



SPRINGVALE PISTOL CLUB

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Happy Birthday To You SPC

Congratulations SPC you are now 2 years old and look how much you have grown (**Ed:** and no I don't mean in the waist!) Thank you to all members who attended the AGM this year.

Sam

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2006 AGM went well with 75% attendance. Your committee for the next year are above

They are all prepared to work for you to provide the facilities and opportunities for you to gain personal satisfaction and enjoyment from your shooting. If you have any suggestions or needs, then talk to your committee, or ask for a particular matter to be put on the agenda for discussion or decision. If you want to see how the committee functions, then come and join us on the night.

This year has been one of consolidation for the SPC. Many of our members have been actively involved in Interclub, Postal & Open competitions, and some of our newer members have progressed to do well against other competitors around the State. Considering the limitations of our facilities this is a good effort. The social atmosphere is friendly and there is optimism about the next year.

It is a busy time for all our competition shooters with various competitions and championships being held all over the countryside. Overlaid on that, our Club championships will be held during October

(except for the Service 50 shoot which has to be brought forward to September to avoid clashes with other competitions). All members are encouraged to attend the Championships to show what performance improvements they have achieved since last year! The presentations will be held at a date yet to be determined.

It has been a long time coming, and now the work on Pistol Range 1 has resumed. When the main construction has finished, the finishing touches will be required - incidentals like turning targets, lights, benches, painting, etc. Assistance from any members who can be involved when the time comes will be much appreciated.

The reconstruction of the main building has also started and we look forward to being able to use the full meeting and dining facilities.

Your President

SECRETARY 'S REPORT

Another year has passed us by with our club consolidating itself amongst other competitive clubs. We have had a few members not renewing their membership with the SPC, we wish those members all the best for the future.

We're in the process of putting together a club flyer to help us to promote our club to gain more members. If you would like some of these to hand out to your friends please send me an email and I'll post some out to you when they have been approved by the Committee.

There have been some changes to the Firearms Act, I've listed the main ones below, additional information may be viewed on the VAPA web page.

January 1 2006:

- A "Handgun Licence" is replaced by a "Handgun Target Shooting Licence", or a "Junior Handgun Target Shooting Licence".
- "Approved Matches" will no longer be in the Firearm's Regulations; instead they will be approved by the Chief Commissioner. This means that any club can apply to the Chief Commissioner for approval of a match, obviously the club will need to produce a set of rules to go with the application.
- A match that runs over more than one day will count as a match and a day for each day that it is run over.
- A "Commissioners Authority" is no longer required for large calibre Black Powder handguns.
- Participation is **no longer a condition of licence**; it is a condition of **owning** handguns. If you do not **own** any handguns, you can keep your licence without any participation requirements. There are no participation requirements for juniors.
- Participation is now pro-rata based on the calendar year, e.g. if you have only owned a class of handgun for 6 months of the year then you only need 50% of the participation requirement.
- If you own one or more classes of handgun, and you fail to comply with

the participation requirements for one of the classes of handgun, then you will be banned from possessing, carrying or using that class of handgun for up to 12 months.

- Your club can now endorse a Permit to Acquire Application for a handgun that you intend to use for approved matches held at another club.
- An unlicensed adult can now receive instruction up to 10 times, for a junior it is still 3.
- The licensed person giving instruction to an unlicensed person is now responsible for sending the form to the Chief Commissioner. There will be a new form, hopefully much simpler.
- You can now own a Black Powder handgun during the first six months of your "Handgun Target Shooting Licence".
- The club annual report to the Chief Commissioner must now include "Club Shoots" as well as "Approved Matches". The format for this is still being negotiated.
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1 October 2006:

- A "Probationary Permit" is replaced by a "Provisional General Category Handgun Licence", and is only issued for a maximum of 12 months. The holder must complete the "Police Safety Course" within the first three months of the licence.
- An adult may now have a "Handgun Target Shooting Licence" in order to own a handgun for the use of a junior that holds a "Junior Handgun Target Shooting Licence". There are no participation requirements for the adult or the junior. The Act does not require the adult to be a member of a club, but if this person is going to supervise the junior then for insurance reasons the adult must be a club member.

That was quite painless, wasn't it? Now, on to the participation requirements for those of you that **OWN** handguns.

Own 1 class of handgun:

Participate as a competitor, supervisor, judge or range officer.		Minimum days
6 matches on at least 6 separate days.	4 matches or shoots on at least 4 separate days in addition to those at the left.	10
6 of the matches or shoots must be as a competitor.		

