



SPRINGVALE PISTOL CLUB

December 2005 Newsletter



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EDITORIAL

Merry Christmas Edition!

Hi members,

Another year is almost over - but this year is special because a number of "newer" members have finally *bitten the bullet* and tried their hand in the big world of Open Competition. Well done guys! Stuart has written an amusing article regarding his first venture into the *Open*.

This year is also special because the SPC will be holding its first ever "Presentation Night". This should prove interesting.

Anyway everybody have a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Will Beattie
(*Editor pro-tem*)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been good to see so many of our members participating in the various competitions around the state - and interstate. Our trophy wall gives evidence to the efforts of our shooters with the 1920 International plaque and the VAPA pennants on display. The postal competitions put considerable pressure on our time availability

for training; we hope to better manage this in the coming year.

It is also good to hear our shooters are looking forward to the competitions next year with some already in preparation for shoots in January & February.

Shooter training is continuing with basic training and coaching regularly in the air range. It is pleasing to see our shooters getting their licence and proudly bringing their first firearms to the range. We welcome anyone wishing to join us in an effort to better their shooting skills and to enjoy pitting their shooting skills against others.

John Payne

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Since our club was formed 2004 we have continued to grow, we now have 31 adult and 4 junior members. We had only one member not rejoin the pistol club.

It is important that you shoot regularly to obtain the attendances required for the class/es of handguns you own to keep your licence. If you have not made at least the required attendance by now I would strongly suggest that you start attending the club to meet your attendance requirements. If you have shot at clubs during the year could you send this information to me to add to your yearly attendances.

In the spring session of parliament there will be a number of amendments to the Firearms Act.

1. **You can try the sport for 10 times not 3 times.**
2. **If you have a handgun licence and no handguns you are not required to make the compulsory 10 attendances.**
3. **If a junior member is the only user a handgun under the parents licence the adult member does not have to make attendance for that handgun.**

There were a number of other amendments to the Act, however I felt that these were the most important to us.

Until I see you at the range good shooting.

Brian Hardy

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

It was a good year for our club. A number of members participated in various open competitions (International 1920 and ISSF) with very high success rate.

Our International 1920 team put us on the map by winning 2005 Postals in Open division.

My only wish for the next year is higher members' participation in ISSF open competitions.

Best regards

Mikhail Tretiakov

VICE CAPTAIN'S REPORT

International 1920 Match Nationals.

The International 1920 Match Nationals were held at the Adelaide pistol club, the range was 50 kilometres from Adelaide. Charles Kerner, Henry Dajczer, Mikhail Tretiakov, Frank Adams Darrell Powell and Brian Hardy attended the Nationals. Charles Kerner & Brian Hardy were in the Victorian State Teams, Charles was in the open division and Brian was in the metallic division.

The first day was 2 metallic sights events and 1 open event. Most of the competitors were late to shoot due the heavy rain. Good old mother nature dumped 100 mm of rain in the 24 hours prior to the competition starting, we had a long detour to the range because of the rain, the main roads were covered with the water from the over flowing rivers in the local area.

This is the second time I've been to this range and on both occasions it has blown a gale, not good when you've got to stand and shoot plates at 10,15,20 & 25 yards and then the following days the weather was fine and sunny. We all had some good events and not so good.

Victoria took first place in the open division and third in the metallic sights division.

Open division

Charles Kerner	4th
Brian Hardy	21st
Henry Dajczer	40th
Mikhail Tretiakov	41st
Darrell Powell	44th
Frank Adams	50th

Metallic Sights Division

Brian Hardy	11th
Charles Kerner	16th
Mikhail Tretiakov	26th

A full report will be in the VAPA news in December for your reading.

Stuart Healey

TREASURER'S REPORT:



Still working hard –

Another Report from the Nationals

As we all know, several members of our club – Charles Kerner, Brian Hardy, Henry Dajczer, Darrell Powell, Mikhail Tretiakov and Frank Adams – represented our club at International 1920 National Championship in Adelaide.

In individual events, the best result was achieved by Charles Kerner, who came fourth over all in Open class. Brian Hardy was third in Master grade in Open class.

In team events, Victorian team in Open class, which included Charles Kerner, came first; Victorian team in Metallic Sight class, which included Brian Hardy, came third.

For all of us, it was a fair effort and a lot of fun.

Mikhail

SPC @ OAKLEIGH



After a long, and arduous, trip of 10 minutes from home to the Oakleigh Pistol Club, I was ready to start day 1 of my first ever Open competition. The trip would have been quicker, but I hit a red light on the way, and

almost took a wrong turn into a refuse depot. Now we can't say that OPC is a tip, but they are surrounded on all 4 sides by them! This means that later in the day, when the wind blows just right, there is a certain delicate aroma designed to put our visitors off our game. (**And lunch - Ed.**)

Anyway, back to the morning of day 1, and the official weigh in. I started the event well by giving the gun check official a piece of my mind, after his rather condescending manner in treating a newbie such as myself. I still believe that he tried to make my trusty little Ruger Mk1 fail the trigger weight test, but my faith held firm, and she passed on the third lift. What a little trooper she is. Too bad she is being retired soon, but that is another story for later, in the 'For Sale' pages.

So, after weigh in, and getting my first official attendance stickers, I had a wander around the OPC to familiarise myself with the facilities. And what facilities they are! I almost signed up on the spot, I was so impressed. The air pistol shed could accommodate upwards of 20 shooters at a time, whilst there were four 25m ranges of 6 bays each, all able to operate independent of each other. Very impressive indeed!

