



**Christmas Bumper Issue!**

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**EDITORIAL**

**Oh my goodness it's almost Christmas!**

I personally cannot believe that it is almost Christmas wow hasn't the year gone quickly?? Well because there have been a lot of things that have happened between issues this edition of the newsletter is going to be jammed packed with lot's of items to keep you reading over the Xmas/New Year break when the range will be closed.

Also just a friendly reminder that the Club will be holding its Presentation /Xmas Night on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at the Range. Hope to see you there.

**Sam**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

From the President's Desk.

The year 2006 is almost done! And what a successful year for our members; we have seen our people complete a year of:

- VAPA Postal Competitions (a bit of a struggle, since we put up our hand for a lot)
- Open Competitions
- Championships

It has been pleasing to see our newer shooters developing and succeeding in these competitions. (Even your President managed to break grade in the 25m Black Powder Open earlier this month!) The more seasoned shooters are just getting better with age. Young Sam is getting the hang of her Action Match gun and David was most impressed with his score and trophy from the World

Shoot. And Zeljko needs a new hat - 3<sup>rd</sup> in a World Shoot is no mean feat!

Shortly we will have more pennants and trophies to put on display in our newly fitted out Club Rooms. On behalf of the Club I thank Allen (and Mary) for the time and effort they have put into the reconstruction liaison with the SSAA toward getting what we need before and during the reconstruction. The SSAA has put a significant amount of money toward the completion of the kitchen and hall. The new premises are starting to look great.

During this year we have developed SPC promotional material (the Club flyer) and now have a prototype Website that will be hosted (where is yet to be decided - but it is 'up' temporarily for trailing) and managed by our Web Administrator (yet to be appointed)

Next year will be a bit easier for you to get the necessary practice with the completion and fit out of the 25m range - Range 1 (volunteers will be needed). Then the pressure will be off Range 4. The development of Range 5 is still in the wings. Secretary Brian has mentioned some interesting new developments in the planning for a new multipurpose shooting complex to meet the needs for the development of aspiring international shooters in this state and to host international standard competitions.

In 2007 I hope we can get some coaching clinics going for our developing shooters. We have some who show a lot of promise - and will respond to a bit of technique refinement here and there.

Hope to see you all at our Presentation and Break up night.

**John Payne**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Members

It's been another busy year for our club and our members have been very successful at various competitions.

If you have shot at other pistol clubs during the year could you send me your attendance sheets so that I can add them your attendances for the year? If you have not made the required attendances so far for the year I would suggest that you attended the facilities at Springvale to shoot in pistol competitions held on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday competitions to meet your license requirements.

The SPC will soon be launching a WEB page, the intension of this to provide information to our members and members of the public interested in pistol shooting, it will have various links e.g. Vic Police, VAPA etc. Other information will be News Items, Newsletters, Safety Items, Club Calendar, Competition Results, and Competition Disciplines. The SPC Committee would like to thank Satoshi Payne for all of his work in putting the WEB Page together for us.

John Payne and I attended a meeting with other shooting bodies with the Minister Of Sports & Recreation Justin Madden and the Victorian Government appointed consultants recently regarding a multi discipline range. It was identified after the Commonwealth Games that Victoria needed to have a shooting complex to a world standard. The consultants engaged by the Victorian Government are to provide a report by June 2007 advising of the location and the viability of the range as we were advised that the range must meet its operating costs. We will keep you informed of the outcome of our discussions with the Government.

Until I see you at the range good shooting.

**Brian Hardy**



**A Picture of us all at the World shoot don't we look lovely????**

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Hi all,

It has been busy couple of months. A lot of open competitions; very good representation from our club.

The highest ranking competition of course was Action Match World Shoot in Sydney. Our club provided 10% of overall attendance, well done everybody. Special congratulations to Zeljko Cvetnic, who came third overall in open division.

