care and maintenance of this pistol?
Try tinyurl.com/352i96

Where can I get a manual and a parts list?
Try tinyurl.com/2fhfgq for the manual. Also, try tinyurl.com/2qaiwj. (Look under Vostok TOZ35.) There is a parts list at steve-spaces.com/pdf/vostok_toz_35_parts.pdf.

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The TOZ-35/35M accelerator assembly: tinyurl.com/32tiv7

TOZ 35 trigger issues: tinyurl.com/2rjhm4

An update to the February VPN article on PCP air pistol cylinders and hot days.

Before closing, the Tasmanian 2007 ISSF and Black Powder championships were held during hot weather in mid-February. One air pistol shooter was surprised to find that the gauges on the two PCP air pistol cylinders showed pressure readings in the danger (red) area. The cylinders had been filled to the end of the green (safety) area on the gauges and were left in a car boot for some 6 hours before the match started.

There is also a warning & recall notice on Walther air cylinders published on page 9 of this journal.

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Coaching Column

Thoughts on Trigger Control

By Tibor Gonczol—International Pistol Coach

Correct trigger control must be applied in conjunction with the other fundamentals of shooting. The RATE of trigger control may vary from individual to individual, and will also depend – to a large degree – on the way the shooter grips his/her pistol. (Light grip, tight grip, rapid rate, slow rate, etc.)

Some years ago I was talking to Col. T.D. Smith, who still holds the Centre Fire World Record with an unbelievable 597. When we discussed his “duelling” (Rapid Fire Course) technique he said something like “when I pick up my sights and the pistol glides into the aiming area, I BUMP the trigger off”. I thought I knew what he was talking about, but as I was actually interviewing him and had a tape recorder going – I gasped (naturally) and said: “you do WHAT? BUMP the trigger off?!” “#^~?! SURELY you mean you squeeze the b... thing?!” He then said something to the effect: “We are only arguing about words, and what I am talking about is the RATE of the trigger pull. It may take you a second or two to apply pressure so that the sights remain perfectly aligned while you are adding pressure to the trigger, so you call this “SQUEEZE” while I do the same thing in a couple of tenths of a second – still maintaining perfect sight alignment – so I call it “BUMP” it off. You better not use this word when you are teaching, but it means the same this, and the important thing is that whatever you do, however slow or fast you do it, it must not affect your perfect sight alignment.” (Well, I guess this is why he is a World Record Holder!)

In any case, it is important that the application of the trigger pressure should be an uninterrupted constantly increasing “positive” pressure, straight to the rear. This trigger control is THE decisive element in producing an accurate shot. The trigger must be pressed in conjunction with peak visual perception, breath control, steady hold and maximum concentration on the sight alignment.

Throughout all these, the pistol is in constant motion, the degree of motion depending on the stability of a hold, stance, grip and position.

Because of this movement, it is difficult to maintain concentration, sight alignment and trigger control, due to the built in instinct of not accepting any movement. Special CONDITIONED REFLEXES must be developed, by the constant, controlled repetition, of all the elements discussed above, and by regular training and dry firing. There are various aspects that have bearing on mastering trigger control. These include:

- i. Reaction time
- ii. Stimulation and inhibition process
- iii. Coordination
- iv. Reflexes
 - a) Conditioned
 - b) Unconditioned
- v. Detrimental conditioned reflexes (heeling, jerking, pushing, etc.)

Factors providing for correct trigger control:

- a. Independent movement of the trigger finger
- b. Grip must remain constant
- c. Correct Grip. (Function of the correct grip; to create proper support permitting the trigger finger to move independently, straight back, without causing any movement in the sight alignment)
- d. Proper placement of finger on trigger (no side pressure).
- e. Smooth trigger control, regardless of speed
- f. No other parts of the hand must move
- g. No movement in the wrist
- h. Focus on front sight, alignment maintained while constant trigger pressure is applied
- i. Function of “minimum arc” of movement. (Do not attempt to fire before settling in to the minimum arc of movement.)
- j. Positive pressure application. This is the act of committing the shooter to complete the firing of the shot once the application of pressure has started. If – however –

holding conditions should deteriorate too much while applying pressure, the shot should be "cancelled" (The shooter should stop, relax, re-plan and start again.)

