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Championships and  
World Cup**

**2015 Pistol Australia  
Junior Training Camp**

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Mary River Bed Shoot**

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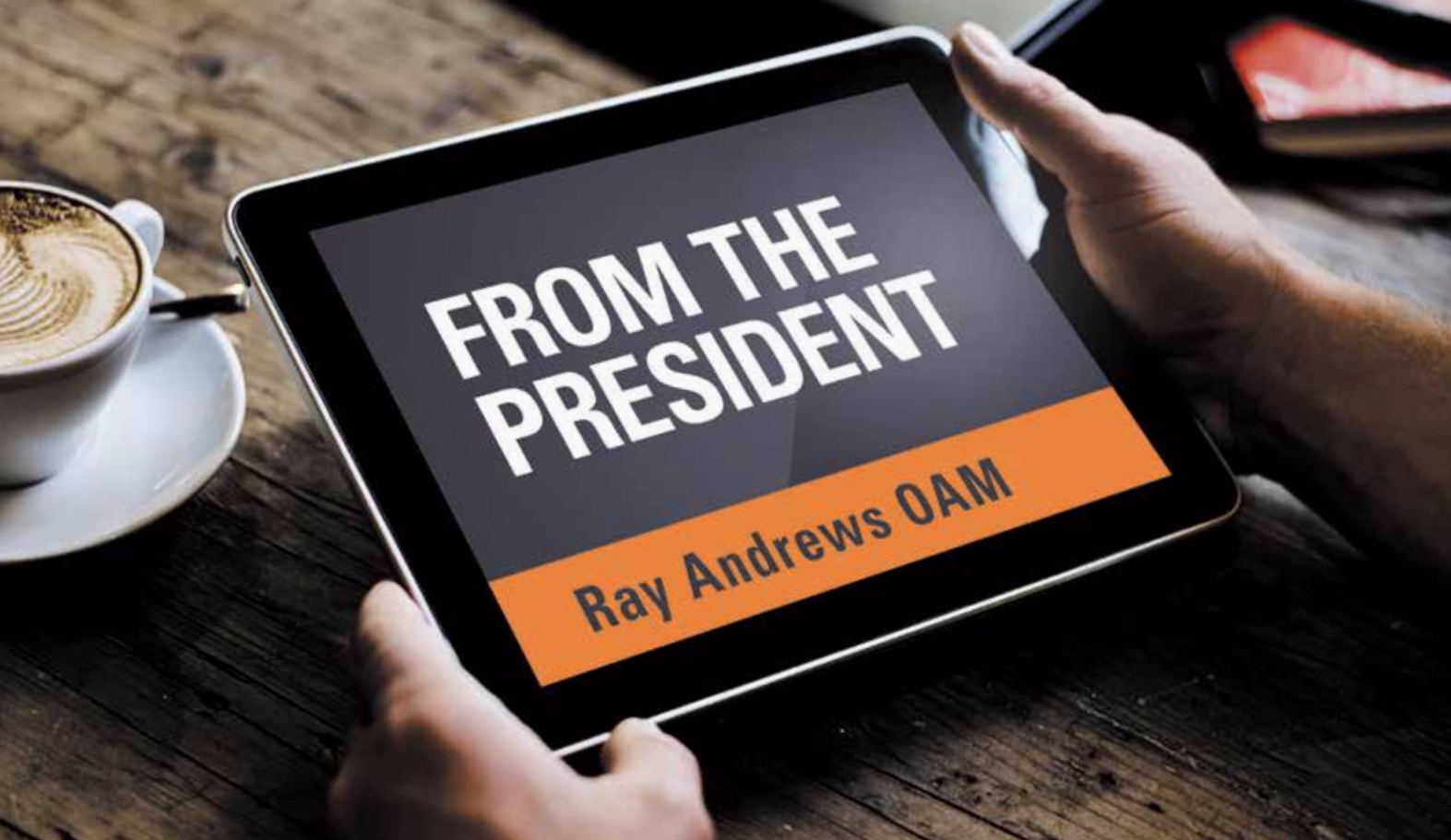


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Well, here we are. More than half of the shooting year passed already. Yet we have only just seen WA1500, the last of our three international Pistol Australia matches, concluded in Sweden. But more on that later...

The Bianchi Cup was the first event shot during May on the Columbia range in Missouri (USA). The team comprised of Nigel Gordon, Brett Foster, Andrew Penney and Anita Mackiewicz, with Bryan Blakey (Team Manager). We had an outstanding performance from Anita to finish 7th overall in the Open competition (congratulations, Anita!) Unfortunately, the men didn't perform as expected, with Brett Foster the best, finishing 20th overall. Our team came 2nd in the International Teams event. In the individual matches, Brett came 2nd in the Barricades and 5th in the Plates, while Anita was 3rd in the Barricades.

An interesting point to note was the Anita finished 1st out of all the competitors who used a revolver to shoot the Bianchi Cup.

At the end of June, we had an excellent performance from two of our junior shooters competing in the ISSF Junior

World Cup in Suhl, Germany. Sergei Yauhleuski (VIC) and Thomas Ashmore (ACT) both shot in the final of the Rapid Fire Pistol event.

Sergei held out to win the bronze medal (congratulations, Sergei!) Sergei is a member of the PA National Development Squad (NDS). Thanks, also, to Alex Kupke for travelling with the team as the NDS coach.

The next team to travel was our Metallic Silhouette team to the IMSSU World Cup in Volmerange, Les Mines in France, late in July. This team comprised of Kim Emery, Scott Dawson, Matt Seears and Michael Arden along with Judy Harding, Team Manager. The Big Bore events saw Australia come first, beating France by 1 point in the team event with team members Kim Emery, Scott Dawson and Michael Arden. The individual events saw Kim 1st in Standing and Unlimited, 3rd in Production and 1st in Aggregate. Michael finished 1st in Revolver and Scott came 2nd in Revolver and 2nd in Aggregate.