Other open competitions attended by our members were WA1500 Inaugural State Titles (something different), Peninsula Black Powder, ISSF Yarra, Melton, Yakandandah and Oakleigh open. It is very encouraging to see more and more people participating in various discipline competitions outside the club.

Now everything is quiet; good opportunity to put in some serious practice (when we are not busy partying, of course – Christmas is almost here).

**Mikhail**

## SPC @ the World Action Titles and the Australian Nationals

Yes, Yes I know ISSF shooters might be a bit sick of hearing about the action match shooters going every where. But if you contributed to the newsletter it would not be this way.

Well anyway, there were 11 SPC competitors (some who were shooting two guns) arrived at Blacktown Pistol Club on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. for the registration and gun checks. We then stayed for the opening of the World Action Titles and The Australian Nationals for P.A. which included speeches from members of National, State and Local governments. We were also welcomed by some members from the local Aborigine community. All in all there were 108 competitors some doubling up shooting open and metallic sights.

The amount of people for there Primary guns were:

OPEN:

USA: 11

New Zealand: 13

Germany: 4  
Austria: 1  
Australia 56

METALLIC:  
USA: 1  
Germany: 4  
Australia: 11

It was a good 4 day's of shooting by everyone and I think that some people have made some international friendships. And this is how the SPC placed in the end:

3<sup>rd</sup> place Open – Zeljko Cvetnic  
1<sup>st</sup> Junior Metallic – David Renzow  
1<sup>st</sup> Metallic Marksman – Darrell Powell  
2<sup>nd</sup> Marksman Open – Samantha Renzow

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate:

Charles Kerner  
Craig Ginger  
Barry Marsh

For being provisionally selected to represent Australia in the Bianchi Cup next year

If you wish to see how the rest of them stacked up in the world and in Australia go to [www.1920action.info](http://www.1920action.info)

**Sam**



**Top 3 Shooters in the World. 1<sup>st</sup> Bruce Piatt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Craig Ginger and 3<sup>rd</sup> Zeljko Cvetnic**

## Interviews with Australian's and internationals about the World Action Titles:

### How Did The Week Go?

Despite the plane ride, everything else was just wonderful. We spent times with old friends and made some new ones. Saw the sights in Sydney, Went to a few Aussie Bar-B-Q's with friends, and visited with the Koalas and Kangaroos at the Featherdale Animal Park. 11 day's sure went fast – **Bruce Piatt (USA)**

The week went well for me. I had no problems with my gun or equipment thanks to my maintenance manager (Harry) – **Hilary Hoover (NZ)**

The World Shoot week for us was good. Hillary shot a PB, went up a grade to Master grade and of course won the ladies team GOLD. – **Harry Hoover (NZ)**

Excellent – **Peter Williams (Aus)**

### How Did You Shoot?

Despite the plane troubles over the Pacific Ocean that forced us to turn back after 2 ½ hours in the air, then getting stuck in San Francisco without a hotel room.

When I first arrived, I was concerned over the lighting conditions. The range faces a direction that cast's a shadow on the targets we use making it almost impossible to see the scoring rings. Fortunately, on the days we shot our Open guns, the clouds came in and eased the vision problem.

After a week of shooting, I racked up a few titles:

World NRA Action Pistol Champion -1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall Winner

World NRA Action Pistol Championship Metallic Team Champion – 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Team USA – Bruce Piatt and Mark Owensby)

World NRA Action Pistol Championship 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Open Team – (Team USA Gold – Bruce Piatt, Doug Koenig, Tony Holmes)

Australian National Action Pistol Champion – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Open Division

Australian National Action Pistol Champion –  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Metallic Sight Division

Australian National Action Pistol Iron Man  
Champion – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Open & Metallic  
Aggregate - **Bruce Piatt (USA)**

The Shoot didn't go well for me. I had a  
malfunction on the Barricade. Other than that  
I shot well 1890 184X not firing 3 shots. -  
**Doug Koenig (USA)**