- k. Surprise break. (This way no anticipation and muscular tension or reaction can spoil a good sight alignment.

Correct trigger control can be learned. There are various training exercises that will improve coordination and timing, and smooth, independent movement of the trigger finger.

- a. Learning and practicing to hold the pistol with as little movement as possible.
- b. Trigger finger exercises, learning to move fingers independently from each other, one at a time, without causing other fingers or any other part of the hand to also move.
- c. Dry firing on a blank area
- d. Dry firing on a target (detrimental conditioned reflexes least stimulated and reinforced)
- e. Shooting on a blank (back of) target

- f. Early application of trigger pressure.

- g. Loading alternative chambers when practicing with revolvers ("Russian roulette")

- h. Mental rehearsal of correct timing and shooting rhythm

Systematic training and dry firing will restore the balance between stimuli and inhibitions and will improve trigger control. All training sessions should START and FINISH with some dry firing. It is a proven fact that dry firing is necessary for the development of proper coordination.

Incorrectly adjusted triggers can aggravate problems. (Excessive sear creep, or trigger pull weight, or too light a trigger, "collapsing" trigger, incorrectly adjusted backlash, inconsistent action, etc.) Target shooting is a "technical" sport. Learn to clean, maintain and correctly adjust your pistols.

Metallic Silhouette & Field Pistol Nationals—Overall team placings

Small Bore

1. ACT	285
2. New South Wales	282
3. Queensland	261
4. Tasmania	256
5. Victoria	246

Field Pistol

1. New South Wales	137
2. ACT	126
3. Queensland	114
4. Tasmania	114
5. Victoria	100

National Championships (Continued from page 17)
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Who says Brisbane doesn't have any traffic! Getting to the range the first couple of days (weekend) was great with the hotel was only about ten minutes from the range. Come Monday morning it took us 15 minutes just to do a right hand turn into the range. Getting to and from the airport was another raffle. On a good day with the flights on time it was about a 45 minute round trip from the range. On one trip, after waiting for a delayed flight we got about one and a half kilometres from the terminal when we came to a dead stop, and did not get

above 20 km/h for the next 20 kilometres. The whole trip from range to airport to hotel took just under three hours.

All in all it was a well organised and run Nationals and a very successful one. Thanks to all the Team Members for their efforts and assistance.

Victorian Top Ten—2008

Compiled by Neil Stewart

COMPETITIONS INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE:

"Outtrim Service & WA1500, Mildura Int 1920, Castlemaine ISSF, Warragul Drouin ISSF & Black Powder Service State Titles, Black Powder State Titles, ISSF State Titles, PA/ISSF Nationals Aust Cup I, Aust Cup II, Rio World Cup, Ballarat Int 1920, ACT Titles Int 1920, SA Titles Int 1920

50m Pistol

State Record 555

"John Gillman (1976), Bruce Quick (1998)"

1	Repacholi Daniel	554	Aust Cup II Mar
2	Dellar Stephen	548	Castlemaine Feb
3	Roberts Chris	537	Castlemaine Feb
4	Hall Ben	530	Vic Titles Mar
5	Boyle Kevin	523	Nationals Mar
6	Bowron Peter	519	Vic Titles Mar
7	Mullens Gary	514	Vic Titles Mar
8	Leyshan Robert	507	Castlemaine Feb
9	Cindric Dane	506	Castlemaine Feb
10	Healey Stuart	502	Castlemaine Feb

State Record 580

Bruce Quick (1999)

1	Finken Lucas	561	Vic Titles Mar
2	Roberts Chris	560	Nationals Mar
3	Smith Ern	555	Warragul Feb
4	Hall Ben	551	Castlemaine Feb
5	Mullens Gary	550	Vic Titles Mar
6	Ryan Linda	548	Nationals Mar
7	Boyle Kevin	547	Nationals Mar
8	Horton Geoff	545	Nationals Mar
9	Moncrieff Les	543	Nationals Mar
10	Chng Aik Pin	537	Nationals Mar