In the Small Bore, the Australian Team of Matt Seears, Kim Emery and Scott Dawson finished 2nd in the team even behind France. Individually, Scott finished 2nd in Revolver and production and 3rd in both Unlimited and the Aggregate. Matt finished 3rd in Standing and Kim came 3rd in Revolver.

The Field Pistol Team of Scott Dawson, Matt Seears and Kim Emery finished 2nd in the teams, with Scott taking 2nd place in Production and Matt 3rd in the Any Sight match.

Congratulations to the Team for a great effort!



As mentioned earlier, the last competition was the WA1500 World Championships in Stockholm, Sweden in early August. The Team comprised of Dean Brus, Davey Oates and Peter Brus, along with Team Manager, Martin O'Brien. A first time Team member was Peter Brus, son of Dean and, as you will see from the results, Peter acquitted himself exceptionally well at the championships.

In the International (Nations) Team event, Dean and Peter combined to win silver in the Revolver Team. Dean and Davey then went on to win silver in the pistol event, coming second to Sweden in both. All three finished in the top 10 in 1500 Revolver, with Peter 6th, Dean 8th and Davey 9th. There were over 200 entries in the 1500 Revolver; therefore we are very impressed with our team!

In the other WA1500 match news, we now have a World Champion in Davey Oates, taking gold in Distinguished Revolver.

Dean and son, Peter, then combined to be crowned the World Champion team in the Club Teams revolver match with a World Record score.

In the Pistol Club Team event, Davey and Dean were good enough to win the silver. I congratulate all team members for a job well done.

As can be seen by the results from our overseas teams, they have performed very well and all members must be congratulated.

Upcoming events – the last selection competition to gain selection in the Australian team for the Oceania Continental Shooting Championships in Sydney is the Shooting Australia Grand Prix on the 9-11th October at SISC, followed by the PA Coaching Seminar in Canberra on 17-18th October. Then we have the Action Pistol National Championships on the 20-24th October in Adelaide.

For our juniors, don't forget the (SA) Youth Nationals on 4-6th December at SISC, Sydney.

As a way of advice to our members, the Justice Minister Michael Keenan has called for a review of the National Firearms Agreement (NFA) in light of the recommendation from the Martin Place Siege Joint Commonwealth – New South Wales review is that it recommends that the Commonwealth, States and Territories should simplify the regulation of the legal firearms market through an update of the technical elements of the National Firearms Agreement. Pistol Australia is one of the key stakeholders in the inquiry and we, along with others, will be consulted before any changes are made or recommended. We don't believe anything will happen until later in 2016.

May all your shots be 10's. 🍀





# From the NCC

Ray Andrews – Acting

The important information, not to mention the top news story, is the fact the Sergie Yauhleuski (member of the NDS), won the bronze medal in the Rapid Fire Pistol event at the 2015 ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, late in June.

Congratulations, also, to Thomas Ashmore for achieving 6th place after the final.

We, once again, held a successful 2015 Junior Training Camp in Canberra from 4th – 11th July. WE had 14 juniors attending, including one from the Northern Territory. We still had none attending from South Australia. I thank the coaches who make themselves available for these camps: Peter Heuke, Geoff Horton and Kerry Criik. Unfortunately, Alan Wattz was unable to attend due to family reasons.

I also thank the Canberra National Pistol Club for their continuing support for all the camps that Pistol Australia holds on their range.

I can confirm that the 2016 Junior Training Camp will be held in Canberra from Saturday 2nd July – Saturday 9th July.

Accommodation for the 2016 Junior Camp will be at the AIS – a big change from the Eagle Hawk Village!

The 2016 National Development Squad has been formed, with four new members! These new members join alongside five members who were invited to join back from 2015.

#### **Squad Members are:**

Scott Anderson (WA)

Damien Dowling (NSW) new

Mike Knapp (WA)

Sergie Yauhleuski (VIC)

Jason Faulkner (NSW) new

Kristy Gillman (VIC)

Brooke Petrie (SA)

Alison Heinrich (SA) new

Elise Dowling (NSW) new

The first squad camp was in Canberra from 6th – 9th August.

The logistics for the Coaching Seminar are proceeding well, with all the PA funded coaches having their attendance confirmed and flights booked.

# From The Office

From The Office

Frances Reid & Shawn McEachin

Here we are – the second bulletin of the year! As you may have noticed, this edition is August – October, rather than just August. Due to some technical delays, we felt it best to produce one bulletin for this period. The October edition was intended to be an online only version.

While we are on the topic of the experimental changed to the bulletin, I would like to inform all Pistol Australia members that, as of next year, we will no longer be printing for each household. To ensure we are producing our bulletin as environmentally friendly and cost effectively as possible, we will be printing to request. Each member of PA is entitled to a printed copy! To receive your copy, please send your name, address and club name to [frances.reid@pistol.org.au](mailto:frances.reid@pistol.org.au), or call on (02) 6281 1303.

I assure you all, these details will only be used for the purposes of bulletin distribution and necessary correspondence – they will not be sold to telemarketers or used for anything they are not used for already! It is for the simplicity of managing the mailing list within the office.

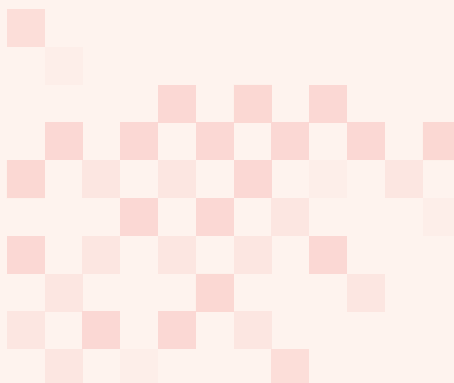
In other news, Pistol Australia is now on social media! Check us out on:

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Pistol Australia has also launched its updated website which aims to provide greater communication and service to its members, while also promoting the sport to the Australian public. The project has been over four months in the making with the final product incorporating social media, member interaction and shortly will also include online payment functionality. “The biggest areas we needed to improve are how we communicate with our members and promote the sport” says recently appointed Sport Administrator, Shawn McEachin.

