



# SPC Newsletter June – September.



## **Editorial:**

Phew! How busy has the last 3 months been?

New members (obviously), Shoot Expo, Zeljko who went to the Bianchi Cup (interview Included later in the newsletter), The up and coming AGM, State titles and Nationals oh and a newsletter re – vamp.

If any members are interested in attending coaching clinics at the Range please either notify Mikhail or Peter R or even dropping me a line on [spcnews1@hotmail.com](mailto:spcnews1@hotmail.com) also let us know what disciplines you would be interested in being coached.

Special thanks should go to Satoshi Payne, Brian & John who organized and set up our web page. I would urge everybody to go to [www.springvalepc.or](http://www.springvalepc.or) and see for yourself what everybody should be talking about.

I get puffed out just thinking about it.

So here is the new look newsletter hope you all enjoy it.



**Sam** Smith & Wesson

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**“In Echuca who forgot to shoot weak hand and has now dyed their hair dark???”**

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL DESK:**

### **Competitions**

Another year's Postal competitions are in full swing. Some of our shooters are well into the Open Comp cycle with championship shoots being approached by our keener members - and results have improved over last year's.

Zeljko was a member of the Australian team in the Bianchi cup shoot in the USA this year. We should all be aware of the success he enjoyed - not the least of which is his success in Revolver in which came top (with an S&W revolver as the prize). To be good at any target shooting discipline requires commitment, quality practice and training. Congratulations Zeljko!

### **Range 1**

Range 1 reconstruction has almost reached the first stage (getting police approval to use it as a live firing range. It is beginning to look like a range thanks to the efforts of a few of our trusty volunteers (too few). Thanks to Allen and Mike Campion for their

(un)tiring efforts in dropping the firing line level, getting the disabled access ramp in, supervising the wall constructions, overseeing the lighting & electricals, getting the target frames welded into position, constructing hand rails & door(s), etc, etc.

### **Shot Expo 2007**

The SSAA Shot Expo was a resounding success with good attendances and promotion of our sport. Those who volunteered their time to assist with the various stand duties and managing the visitor registrations, etc are to be thanked by all of us. The SSAA has invited them to a dinner in recognition of their efforts.

### **Coaching**

Another Coaching Clinic to address the Rapid Fire technique was held a few weeks ago. It was only introductory (dry firing only), and will require practice of good technique to achieve improvement. Anyone wanting to get some specific coaching should approach either Allen or myself about your requirements. Those interested, send me an E-mail about it.

The AGM is coming soon - make it your business to attend and support the operation of your Club!

Happy Shooting!



**John Payne**

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**“After the Adelaide and Echuca weekends, does someone need to invest in a pair of glasses and a calculator?”**

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### **MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING COMPLEX OPEN SHOOT 2007**

I set off down the M1 to MISC at 5.00 am at 100kmph until Toorak Road and then suddenly find the speed has dropped to 5kmph – very similar to my air pistol score of 489/500. After our Club shoot of on Monday, 21st with a score of 514/600 I thought I was on a roll, alas this was not to be Onto Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> – Mikhail betters his PB IN 50mt free pistol by one point – he confessed to getting caught up in the progressive scoring on the targetting system which had been put in for the Commonwealth Games and losing partial concentration over the last few shots but ended with an overall result of 2<sup>nd</sup> in C Grade. Mikhail also equaled his best in 25mt Rapid Fire Set at the State Championships and his score of 526 gave him 3<sup>rd</sup> in B Grade.

Stuart lived up to his usual high standards and even though he had been jetting to Canberra and N.Z. recently on business trips he felt the lack of endurance started to kick into his right arm on the longer events 50mt pistol. Stuart you will have to pack a 5kg weight on your next trip to maintain the required strength and endurance!

C/F D Grade saw 3 competitors from Springvale. In this grade the rule of "he who misses the least wins"! Marek took our 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Bud 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Drago 5<sup>th</sup> place – the winner will have to watch out

Bill arrived Sunday and shot A/P pistol equal to Marek's score of 501 but was pipped by Marek on a count back. Drago came through on Sunday with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in D Grade 25mt Rapid Fire. John arrived on Sunday as an addition to our support team and to assist with faults while under pressure. John - many thanks for your support and time!