Rapid Fire

State Record 564

Lucas Finken (2007)

1	Quick Bruce	565	Aust Cup II Mar
2	Finken Lucas	553	Nationals Mar
3	Boyle Christian	551	Vic Titles Mar
4	Edwards Norm	527	Castlemaine Feb
5	Telfer David	526	Castlemaine Feb
6	Boyle Kevin	523	Nationals Mar
7	Tretiakov Mikhail	522	Castlemaine Feb
8	Davis Wayne	515	Nationals Mar
9	Moncrieff Les	515	Nationals Mar
10	Healey Stuart	512	Castlemaine Feb

10 Metre Air Pistol Men

State Record 577

B Sandstrom (1999)

1	Repacholi Daniel	577	Aust Cup I Feb
2	Roberts Chris	575	Vic Titles Mar
3	Dellar Stephen	571	Aust Cup II Mar
4	Finken Lucas	570	Vic Titles Mar
5	Hall Ben	560	Castlemaine Feb
6	Edwards Norm	553	Castlemaine Feb
7	Leyshan Robert	552	Castlemaine Feb
8	Mullens Gary	552	Vic Titles Mar
9	Moncrieff Les	550	Nationals Mar
10	Chng Aik Pin	547	Nationals Mar

25m Centrefire

State Record 585

Bruce Quick (1996)

1	Hall Ben	568	Vic Titles Mar
2	Roberts Chris	565	Vic Titles Mar
3	Mullens Gary	564	Nationals Mar
4	Horton Geoff	563	Vic Titles Mar
5	Moncrieff Les	561	Nationals Mar
6	Davis Wayne	559	Nationals Mar
7	Smith Ern	554	Nationals Mar
8	Tretiakov Mikhail	551	Castlemaine Feb
9	Eagle Grant	548	Castlemaine Feb
10	Tomassini Paul	543	Vic Titles Mar

10 Metre Air Pistol Women

State Record 387

Lalita Yauhlevskaya (2002)

1	Aspandiyarova Dina	389	Aust Cup I Feb
2	Ryan Linda	380	Aust Cup I Feb
3	Gillman Kristy	377	Vic Titles Mar
4	Yauhlevskaya Lalita	377	Aust Cup I Feb
5	Crouch Emma	374	Nationals Mar
6	Galiabovitch Elena	373	Nationals Mar
7	Leticq Lisa	368	Warragul Feb
8	Charlton Irene	367	Nationals Mar
9	Austin Marianne	366	Aust Cup I Feb
10	Wilson Marlo	363	Warragul Feb

25 Metre Pistol Women

State Record 583

Linda Ryan (2001)

Standard Pistol

Victorian Top Ten—2008

1	Yauhleuskaya Lalita	588	Aust Cup II Mar
2	Aspandiyarova Dina	583	Aust Cup I Feb
3	Ryan Linda	581	Aust Cup I Feb
4	Gillman Kristy	565	Nationals Mar
5	Austin Marianne	559	Nationals Mar
6	Koreny Yvette	557	Castlemaine Feb
7	Mullens Joy	555	Nationals Mar
8	Crouch Emma	548	Vic Titles Mar
9	Woodward Kathryn	548	Vic Titles Mar
10	Blake Cherie	543	Vic Titles Mar

3	Moncrieff Les	366	Nationals Mar
4	Scougall Andrew	361	Nationals Mar
5	Davis Wayne	359	Nationals Mar
6	McCann David	358	Vic Titles Feb
7	Olsen Stuart	358	Vic Titles Feb
8	Hastie David	356	Warragul Feb
9	Tretiakov Mikhail	356	Vic Titles Feb
10	Motton Ralph	354	Vic Titles Feb

Black Powder 50 Metre

State Record 374

Dennis Martin (1998)

25 Metre Pistol Junior

State Record 578

Andrew Gonczol (1990)

1	Boyle Christian	564	Nationals Mar
2	Galiabovitch Elena	551	Nationals Mar
3	Mullens Chelsea	537	Vic Titles Mar
4	Foster Brydon	519	Vic Titles Mar
5	Waghorne Joel	519	Castlemaine Feb
6	Payne Alison	506	Nationals Mar
7	Jackson Nathan	503	Vic Titles Mar
8	Myers Stephen	496	Vic Titles Mar
9	Wilson Marlo	454	Castlemaine Feb
10	Barker Ray	421	Vic Titles Mar