After partnering with Canberra IT company, Technowand, Pistol Australia has developed the custom made site with the needs of the sport at the forefront. “We wanted to craft something unique that would really stand out for Pistol Australia. It was vital that it had the “WOW” factor, yet was still really easy to use for both older and younger members of the club. We are really pleased with the final result and look forward to seeing the Pistol Australia community grow as a result”, added Michael Tolhurst from Technowand. In addition to the new site for Pistol Australia, the partnership with Technowand also allows for any pistol club to have its own site developed and incorporated into the Pistol Australia online community. “We want to unify the pistol shooting community and make it easier for members access



the information that is important to them” says Mr McEachin. “So many of our states have shown great enthusiasm about the improvements we’re making and this is just the tip of the iceberg in terms of services that will be made available.”

As an Olympic sport, pistol shooting in Australia has enjoyed a long and proud history of representation at the national and international level. Leading up to Rio, Pistol Australia is expecting that the launch of its new website and integration of social media platforms, will highlight the achievements of its members. In addition, the site will also enlighten the Australian community about the opportunities and benefits of being a sport pistol shooter. “This is a safe and enjoyable sport. It is our goal that we will continue to demonstrate this to the Australian community.”

Pistol clubs interested in gaining more information regarding their own website development with Pistol Australia can contact Sport Administrator, Shawn McEachin on (02) 6281 1303 or [pistol@pistol.org.au](mailto:pistol@pistol.org.au).



## POSITIONS VACANT

# 2015 Team Managers

Pistol Australia (PA) is calling for expressions of interest from suitably experienced PA members for the following 2015 Team Managers’ positions:



### ► Action Pistol

Team Managers are required to liaise with the PA Sports Administrator regarding all arrangements to be made for respective teams selected to compete at international competition. Team Managers will assist team members with

### ► WA1500 Match

### ► Metallic Silhouette

all matters relating to the import and export of firearms and ammunition at all domestic and international destinations and liaise with the respective Organising Secretary to ensure the successful entry of the team into the competition.

Intending applicants should familiarise themselves with the *PA Team Manager’s Responsibilities* prior to submitting an application and can contact the PA Sports Administrator at [pistol@pistol.org.au](mailto:pistol@pistol.org.au) to obtain a copy.

Applications detailing relevant experience should be addressed to The Sports Administrator, PO Box 368, CURTIN ACT 2605 or to the email address at [pistol@pistol.org.au](mailto:pistol@pistol.org.au)

**Applications close 30 October 2015**



# Do you have what it takes?

Sharon Reynolds

Do you have what it takes to be a Pistol Australia range official? You may have noticed that the judges these days are getting old! That is probably a bit of an exaggeration, but there is no doubt that we need to encourage some younger members to undertake Range Officer and Judges training. Range Officers and Judges B are discipline specific – so whatever you shoot, you will be eligible for something.

## So - What do you need?

**Common sense; fair mindedness; knowledge; and a positive outlook.**

## That's it!

**Common sense** – as those who have it know, it's not that common. The Judge training will concentrate on making you think outside the box. The rules of a match are there to endure that the competition is open, fair and equitable, regardless of where in the



world the match is being shot. How the rules are interpreted in any given situation is up to the judge. Common sense comes in to play when looking at how to apply the rules.

**Fair Mindedness** – something that we would like to think is universal. A judge looks at all the issues with one question in mind: "Will my decision disadvantage any of the shooters at the competition?" Let me give you an example:



- At the Oodnagalaba open, Joe Bloggs, a new shooter, has a malfunction on the third shot. Joe puts his gun down while he waits for the RO. The cause of the malfunction is obvious. Technically, the malfunction is non-allowable. But will it really be a problem if it is declared allowable? The RO decides to call an allowable malfunction and the judge agrees.
- At the PA Nationals, Joe does the same thing. However, the malfunction is declared non-allowable. He is also given a stern warning for putting a loaded gun down on the bench.

Not fair? Well, Joe was disadvantaged by not having the rules applied – or explained, at the very least – at the Oodnagalaba Open.

Or perhaps this one:

- At an Open competition, Shooter A, a fairly new shooter, has a malfunction in the sighting series of Rapid Fire. She loads 5 for the repeat series – the judge penalises her 6 points – 2 points per extra sighting shot fired (as per the rules).
- On the other range, the same thing happens with Shooter B. But the judge on that range decided that, as he is a fairly new shooter, he won't impose the penalty (which, in this case, would be 4 points).
- At the end of the day, Shooter B beats Shooter A for 1st place in D grade by 2 points.

Shooter A has been disadvantaged because the judge did not apply the rules for Shooter B.

**Knowledge** – something we all pick up as we go along. A judge simply builds on the knowledge gained through experience by studying the rule books and working on solving problems within the rules. Judges are not expected to know it all – they are expected to know where to find the information they need and to be able to apply the knowledge as required. Most judges will brush up on a match before walking onto a range. That way, they can be confident they know what they are doing!

**A Positive Outlook** – a necessary state of mind. There is no point attending a competition and assuming that it will all go wrong. Judges universally assume everything will be OK on the day. However, if there are any problems, they have the training to deal with it.

If you are an experienced Range Officer and you are interested in taking it to the next level – i.e. Judge B – you should talk to your State Referee Director. He (or she) will discuss eligibility and the training process with you.

If, on the other hand, you are not yet a Range Officer and think you would like to become accredited, then (provided you have been shooting at the matches for at least two years) your first point of contact is your club secretary. The club should be able to contact the State Referee Council to find out when a course may be available. ☆







# Norfolk Island Travel Centre

## 13th Pistol Shooting Championships 2015

The Norfolk Island Pistol Association invites you to join us for the 2015 Pistol Shooting Championships to be held 5 - 10 December here on beautiful Norfolk Island!

The event is open to all registered pistol club and association members. Events consist of Standard pistol, Air pistol, Sport pistol (men's and ladies), Centre fire & 50m Pistol. The event is a hands-on patch your own targets social occasion. A great time in a friendly stress free environment.