All in all, a good showing by such a new Club, with 6 shooters entering we were represented 19 times over the 5 events.

In the aggregate, Bill Kerr from Ballarat who finished with a score of 2592 and Mikhail our all rounder was runner up 41 points down. Stuart would also be a great asset to our Club in this event – Centre fire next

The range facilities are excellent with plenty of shooting bays and space to view all competitions from behind. John was of the opinion that 1.5 million had been spent in preparing the facilities for the Commonwealth Games and the standard of the facilities reflected a substantial injection of funds.

Let's hope that we are all back next year and other Club's are realizing that we are a force to be reckoned with. Good Shooting!

**Bud**



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**"2 ISSF shooters wanted to cut costs and go to Adelaide together but that went sour as blue flashing lights pulled them up... wonder why?"**  
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### **Congratulations:**

Congratulations to all shooters who competed in the 1920 International Action Matches in the following competitions.

#### **Canberra Trophy. 17-03-2007:**

##### Open:

3<sup>rd</sup> - Zeljko Cvetnic. 1911 161X

9<sup>th</sup> - Brian Hardy. 1890 152X

22<sup>nd</sup> - Frank Adams. 1734 113X

##### Metallic:

3<sup>rd</sup> - Brian Hardy. 1777 092X

4<sup>th</sup> - Zeljko Cvetnic. 1775 099X

9<sup>th</sup> - Frank Adams. 1368 052X

### **Murray River Challenge - Echuca. 14-04-2007**

#### Open:

1<sup>st</sup> - Charles Kerner. 1918 144X  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Zeljko Cvetnic. 1912 160X  
10<sup>th</sup> - Henry Dajczer. 1866 126X  
16<sup>th</sup> - Brian Hardy. 1806 145X  
21<sup>st</sup> - Peter Stanley. 1717 086X  
24<sup>th</sup> - Sam Renzow. 1185 048X

#### Metallic:

1<sup>st</sup> - Zeljko Cvetnic. 1804 101X  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Charles Kerner. 1791 104X  
5<sup>th</sup> - Brian Hardy. 1761 098X  
8<sup>th</sup> - Mikhail Tretiakov. 1649 091X  
10<sup>th</sup> - Peter Renzow. 1507 065X  
12<sup>th</sup> - Frank Adams. 1332 048X  
14<sup>th</sup> - Peter Stanley. 1145 039X

### **Adelaide - 28-04-2007:**

#### Open:

2<sup>nd</sup> - Zeljko Cvetnic. 1913 161X  
6<sup>th</sup> - Darrell Powell. 1902 148X  
7<sup>th</sup> - Brian Hardy. 1898 150X

#### Metallic:

1<sup>st</sup> - Zeljko Cvetnic. 1858 117X  
4<sup>th</sup> - Brian Hardy. 1789 102X  
16<sup>th</sup> - Darrell Powell. 1406 060X

### **Booligal - 05-05-2007**

#### Open:

10<sup>th</sup> - Mikhail Tretiakov. 1796 115X

#### Metallic:

1<sup>st</sup> - Mikhail Tretiakov. 1844 102X

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**“Do snakes really go out on the town at night in Canberra but then disguise themselves as skid marks on the road?”**  
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## **MELTON SERVICE SHOOT:**

Well Melton.... was fun. Why I say it this way was ... perhaps I expected more (sounds greedy). The event had been scaled down to one day only due to lack of interest, perhaps because it was coinciding with the Shot Expo. But on the other hand the previous Geelong Service Open was cancelled ... is there a message in this? Anyway I went there with the intention to improve my scores ... which did not happen. My shooting was on par with my previous results from a few months before ... there might be a message in this as well.

First up was Service 25 at 9:30 in the morning and I got there with some to spare; even enough to have breakfast at the club house. I wanted to better my C grade score and perhaps break into B and I was quite sure I was quite capable of doing it. As we started the first target was quite good (49 on prone) but from there it all went downhill. I'll never forget the shakes I got when I went so sitting and kneeling; coupled with a few misfires (which I never get at Springvale) I thought the result will be quite devastating; so I decided I'll forget about it and concentrate on Service Unrestricted. Before that I had to go and chronograph my rounds and I thought as everybody was making fun of them they'll just barely pass; it turned out my 1.9 g AS30 crooned at 870 feet/sec so I jokingly said can we try this one: it was a 1.7 g and it still crooned at 740 fps; with 100 g SWC this is still 74000 P/F so it seems to get them down to 60 P/F and keep them accurate seems a heavy task.