The results were great for me. At the  
beginning of the year my goal was to shoot a  
master grade score at the worlds but on the  
plane on the way over I thought it was  
unrealistic considering how I'd been shooting  
and I said I would be happy if I shot over  
1800. The first place was completely  
unexpected. I feel that I pulled my weight and  
didn't let Gina down, or the rest of the team. -  
**Hillary Hoover (NZ)**

I was in the NZ "A team and shot a 1914  
which saw me in 6<sup>th</sup> place overall and our  
team won the Bronze. I was a bit disappointed  
with mucking up 3 shots but it was me so I  
can't complain too much. - **Harry Hoover  
(NZ)**

What I expected with the amount of training I  
didn't do. - **Peter Williams (AUS)**

### **Did everything go to plan?**

For me, the match was what I expected it to  
be. I had to spend some extra time trying  
different lenses in my Sunbuster glasses,  
trying to compensate for the bad lighting but it  
all worked out. My practice ammo shipment  
arrived on time and I was able to practice  
enough. My guns worked great I shot a clean  
1920 - 176x match to take the win and add  
my first NRA Action Pistol World Championship  
title to my resume. **Bruce Piatt (USA)**

Everything went to plan other than the  
obvious. - **Doug Koenig (USA)**

The plan was for lots of fluid and cool neck  
scarfs which worked well. - **Hillary Hoover  
(NZ)**

We had both individual plans and team plans  
in place and all of that worked well. All of our  
team struggled with the light conditions on the  
first two days; it's a lot brighter there than it is  
here. However the two rainy days suited us  
just fine. - **Harry Hoover (NZ)**

Yes. - **Peter Williams (AUS)**

### **Any Comments on/ about the whole week?**

Representing your country in an International  
Event was very exciting and what I consider  
an honour. I've taken home a lot more than  
trophies from this match.

The memories of my trip to Australia will be  
with me for ever. I hope other competitors are  
some day as lucky as I. - **Bruce Piatt (USA)**

I thought the range was great and everyone I  
met was great to my family and I. They all  
made us feel right at home! - **Doug Koenig  
(USA)**

All in all it was a great week. The Blacktown  
Pistol Club is a great facility - except the small  
glass toilets - You can tell it is mainly a male  
sport! I love going away to competitions and  
meeting new people. - **Hillary Hoover (NZ)**

Our trip home was a disaster at Sydney airport  
as all the computers were down and our plane  
was late (4hours) and there was a baggage  
handlers strike. However other than a bit of  
inconvenience, it was all fine. When we  
boarded the plane we were upgraded to 1<sup>st</sup>  
class because of Hilary's trophy (which was  
pretty cool). We finally got home at 3am. -  
**Harry Hoover (NZ)**

I hope all the competitors had fun, and shot to  
the best of there capability. - **Peter Williams  
(AUS)**

### **Interview with the planners of the World Action Titles:**

#### **Did the pre match and world shoot run as you expected/ hoped it would?**

The pre match and the WAPC ran very well  
**Where there any major mishaps?**

We did have a few problems with the plates to  
start with due to the fact that a lot of the  
internationals were shooting factory ammo  
mainly the Germans shooting 357 magnums.

#### **Were you surprised at the amount of competitors that came from Australia and around the World for the Pre Match and World Shoot?**

I expected a lot of internationals it gave them  
an excuse to see oz.

**Any Comments on or about the whole week?**

Fantastic week had by all.

**What were your results individually, in your team and what was your reaction to your final score?**

Very happy with my final score

**What will you be doing now that the word shoot is over?**

I will be having a long rest from shooting until my shoulder is fully recovered.