From \$999pp twin share ex Brisbane

From \$1039pp twin share ex Sydney

5 - 12 December

4 - 11 December



**Packages include** return 'seat & bag' economy airfare to Norfolk Island, all pre-paid airline taxes, meet & greet at the Norfolk Island airport, return airport transfers on Norfolk Island, 7 nights twin share accomm, 7 days car hire AU\$20 per day including insurance available when pre booked prior to arrival (petrol usage additional), half day Island tour + Norfolk Island Travel Centre bonuses

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# Pistol Shooting on Norfolk Island

There are so many reasons to consider a holiday to Norfolk Island - let alone combining it with the upcoming Norfolk Island Pistol Shooting Championships to be held this year from the 6th to 12th December. The beauty of the Island is infamous with high rising cliffs, green undulating valleys, lush rainforest and brilliant turquoise waters over coral reefs. Shooters will gain a first hand-appreciation of this as the club house of the Norfolk Island Pistol Association is situated on the cliff top at Anson Bay. You're not likely to find a more stunning club location.

The club and this competition are well known for being genuinely welcoming and friendly. For arriving shooters, this starts with a personal welcome at the airport by club members and the club house being open as the social hub all week. Aside from the welcome you'll receive from the club, on Norfolk you'll find a way of life that includes a relaxed pace and a sense of quiet, genuine friendliness, attention to life customs and a wonderful sense of community. At the same time this intriguing island has so much on offer that if you choose, in between the shooting, you can be kept very busy.

Many will know that Norfolk Island has a notorious convict reputation, opened to become home to the 'worst of the worst' type of felon. However did you also know that it was originally settled just 6 weeks after Sydney in 1788, was central to the establishment of the new Colony and is where the flagship of the First Fleet, HMS Sirius was wrecked? History abounds on Norfolk, reflected not only in historic Kingston's World Heritage listing, but as the final home for the mutineers and Tahitian women of 'mutiny on the Bounty' famewho relocated from Pitcairn Island in 1856. It is their descendants who live on the island today, with their distinct culture evident in the local Norf'k language, arts, crafts, cooking and celebrations.

Many shooters love to have a game of golf while on-island and the Norfolk Island Golf Club and course are located within spectacular Kingston. The fishing is renowned for every trip coming home with a great catch, such as Kingfish, Silver Trevally, Amberjack and Sweetlip (Red Throat Emperor). There are a number of charter operators who will take you out for a morning or days fishing; it's really not to be missed. There are many tours and activities on offer including 4WD tours, Glass-Bottom Boats, progressive dinners to island homes, museums, sunset fish fries, swimming and walks.

The range of events and festivals on offer throughout each year is wide: For the dancers there are Ballroom and Line Dancing Festivals; for music lovers Jazz, Ukulele and Country Music Festivals; renowned artists and photographers lead regular EnPlein Air, painting and photography workshops; an annual Food Festival will tempt the foodies and Red Hatters gather annually. Aside from pistol shooting there are numerous sporting competitions including bowls, golf, tennis and archery.

The Pistol Shooting Championships to be held in December are open to all registered pistol club and association members. Events consist of Standard pistol, Air pistol, Sport pistol (men's and ladies), Centre fire and 50m Pistol. The event is a hands-on patch your own targets social occasion. Flight, accommodation and car packages begin at \$999 ex-Brisbane, \$1039 ex Sydney and NZ\$1099 ex Auckland. An event fee of \$15 per event applies and a dinner package for a welcome fish-fry and a final presentation dinner is priced at \$65.00.

Meet the locals, the Norfolk Island Travel Centre is a locally owned and operated business, they meet all their guests on arrival and they're there to assist at any time during your stay (we told you they were friendly!). For information on the Norfolk Island Pistol Shooters Competition, any of the above events or to arrange a holiday any time of year contact Norfolk Island Travel centre by free phone 1800 1400 66 email [travel@travelcentre.nf](mailto:travel@travelcentre.nf) or visit [www.norfolkislandtravelcentre.com](http://www.norfolkislandtravelcentre.com)



# WA1500 World Championship

## Hacksjöbanan, Tullinge Sweden

**Martin O'Brien**

Training on the range

As is the case every two years, the WA1500 World Championships returned in 2015! The Grödinge Pistol Club at Hacksjöbanan in Tullinge, south of Stockholm in Sweden, saw 328 competitors from member nations come together for the Championships from the 13th to the 16th of August. It consisted of an incredible 135,000 competition shots (not including warm up and practice shots) delivered throughout the competition.

This shooting year, WA1500 had a number of new world records, a first time father and son team in the World Teams Event and a great deal of success from Australia! (Plus, of course, much more).

Prior to this competition, the Revolver 1500 world record was held by Ralf Vanicek with 1497-114x. This was broken at the Swedish Open by Jens O'Konor with 1497-115x. On the first day of the World Championships, Roman Hauber broke this two week old record by shooting 1498-115x.

Roman Hauber maintained his position at the World Championships, winning both the Pistol and Revolver 1500 for the third time. Jens O'Konor and Ralf Vanicek came 2nd and 3rd respectively. A trio of World record holders!



Peter Brus checking scores





Davey Oates ready to compete



Dean and Peter Brus, 2nd in World Teams Revolver

Australia saw a great deal of success at the championships. Davey Oates scored 590-30x in Distinguished Revolver, making him the new World Champion! Dean Brus took 4th place with 589-32x.

In club Team Revolver, Dean and Peter Brus became both the first father and son team AND the new world record holders, with a score of 1194-76x. Dean Brus and Davey Oates also took out the silver in the Club Team Pistol.

In the International Teams event, Australia came second to Sweden in both Pistol and Revolver. Norway took 3rd place in Pistol, while Germany came 3rd in Revolver.

In other results, all of our Aussies nabbed spots in the top tens. In Revolver 1500, Peter took 6th place, Dean 8th and Davey 9th. In Pistol 1500, Dean came 6th, with Davey on 9th as well.