1	Sammartino John	364	Nationals Mar
2	Davis Wayne	354	Vic Titles Feb
3	Smith Ern	350	Vic Titles Feb
4	Moncrieff Les	342	Nationals Mar
5	Motton Ralph	338	Vic Titles Feb
6	Scougall Andrew	331	Nationals Mar
7	Hastie David	330	Vic Titles Feb
8	Horton Geoff	323	Vic Titles Feb
9	Dunbar Stuart	316	Vic Titles Feb
10	Kerr Bill	305	Vic Titles Feb

Service Pistol

State Record 887

Peter Muscat (1991)

10 Metre Air Pistol Junior Men

State Record 571

Daniel Repacholli (2000)

1	Boyle Christian	564	Vic Titles Mar
2	Scott McMillan	523	Vic Titles Mar
3	Jackson Nathan	509	Vic Titles Mar
4	Waghorne Joel	505	Castlemaine Feb
5	Myers Stephen	484	Vic Titles Mar
6	Foster Brydon	480	Vic Titles Mar
7	Barker Ray	418	Vic Titles Mar
8	Rand Joshua	408	Castlemaine Feb
9	Jenner Andrew	503	Warragul Feb
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1	Chisholm Jason	870	Vic Titles Feb
2	Motton Ralph	860	Vic Titles Feb
3	Clark Les	858	Outtrim Feb
4	Olsen Stuart	858	Outtrim Feb
5	Jensen Paul	849	Vic Titles Feb
6	Scott Peter	848	Vic Titles Feb
7	Wilkinson Chris	847	Outtrim Feb
8	Carney Jamie	843	Vic Titles Feb
9	Davis Wayne	834	Outtrim Feb
10	Jensen Wayne	819	Vic Titles Feb

Service Unrestricted

State Record 886

Peter Muscat (1989)

10 Metre Air Pistol Junior Women

State Record 385

Annemarie Forder (1998)

1	Galiabovitch Elena	365	Vic Titles Mar
2	Wilson Marlo	360	Warragul Feb
5	Mullens Chelsea	340	Warragul Feb
4	Payne Alison	307	Castlemaine Feb
5	Dunlop Erin	299	Vic Titles Mar
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1	Motton Ralph	880	Nationals Mar
2	Chisholm Jason	879	Nationals Mar
3	Jensen Paul	872	Kurrajong Feb
4	Davis Wayne	869	Outtrim Feb
5	Clark Les	867	Nationals Mar
6	Wilkinson Chris	865	Outtrim Feb
7	Lowe Greg	864	Vic Titles Feb
8	Watson Tony	859	Vic Titles Feb
9	Carney Jamie	857	Vic Titles Feb
10	Lewis Andrew	856	Outtrim Feb

Service 25

State Record 630

Chris Winterhalter (2007)

Black Powder 25 Metre

State Record 378

Noel Ryan (1980)

1	Sammartino John	376	Nationals Mar
2	Smith Ern	372	Vic Titles Feb

1	Motton Ralph	627	Nationals Mar
2	Jensen Paul	623	Vic Titles Feb
3	Chisholm Jason	619	Nationals Mar
4	Olsen Stuart	615	Outtrim Feb

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5	Watson Tony	610	Outtrim Feb	6	Mackiewicz Anita	1902.152x	ACT Titles Mar
6	Davis Wayne	609	Nationals Mar	7	Hardy Brian	1900.163x	Ballarat Mar
7	Lowe Greg	607	Vic Titles Feb	8	Clark Les	1899.137x	Ballarat Mar
8	Winterhalter Allan	606	Outtrim Feb	9	Siebert Richard	1891.141x	Ballarat Mar
9	Jensen Wayne	602	Vic Titles Feb	10	Tait Frank	1854.150x	Ballarat Mar
10	Bishopp Paul	595	Nationals Mar				