Own more than 1 class of handgun:

Participate as a competitor, supervisor, judge or range officer.		Minimum days
6 matches on at least 6 separate days.	For each class of handgun owned at least 4 matches or shoots on at least 4 separate days. This would not stop you shooting more than one class of handgun on the same day.	10
6 of the matches or shoots must be as a competitor.		

There have been some changes on the SPC Committee with Darrell Powell and Peter Stanley not standing for re-election due to family commitments, we thank Darrell and Peter for their commitment and hard work on the SPC Committee over the past years. We welcome Peter, Christine and Samantha Renzow to the Committee in various roles.

See you at the range soon

Brian Hardy

P.S Charles Kerner and Brian Hardy have been selected to make up the team to represent Victoria at the International 1920 Match Nationals and the World Shoot to be held at Blacktown on the 28th October to 5th November. (**Ed:** good luck up there boy's and behave yourself up there!)

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Hi everybody,

It has been a successful year for SPC. Our club is well represented in open competitions, and quite a few members are featuring in Victorian Top Ten.

Four of our members are in International 1920 open class Top Ten (Charles Kerner, Brian Hardy, Zeljko Cvetnic and Henry Dajczer); four are in International 1920 metallic class Top Ten (Brian Hardy, Charles Kerner, Zeljko Cvetnic and Mikhail Tretiakov) and two are in Rapid Fire Top Ten (Stuart Healey and Mikhail Tretiakov).

Also Charles Kerner features in International 1920 open and metallic class National Top Ten and Brian Hardy and Zeljko Cventic are in International 1920 metallic class National Top Ten. Congratulations to all of them.

Speaking of postal competition, congratulations Sam Renzow – she is competing in Junior Air Pistol postal finals next weekend. We are also fielding one team in International 1920 open class postal finals and two teams in International 1920 metallic class postal finals. Besides that, we are in top three of our group in every other discipline we participated in postals. So they better finish rebuilding of club rooms pretty soon – we are going to need a lot of wall space to hang stuff on!
Well done, guys!

Mikhail Tretiakov

SPC @ Ballarat

Our club was once again well represented at the VAPA State Titles held at Ballarat Pistol Club on the weekend of the 12th and 13th of August. We had 12 shooters as well as our honorary member from Mildura.

On Saturday morning the shooters were asking Sam if she had here famous glow sticks with her, as it was really foggy it was suggested to surround the targets with them. Included in our group was our support group which consisted of Di, Heidi, Misty, Holly and me
Saturday night saw us all squashed into our room for an informal night of tacos, desert, drinks and laughter.

Mikhail came third in his grade, Frank was Second in his, Samantha was second in her grade while Caz took out the Ladies and gained the title of Victorian State Ladies Champion and as well as breaking grade and David took out the Junior Section. A good weekend of shooting.

Chris

Newsletter Editor gets a HUGE surprise!

Amidst the cold and foggy start to the State Titles at Ballarat Pistol Club I was soon to find out that there had been a conspiracy between my parents, Craig Ginger and Peter Williams over the last six weeks.

I was presented with a new pistol from two kind hearted people. They were Craig Ginger and Peter Williams. My pistol is a Smith and Wesson Model 10 with a Tasco scope and barricade wings.

I was told, under the threat of losing my pistol and or death that I must now alternate wearing either a Pete's Gun Works or a FAST-Firearms Advanced Shooting Techniques tee shirt and the other alternate hat, every time I shoot.

I am now keen to compete in the International 1920 Action Matches held at the club as well as in Canberra in approx.4 weeks time. I am also planning to go to the World Shoot in Blacktown at the end of October. Pictures are provided below

Sam



The presentation of my pistol, tee shirts and hats. (L 2 R. Craig, Me, Peter)



My pistol



Me shooting my pistol (mover event)

Junior Air Pistol Postal Finals

On Saturday the 26th of August mum and I went to Castlemaine for the Air Pistol postal finals, what looked like a bad start to the day with heavy fog at home but it soon cleared to a wonderful sunny day to bad the match is held inside

At the gun check I found that the trigger on my mum's air pistol was too light so they found someone to fix that problem but everything else was ok.

All in all the day was very interesting and lot's of fun except the fact that I had a dead arm at the end of the day... hmm I think that's why I prefer to shoot action match as you don't get a dead arm you just get grotty hands from shooting revolvers.

Though I am sure, if anybody has seen me shoot air pistol won't believe me, I shot my targets just within the allotted time of 1hr 15mins. With a total score of 266 I came fourth and was just 61points from the equalling 3rd. This score is also my PB.

Sam

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