Peter finished 2nd in master grade for Pistol 1500.

All in all, this was one of the most successful tours by an Australian WA1500 Team! 🌟



# 2015 Pistol Australia Junior Training Camp

Geoff Horton

The air pistol range at CNPC

The 2015 PA Junior Training Camp was held in Canberra early in July. Attendees were: Chloe Sewell, Hamish McMillan, Nicholas Rudd and Ryan Birchmore (VIC); Max Hogden, Ryana Cook, Sascha Kroopin and Corey Martin (NSW); James Hogan, Trevor Harrold and Michael Bouchaud (QLD); Luke Cobbe (NT); Gwen Liang (WA); and Nicholson Ashmore (ACT). Also in attendance were coaches Peter Heuke (QLD), Kerry Crik (TAS) and Geoff Horton (VIC), along with Ray Andrews, acting National Coaching Director.

The group arrived in Canberra on the afternoon of Saturday 4th July. After collecting all baggage, we moved to our base camp for the week, the Eaglehawk Holiday Park. Once settled in to the accommodation, the juniors gathered for a meet and greet session. Camp rules were explained and a brief outline of the schedule for the week was distributed.

The shooting activities took place on the Canberra National Pistol Club range, about a 15 minute drive from the accommodation.

Sunday morning, the coaches revised the Basics of Pistol Shooting with the group. After lunch, we moved into the air range. This session was devoted to both implementation of what they had learned earlier in the day and correction of faults, as perceived by the coaches. Various shooting exercises aimed at improvement



Joe Kapitanof



with sight alignment and trigger control took the rest of the day. We returned to our accommodation for the evening meal and relaxation until lights out.

Monday morning was spent with Joe Kapitanof, a personal trainer and pistol shooter from NSW. Joe took this time to show the juniors a visual representation of how their muscles related to their shooting and what to do to improve muscle tone. He then gave them practical exercises with muscle tone improvement in mind. After lunch, it was back to the 25m range for some precision training.

On Tuesday, the group had a mix of 10m and 25m shooting under the guidance of the coaches. A steady improvement was noticed throughout the juniors, varying only by the experience they already possessed.

As a reward for all their hard work, this year it was decided to have a break half way through the camp. The juniors were given a choice of venue; The National Museum of Australia or the Australian War Memorial. The latter was chosen by the majority. Some of the juniors from some states had never seen the AWM. It was thought to be a fitting activity in view of the 100 year anniversary of Gallipoli. The group spent 3 hours wandering through the AWM, then off to Macca's for lunch. We then returned to the range for

more air pistol, followed by a BBQ tea at the range. This was well appreciated by all!

On Thursday morning, a 25m competition was held. The juniors shared the various range duties amongst themselves. Some very good scores were achieved. The remainder of the day was occupied with air pistol in preparation for the match the next day.

Friday was a very wet, miserable day, contrasting from the earlier part of the week. It saw the juniors involved in an air match, including the final. Good scores were, again, achieved. To finish the day, some less intense shooting was undertaken, with a set of metallic silhouette air targets being used. After an early dinner, all juniors went to the movies as a wind down to another great junior camp.

This effectively brought the camp to a close, with some flying out quite early the next morning. Many comments were passed about it being the best camp some of the juniors had attended. The camp will be held in Canberra again next year; however the accommodation will be at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS).

We must thank the Canberra National Pistol Club for their ongoing support for these activities by making their range and excellent facilities available to Pistol Australia. 🌟



The junior campers



# 19th AETSM European Championships and World Cup

## Volmerange les Mines, France 27th July – 8th August

Judy Harding

200m Big Bore Range

Big Bore Team – Gold;  
Small Bore Team – Silver  
and Field Pistol Team – Silver  
Another excellent result for Australia!



The Australian Team (L-R): Kim Emery, Michael Arden, Judy Harding (Team Manager), Scott Dawson and Matt Seears

The 2015 Australian Metallic Silhouette Team of Michael Arden (VIC), Scott Dawson (QLD), Kim Emery (NSW), Matt Seears (NSW) and Team Manager, Judy Harding (QLD) assembled at Sydney International Airport on the 27th July. All team members had defence paperwork for their firearms, which meant customer only had to view and copy the paperwork, not the actual firearm. Check in with Emirates went smoothly and we were soon on our way to the boarding gate. The flight left Sydney at 21:10 bound for Dubai where, after 14 ½ hours in the air, we touched down at 5:40 local time. A short layover here of 3 hours, we left Dubai at 8:25, bound for Frankfurt. We arrived right on time at 13:15 local time. After collecting all of our luggage and getting our firearms paperwork stamped, it was just a matter of collecting our hire van. We arrived at our hotel in Bettembourg at approximately 19:00. A quick unpack, shower and back down to the Hotel Bernini Restaurant for tea. All were in bed by 21:00.

After a leisurely breakfast, the next day was spent exploring the local area. The opening ceremony was scheduled for 17:00, so, after a day of wandering, we headed out to the range early in the hope of getting registration and gun check out of the way. Registration was easy, but we were asked to come back the next day for gun check. So we spent the rest of the time having a walk



around the range. The opening ceremony was quite brief and all attending teams had their photos taken.

The next three days were delegated practice sessions for each country. We all had 3 x 45 minute sessions for Small Bore and only 1 x 30 minute session each for Field Pistol and Big Bore on the last practice day. There were a lot of complaints about this, but all teams were in the same boat. During our practice time for Field Pistol and Big Bore, we had to obtain help for spotting from one of our Finnish friends, Hanna Lempola, as there was only myself and one team member spare to spot. All three team members needed to practice at the same time, due to the 30 minute practice limit.