Questions answered by:

**Craig Ginger President of the Blacktown Pistol Club**

**And**

**Robyn Ginger the Organising Secretary**

**Yackandandah ISSF Open**

**ED:** (Hooray finally another disciplines view on shooting!)

It was a dark and stormy night as I headed up the Melba Hwy to c. Well OK, it wasn't stormy, but 2 out of 3 ain't bad! I had planned on finishing work about 5ish that Friday afternoon, and having a nice, leisurely drive to the Yack. P.C. So of course, life being what is it, I found myself barrelling along at about 10:30, after leaving the office at 8pm! And it just so happened to also be the time that MR Wombat (not the MR, as he was a biggy) decided to have a late night stroll across the road. End result: Pajero 1, Wombat 0.

Anyway, forward to about 20 past midnight when I finally found the club, remember the lighting in the country is not that good, and pulled in to camp for the night to enjoy almost zero overnight temperatures. Up early the next morning for 8am Standard Pistol. I decided to bypass the coffee, and get straight to the range and set-up, which was probably a good thing, as it took a while to get warmed up, and the trigger finger to start functioning. Off to a good start with a respectable score to take out 1<sup>st</sup> in B grade, even with the distraction of Noel Ryan ejecting his cases over the barrier into my head! Now it was time for coffee, and a good, healthy egg & bacon sandwich.

With barely enough time to sit down and read the daily's, it was time to hit the air pistol range, which had just been built, so it was nice and light, and airy, with 11 bays, of which only 4 were in use for my detail, and yet they still managed to put someone next to me! Anyway, that didn't stop me, and my new shoes, from getting a PB! And that was the end of the shooting for day one, so back to the club house to enjoy a couple of scones, and soak in the view from the club house wall, which they swing open to show the view.



Then after the usual country open tradition of a good dinner, washed down with a few glasses of your chosen poison, it was off to the back of the car again for a well earned rest, and with a later 9am start, a bit of a lie in as well.

So much for the lie in! One of the down sides to sleeping in the back of the car is that the blinds are not that good. In fact they are non-existent, so at the un-godly hour of ....well what ever time it is the sun decides to come up, I was greeted with blazing sunlight awakening me. Oh well, at least it gave me time for another of those yummy egg & bacon sandwiches to start the day, and a good strong coffee to help me through the first stage of rapid fire, which was my 9am event. And even though I might already be blessed with the lightning reflexes of a mountain cat, a little extra kick of caffeine can't hurt now, can it? And judging by the shooting, I think it might have even helped a bit. Not to shabby at all, but time would tell, with the second half after lunch.

With not to much time to spare it was off to free pistol, the marathon event of the shooting sports. A 2 hour, 60 shot endurance event that has you seriously questioning what you are doing coming into the last 10 shots, when the sweat is running into your eyes, your arm is quivering with the strain, and your mind has started to wander back to when you were a child catching yabbies in the local dam.... But even with these distractions trying to bring you down, it was another PB, and even a grade break into B grade. Which is good, because it is a grade better, but then bad

because you have to try that much harder to win anything. You know what I mean.

So continuing on with a successful weekend, and after an excellent burger and can of drink for lunch, it was back to the range for the second stage of rapid fire. The pressure was on to keep the winning streak going, and time was against me as I had to finish up the day quickly to get back to Melbourne. Thankfully rapid fire is indeed a quick event, so with barely a chance to scratch the proverbial, it was over and done with, and I could hear the lady warming up the vocal chords.

Going into the Open I was a little nervous, as my last 2 opens had been a bit shaky, with not exactly sterling performances. But after some deep thinking, and hard looking in the mirror, I walked away from Yack 06 with a spring in the step, and an arm load of trophies, and a grin from ear to ear! So what was the secret I hear you ask? If I knew that I could probably write a book about it! But I think the essence is get back to the basics of stance, grip, and consistency. Oh, and get yourself a new pair of shoes. It worked for me ☺

So until next year, when I expect to see a lot more of you at the ISSF Opens, have a happy and safe chrissy break.

### Stuart



And if you have ever wondered where old bus seats go to die, they end up at the Yackandandah 25m range.

**Ed:** Ballarat Pistol Club has old cinema seats in the air shed!

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