Meanwhile, the results came out and I scored 525 which is on par with my previous scores; it turned out later on that it was enough to win C grade.

I started Service Unrestricted lot more relaxed and everything went quite normal I thought I was shooting OK, yet scored my normal score of 750-tish, 754 this time. One memorable moment was that on weak-hand/strong-hand I fired 4 shots with the right hand and admitted that to the range officer (who hadn't even seen it) and suggested 10 point penalty for me. He gladly accepted.

As I received holster accreditation just a few days before I asked if they had any free spots to shoot Service 50 and of course no worries; there was space galore as quite a few shooters who entered did not turn up so I paid my late fee, showed them my holster card, they collected ammunition sample just before we've started and....

This was the first time ever I shot this competition from the holster and I started really well 50m precision series with not much time pressure and 25m barricades were OK but the on multiples with only 6 seconds drawing from the holster I found it makes a BIG difference to when you start from the 45 degree ready position.wa

So my 754 in unrestricted was enough to win D grade, my dismal 670 was enough to win D grade Service so I ended up winning 3 gold medals (which I must admit even without the ribbon are much nicer than VAPA medals and way better than the key ring which I won for the second place in D grade rapid fire at the world prominent shooting venue - the MISC).

Anyway the objective not accomplished but still somehow happy; feels like it should be the shooter himself who decides if he deserved to win anything. In the end we are not competing against other shooters, we are competing against ourselves and our results.

One thing I have to mention is the atmosphere which at Service Opens it always very friendly and outgoing; everybody wants to help, quite a contrast to ISSF Opens which seem to be very introverted (This is just a perception of a D grade shooter who gets quite embarrassed when everybody around him scores at least 8 and he gets fives, fours and threes shouted out)

**Drago**



**“What is it called if you have a phobia of sheriff badges and anything connected to cowboys??”**

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**BIANCHI CUP:**

This below interview was taken from the Columbian Tribune. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2007.

"For first-time Bianchi Cup participant Zeljko Cvetnic, his trip took him from Melbourne to Sydney to San Francisco to St. Louis before the SSAA team arrived in Columbia on Friday. Cvetnic also participated in three events yesterday as he tried to work his way into the competition.

"It's the most prestigious event going," Cvetnic said, "and to be here and be a part of it, I feel like I've won already. ... Just to soak all this up and experience what Bianchi's all about and try to do my personal best and just enjoy and do the most of it."

And for more information and photos go to [www.actionmatch.com.au](http://www.actionmatch.com.au) and to see the final results go to [www.1920action.info/](http://www.1920action.info/) to see the final results to see how our Zeljko went. <http://www.actionmatch.com.au/pdf/Bianchi-cup-2007.pdf> to see the article that will be in the latest Shooters Journal;

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**"On the way home from Echuca one of members didn't like cars in front of him and maybe his passengers should've been popping the valium"**

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**The VAPA calendar for the rest of the year:**

<b>June</b>	2-3		
	9-11	ISSF, Service & Black Powder	Mid Murray
	17	International 1920	Geelong
	23-24		
<b>Jun/Jul</b>	30-1	Black Powder	Castlemaine
<b>July</b>	7-8		
	14-15		
	21-22	Service & WA1500	Mildura
	28-29	International 1920	TBA
<b>Aug</b>	4-5		
	<u>11-12</u>	<u>Int 1920 State Titles</u>	<u>Geelong</u>
	18-19		
	25-26		
<b>Sept</b>	1-2		
	8-9	ISSF	Melton
	15-16		
	22-23	<u>WA1500 State Titles</u>	<u>Outtrim</u>
		ISSF	Shepparton
	29-30		
<b>Oct</b>	6-7	ISSF	Yarra
	13-14	ISSF & Black Powder	Mildura
	20-21	Service	Mt District
		ISSF	Yackandandah
	27-28		
<b>Nov</b>	3-4	Black Powder	Peninsula
	10-11	ISSF	Oakleigh
	17-18		
	24-25	Service & Black Powder	Yarra

**A report on each event would be preferable from someone who attended or at least a score sheet please.**

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