Monday 3rd August was our first day of competition. It would be a busy one, with five 200m matches and two 100m matches. Our new team member, Michael Arden, was first up for Big Bore. He chose to shoot Production, scoring 39/40. Scott Dawson followed immediately after Mick, but on the Small Bore range where he shot Revolver, also scoring 39/40. Just one relay later, Matt Seears was up on Small Bore. He chose Production, also finishing with 39/40. After the lunch break, it was Mick's turn again. With the afternoon conditions, Mick decided Big Bore Standing was the way to go and he finished with 23. As Mick finished, Scott followed, also choosing Big Bore Standing. Scott scored 28. Kim finished the day for Australia at 18:15 with 40/40 in Big Bore Production. There were a lot of jokes floating around that first day about the "39" club. What a long day! We had left the hotel at 7:30 and only returned at 19:00.



Scott Dawson shooting Big Bore Revolver on the narrow shooting tables



Big Bore Team: 1st Australia, 2nd France and 3rd Finland



Big Bore Revolver: 1st Michael Arden, 2nd Scott Dawson, 3rd Rauno Ärväs (Finland)

Tuesday arrived, overcast and with a light drizzle that had started when we left the hotel. By the time we reached the range, the drizzle had turned to rain. Scott had the busy day, with three matches in total. He began on Big Bore with Revolver, scoring another 39. Conditions were not as glary due to the intermittent showers and cloud. After completing that match, plus a short break, he was up again on the Big Bore range. He shot an excellent 40 in Production. After lunch, the sun came out and it was Scott's turn, yet again. This time, for Small Bore, where he shot Standing, scoring 25. Finally, the other team members got to have a shoot. Kim took on Big Bore Standing and shot an incredible 34/40 (one more than the highest score on the board prior to Kim's shoot). Matt followed with Small Bore Revolver, scoring 35. Last, but not least, Mick shot Big Bore Revolver, finishing with another 39.

Wednesday was a quiet day, with all the Big Bore Team members shooting their Unlimited match. Kim was first on the line, scoring 39, followed by Scott (also on 39). Mick followed a little later finishing with 32. By the time the last French Big Bore shooter had completed his match, we knew that Australia had won the Big Bore Team Event. We relaxed over lunch before getting ready for the Big Bore shoot offs at 15:00. These started right on time, but with French National Championships, European Championships and World Cup to sort out, it was a slow process. Revolver was first up for Australia, with all team members involved. Each team member posted a 39 (quelle surprise!) There were no 40's shot and only six

39's. Mick took out the first round, Scott the second and Kim went out in the first round, losing to a Finnish shooter. The Production category was next. Scott was knocked out in the first round, but Kim hung in there for four rounds before he secured 3rd place. Unlimited was the last match and when Kim and Scott, being the only two who had shot 39, came to the line, it was already 18:00. With the position of the sun, Kim's targets were in shadow and Scott's in full sun when the command "Fire!" was given. This may have given Kim a slight advantage. Kim was successful with 5/5. Scott was hot on his heels with 4/5. The shoot offs were all finalised by 18:30 and back to the hotel we went for another night.

Thursday dawned fine and sunny, with the temperatures climbing. The next two days would prove to be very busy for Mick and myself, spotting for the other team members for Small Bore and Field Pistol. Big Bore was now complete! Seven matches again today, with Kim shooting three of them. Matt started the day with Field Pistol Production, posting a 27. He was followed shortly after by Kim in Small Bore Standing, posting a 25. Scott was next in Field Pistol Production with 31, a score he was very pleased with. Kim came back to the firing line again for Small Bore where he shot a 39 in Production. Lunch over, Matt was back on the line, shooting a very creditable 29 in Small Bore Standing. Kim settled in for his third Small Bore match of the day, scoring a 38 in Revolver. Scott was last on the line and finished the day with an excellent 40 in Small Bore Production. We could almost class the



day as early when we arrived back at the hotel by 18:00. Friday was our last day of competition. Another busy one for the Aussies, with seven matches to shoot. Kim was on his second three-match day. He began the day with a 24 in Field Pistol Production. Scott followed with a very good 36 in Unlimited on the ever so tiny 1/5 scale targets. Matt started his Unlimited as Scott finished, scoring a 32. He had some difficulty seeing the white turkeys in the bright and glary conditions. Kim came to the line again in Field Pistol Production Any Sight, scoring 29. After the lunch break, Scott was up for Field Pistol PAS, posting a 30, while Kim got ready to shoot his Unlimited match. He finished with a score of 35. Matt rounded out the day with an excellent 33 in Field Pistol PAS. The day had certainly warmed up, with temperatures reaching 38°. This was topped off in the evening by a storm. We had a multinational tea that night with the Finns and the Norwegians.

Saturday was scheduled for the Small Bore and Field Pistol shoot offs. Matt was the only one involved in Field Pistol, taking out 3rd place in the Production Any Sight category after the shoot off. Small Bore Revolver was next up and all three Australians were involved. Scott was one of only two who had shot 40 for the match. He took 2nd place behind the Frenchman. Matt and Kim were amongst the four who had scored 39. Matt ended up 5th, while Kim was 6th. The last shoot off was for 2nd and 3rd place in Unlimited. Scott took the 3rd place. With all the shoot offs being finalised by midday, we stopped in the nearby town of Dundelange

for a light lunch followed by an ice cream. It was then back to the hotel, where all team members busied themselves packing their gun boxes for the long trip home.

The awards ceremony was separate from the banquet and began right on schedule at 18:00. It lasted two hours. The Australian Team Members were very successful. The Big Bore Team, comprising of Michael Arden, Scott Dawson and Kim Emery, were first in the Team Big Bore Aggregate – one target in front of France. Individual medals in Big Bore went to: Kim Emery, 1st Standing, 1st Unlimited, 1st Big Bore 4 Match Aggregate and 3rd Production; Scott Dawson, 2nd Revolver, 2nd Unlimited, 3rd Big Bore 4 Match Aggregate; and Mick Arden, 1st Revolver.

The Small Bore Team, comprising of Scott Dawson, Kim Emery and Matt Seears, were second behind France in the Team Small Bore Aggregate. Individual medals in Small Bore went to: Scott Dawson, 2nd Production, 2nd Revolver, 3rd Unlimited, 3rd Small Bore 4 Match Aggregate; Kim Emery, 3rd Revolver; and Matt Seears, with a 3rd in Standing.