My scheduled AP match was not until after lunch on Saturday, so I headed home to do some chores, and clear my mind for the challenge later in the day. The washing and mowing done, I headed back to the range, and to the AP 'Taj Mahal'. After my earlier observations I was aware of the process, so I found my way to my bay, and prepared myself. I knew I was shooting alongside an A grade shooter, so was looking forward to pick up a few pointers. There was even a familiar face, in Damien, next bay along. I had adjusted the AP40, so was feeling quite comfortable with the pistol, and got stuck into the sighting targets. Not being used to 4 sighting targets to use, I felt ready to start in earnest after two. It was quite different putting only 2 shots onto each target, as the pile of targets to get through was quite daunting. But once I found my rhythm, the match moved along quite nicely, taking regular breaks after 5 targets, which I noticed the 'A' shooter doing as well. After 90 minutes I was done, with still 10 minutes or so spare. For my first open event I felt quite happy with the result, even though there were a few lapses in concentration during the match.

After the match I headed to the club house to avail myself of their bargain basement prices, and grab a cool drink before heading over to watch Mikhail in the Rapid Fire event on the 25m range. Thus ended day 1!

Day 2 dawned bright and sunny, and I had an early start for Standard Gun at 9:30. Leaving home at 9:20, I strolled onto the firing line in time to hear that preparation time had commenced. Nothing like cutting it fine to put you off your game. So, after a lovely set of 5 sighters we got stuck into the match proper, at which point my game plan went to sh.....pot, so much so that my finger ignored the command from my brain to pull the trigger, resulting in a '0' shot. Not to mind, though, as the trusty Ruger stood up to all the new fandangled modern sports pistols, and proceeded to show them a thing or two.

Then by lunch it was all over! My first open comp completed, and me feeling pretty happy about the whole thing. The shooting was a little under par, but the results were pretty good, I thought. I watched Mikhail and Bud through some of their events, and we then retired to the club house to await the grand ceremony. Actually we were just waiting for the trophies!

In the final wash up we hardly few of the SPC did quite well for ourselves, with Mikhail picking up a couple of trophies for 1st in C for Centre Fire, and 2nd in D for Rapid Fire. I was lucky enough to take out 1st in D for Air Pistol, and 1st in D for Standard.

All in all it was a great weekend, and a real incentive to get out to more opens, and show what we SPC shooters can do. I will most definitely be signing up for more open events in 2006. In fact I have already highlighted the ISSF events on the VAPA calendar, and am about to get my form in for Castlemaine in January.

So for all you ISSF shooters, and you know who you are, there is no excuse to not get out to an open! Take it from someone who has just been broken in, once you have made it through that first gun check, the rest is as easy as shooting fish in a barrel!

I look forward to seeing you at the range, and not just ours.

Also, a special thanks to Allen Bingham for the generous use of his air pistol. I think

everyone is aware of my continuing saga! So thanks Allen, I just hope it didn't take you too long to re-adjust everything.

Cheers,

Stuart



Good Year for this Junior

(Rifle + Pistol)

This year Sam attended a training camp for the youth shoot in Canberra for 4 days and shot her best ever score of 237.02 in the competition at the end of the camp. On her return she was placed into group 1 under the supervision of John Payne and last month in the Victorian championship she shot 290.1 just missing her junior by 10 points.

In pistol shooting this year she has shot most of the club comps as well as the IPSC shoots held at Springvale. She normally shoots a Beretta 87

She has also competed at Booligal and came 2nd in the juniors (David beat her) Sam also competed at the SSAA/VAPA State Championship in Ballarat in October this year where she was placed 3rd in Juniors and 2nd in Ladies.

At the moment she is concentrating on shooting rev. as next weekend she will be competing in the 1920 International Shoot in Canberra next weekend .

For a list of her pistol shooting scores either e mail Brian or Scott. For the youth shoot stuff Mary should have a list or else Brigid Butler does as she puts them all on the computer.

Well done Sam - Ed.

Late Breaking News:

As I mentioned this afternoon this year Sam was nominated for SSAA junior shooter of the year for Vic. She was in the final four along with Evan Mickle and she was finally named second. So technically she is the SSAA Junior FEMALE shooter of the year.

As most would know Sam helps out Bruno at the bistro after shooting most weekends and is planning to join the army as an apprentice chef once she leaves school.

(Anyone going to be *game* enough to complain about her cooking?)

SPC Inaugural Presentation Night

Just a bit of advance information. On Wednesday night the 14th December we will have our first club championship presentations. Come along and meet your club members for a chat.

More Pictures from Oakleigh Open



All Systems Go



Get It on Mikhail



Divine Intervention

(The captions along with the photos were supplied by Stuart - definitely sounds like there is a story attached to this one?)

SPC Trading Post

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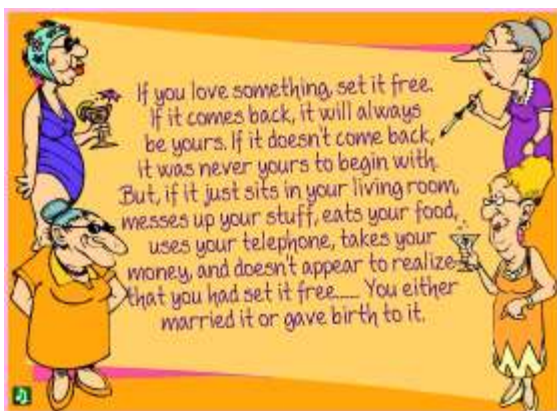
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Will Beattie attended the SSPC/SPC Christmas Party ...

And ... refused a free double-Scotch offered by Chucky Kerner.