WA 1500 Match

State Record 1477 92x

Dean Brus (2006)

1	Motton Ralph	1478.58x	Nationals Mar
2	Chisholm Jason	1468.32x	Nationals Mar
3	Jensen Paul	1468.19x	Orange Feb
4	Clark Les	1457.44x	Nationals Mar
5	Wilkinson Chris	1444.66x	Outtrim Feb
6	Davis Wayne	1440.40x	Outtrim Feb
7	Moncrieff Les	1430.18x	Nationals Mar
8	Davis Wayne	1426.27x	Nationals Mar
9	Olsen Stuart	1425.56x	Outtrim Feb
10	Neal Luke	1413.36x	Outtrim Feb

International 1920 Match (Metallic Sight)

State Record 1865/110x

Craig Ginger 2007

1	Cvetnic Zeljko	1846.112x	ACT Titles Mar
2	Hardy Brian	1817.105x	Mildura Feb
3	Whitehead Tom	1793.094x	ACT Titles Mar
4	Wilson Bob	1363.048x	Mildura Feb
5	Griffin Peter	1206.038x	Mildura Feb
6	Woods Les	1205.038x	Mildura Feb
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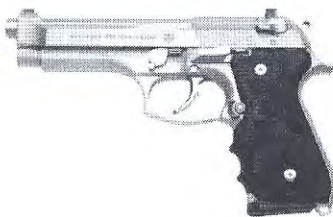
International 1920 Match (Open)

State Record 1914/170x

Craig Ginger 2007

1	Bannister Roy	1916.158x	Ballarat Mar
2	Kerner Charles	1916.155x	Ballarat Mar
3	Whitehead Tom	1914.144x	Ballarat Mar
4	Cvetnic Zeljko	1908.144x	ACT Titles Mar
5	Dajczer Henry	1904.139x	Ballarat Mar

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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		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	

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Mildura	ISSF	6/5/08	\$10/event	Wayne Davis Ph: 0417 300602 PO Box 9 Irymple Vic 3498
SSPC-ACT	WA1500; Service 25 Service Unrestricted	27/6/08	\$10/event	Jo King 02 62540006 E: joking@netspeed.com.au Service Pistol Open 35 Trumper Street, Holt ACT 2615
Mildura	Black Powder	3/6/08	\$10/event	Wayne Davis PO Box 9 Irymple Vic 3498 Ph: 0417 300602
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Ballarat	Black Powder			Not available
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2008 Open Competition Calendar

Month	Date	Competition	Venue
May	10-11	ISSF	Warrnambool
	17	Practical	Salé
	24-25	Service Pistol Open	Melton
		ISSF	Mildura
		ISSF	M.I.S.C.
June	7-9	ISSF, Service & Black Powder	Mid Murray
	8	International 1920	Geelong
	21-22	Black Powder	Mildura
	28-29	Black Powder	Castlemaine
	28-29	Australian Shooting Games	Brisbane
July	5-6	Service & WA1500	Canberra
	12-13	ISSF	Melton
	19-20	Service & WA1500	Mildura
Aug	2-3	Black Powder	Ballarat
	10-11	NT International 1920 Titles	Darwin
	12-16	International 1920 Nationals	Darwin
Sep	19-21	Metallic Silhouette Big Bore National Championships	Inverell
	20-21	WA1500 State Titles	Outtrim
	20-21	ISSF	Shepparton
Oct	4-5	ISSF	Yarra
	11-12	Masters Games	Alice Springs
	11-12	International 1920 State Titles	Kerang
	11-18	Commonwealth Youth Games	TBA
Nov	5-8	International 1920 World Shoot	Hamilton NZ
	15-16	ISSF	Oakleigh
	29-30	Service & Black Powder	Yarra

Training Camps

Jun 27—July 26

Jun 30—Jul 6

Sep 22—28

PATS Camp

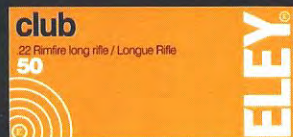
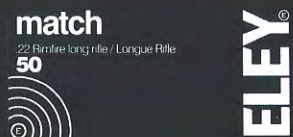
National Junior Camp

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