The Field Pistol Team of Scott Dawson, Kim Emery and Matt Seears also came second to France in the Field Pistol Aggregate. Individual medals in Field Pistol went to: Scott Dawson, 2nd Production; and Matt Seears, 3rd Production Any Sight. A little bit of trivia – of the 18 creedmore matches shot by the Team members, in 50% of them they scored 39. So close! Yet so far...



Mick Arden shooting Big Bore Unlimited



Shot down in a blaze of white powder

With an hour long break before the banquet at 21:00, Team Members went back to the van to carefully put their trophies away. Scott struggled with his 11 trophies, asking "Where am I going to pack all of these?" A late night, but no one complained as it was all over for 2015.

Another good year for Australia at the World Cup! We have now become a force to be reckoned with. The 2015 Pistol Australia Metallic Silhouette Team Members have done us proud! 🌟

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# 2015 Pacific Games

## Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Sharon Reynolds

### The Range

I recently had the opportunity to go to the Pacific Games in Port Moresby. I was asked to go as the CRO for pistol. However, with no classification and no jury, I ended up doing a bit of everything. The Technical Delegate was Nick Sullivan. Another ISSF judge, Jean Claude Nagle from New Caledonia, was also there to help. In addition to pistol, there was DTL shotgun, ably overseen by Bill Gilroy (French Polynesia) and his trusty band of helpers.

I had been warned that the 25m turning targets had been installed only a week or so before our arrival, so I was prepared for problems – I was, however, not prepared to have one full bank out of commission. The replacement part was due to arrive before we started – I believe it arrived the day after we left! With the bays having been installed with a width of 1.5m, it was a challenge lining up the targets. By skipping a couple of numbers and taking in the allowable deviation from the centre of .75m, we were able to use 10 targets (we had expected to have 16).

The first problem I encountered was getting a visa. Australians are one of very few nations that cannot obtain a visa on arrival – now, I knew there was a reason I still have a British passport! Despite this glitch, the arrival process was very well managed, with a dedicated line for arriving delegates and athletes. They were even expecting us, which was a bonus! On arrival at the hotel, we were allocated our rooms, even though they had us as arriving 3 days later!

As with many of these events, transport was an issue for the first few days, at least. All the sports which had delegates staying at the hotel were having the same problems. I have to give credit to the organisers for fixing the problem after the first few days. Yes, it was frustrating, but it is not uncommon to have transport issues.

The first inkling that things may be a bit harder than expected came when I met the volunteers. I realised, at this moment, that none of them were shooters. Training scorers register keepers and an RO with no prior knowledge of the sport was a challenge. It is a testament to their willingness to learn and their positive attitude that I ended up with an excellent crew working on the 25m range.





The PNG Team

Finally, four days after our arrival, it was time for some official training. The first pistol matches were Air Pistol – for men and women and finals for each. Inside the (air conditioned) range, the shooting went well and, apart from a couple of broken strings, nothing untoward occurred. Outside the range, the newly trained volunteers were operating the Disag while keeping an eye on the computer – and they did remarkably well! However, it was a bit disconcerting to get called out of the range to fix a problem and find the machine emitting a horrible grinding noise. The usual remedy was applied – switch off, open up and carefully remove the scrunched and torn targets. Yes, the plural is correct.

Conducting the air final, as well as the 25m Pistol final the next day, was quite a challenge. I soon discovered that the first step would be to explain to the shooters how it would work. Some of the shooters did not speak much English, so my very basic school French got a bit of work out. It is amazing how much one remembers when it is necessary. For the majority of the competitors and managers, this was the first time they had actually seen a final, let alone shot in one.

Unfortunately, we ran out of time on day 2, so the second half of the 25m Pistol (mixed) match was shot the next morning. The program had been written to allow for only one detail, but with the reduced range capacity, it was necessary to have two details. It was such a pleasure to work with shooters who were happy to “go with the flow”.



Some traditional outfits





The top three

Australia and New Zealand were not part of this competition, which I believe is a good thing. It is a wonderful opportunity for some of the smaller nations to compete and win medals. Fiji, for instance, decided to participate. They cobbled together a team, bought all new pistols and trained in appalling conditions at home. They then went on to win a gold medal in Standard pistol and a team medal in 25m Pistol (mixed). They were, understandably, ecstatic! Now they are hoping to attend Oceania at SISC later in the year – funding permitting, of course!

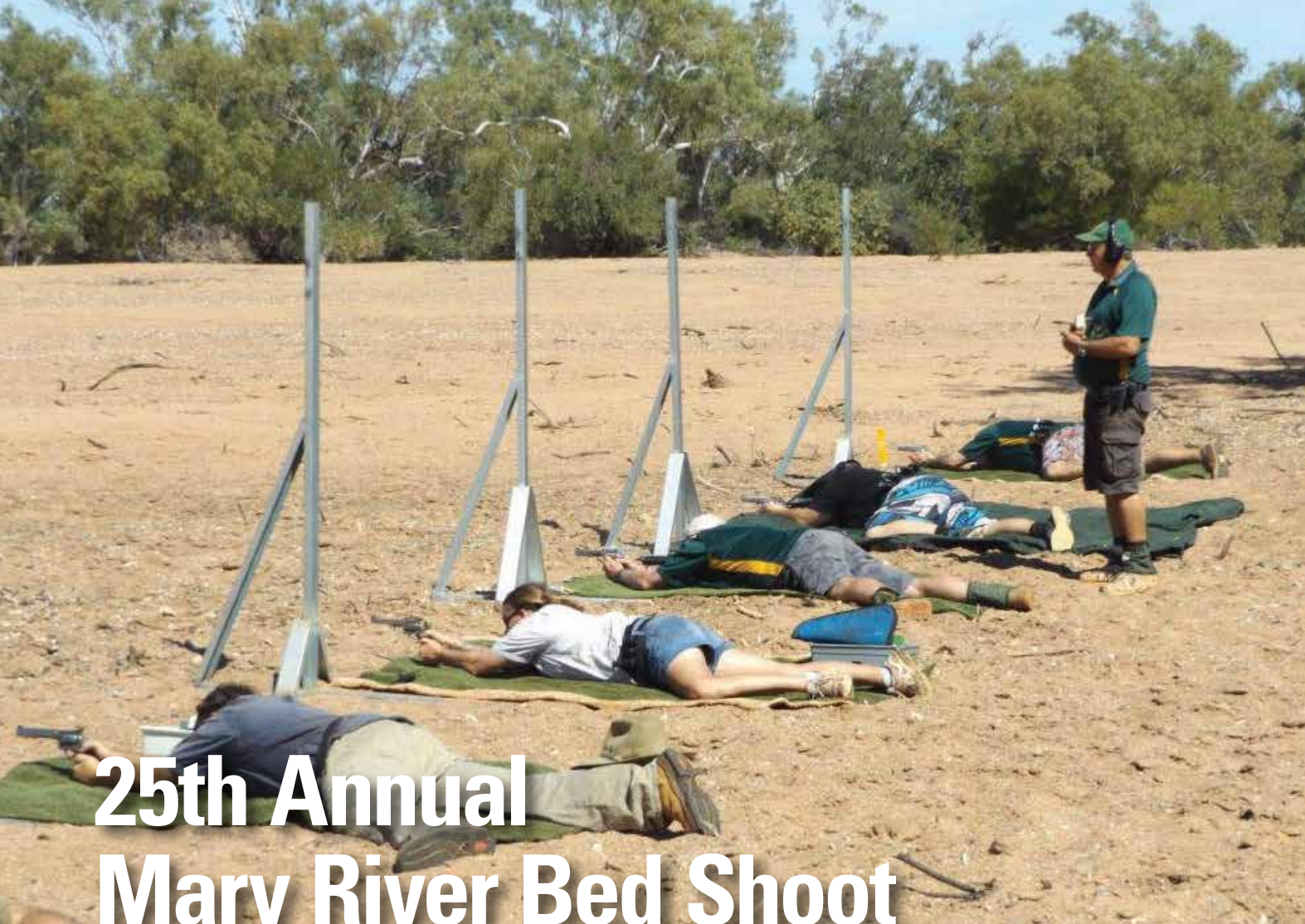
Like all such events, the sports work within the Pacific Games overlay. This did not always work as smoothly as it could. There were problems with transport, uniforms and with some of the travel bookings. However, everything was worked out in the end. To the public, this was a very successful venture and a much needed boost to Papua New Guinea. As usual, the presentation team was there for all the medal ceremonies. The presentation layout reflected the local culture beautifully.

The hospitality shown by all the locals – club members, volunteers and hotel staff alike – was phenomenal! The club put on two BBQs while we were there. Betty made a fantastic banana and sago pudding! On top of the pudding, she also cooked one of the best meals of the trip for lunch one day. So, all in all, it was a successful trip. One I would do again! ★



Getting into the culture





# 25th Annual Mary River Bed Shoot

Neil Butcher

The last weekend in May saw the West and East Kimberley Pistol clubs, as well as a number of visitors, congregate at the Mary River for the annual riverbed shoot. This, our 25th anniversary shoot, saw us come together for some friendly rivalry. The shoot was originally conceived as a way to get an annual weekend competition between the West and East Kimberley Clubs. Given that they are some 1000kms apart, a weekend shoot is a bit difficult. With the help of the owners of Margaret River Station, we were able to establish a range midway between Broome and Kununurra in the bed of the Mary River. The shoot is hosted by both clubs and we welcome visiting shooters from other clubs each year.

Shooters started arriving at the site on Thursday to set up the target ranges and the facilities. With a permanent water hole this year, we even had hot and cold running showers. By Friday evening, most people had arrived and camps had been set up along the river bank. Catching up with old friends continued into the evening. The weather for the weekend was balmy, in the low 30's.

This year, we had a total of 28 shooters competing. We were organised into teams for the West and East Kimberley competition. Visitors were assigned based on which team they had previous shot with. That or by prowess. Of course, husbands and wives were on opposite teams, so as to balance the numbers! We welcomed visitors from Perth, Kalamunda, Alice Springs and Cairns. Pistol Australia was represented by president, Ray Andrews.

Saturday morning saw registrations and a confirmation of the program for the weekend, in addition to reinforcement of safety and etiquette matters to ensure everyone had an enjoyable time. Shooting got underway with a Standard Match. 28 shooters on the



line was impressive. Targets were close together with our portable frames. Concentration was needed to ensure you shot on your target. Some shooters had a problem with focus and sightlines, but those who had a few extra 10's didn't seem to mind. The winners in this match were Janne Steward (Cairns) on 506 and Brad Howard (Broome) on 489.

After lunch, the target frames were reorganised for Service Pistol. Our MK3 patented barriers were also arranged for 8 shooters on the line at a time. Again, this challenged the concentration of some members in getting 6 shots each in 4 different targets, rather than 12 on one and 0 on the other. Getting our 28 shooters through this match occupied the rest of the first day. Brad Howard (Broome) shot a creditable 830 to win this event, followed by Don Cashmore (Kalamunda) with 790. Everyone then retired for a well earned refreshment and shower before getting the campfires going for dinner. After which, many sat around the campfires, catching up and discussing "if onlies".

Sunday dawned bright and beautiful. After breakfast, it was back out onto the range for Service Unrestricted. With everyone pitching

in to help with scoring, patching and timekeeping, we managed to get this match completed in time for an early lunch. The winner in this match was Mal Souter (Cairns) with 797, with Ray Andrews (Perth) placed second on 793.

After lunch, the Broome boys demonstrated the set up for the practical and steel plate matches with knotted rope and electrical tape for the layouts. (I think they will need to do it again next year as we didn't pay enough attention). While they were doing this, we also set up a target at 200 metres, which you paid for the privilege of not hitting. All funds raised went to the Royal Flying Doctors. A total of \$235 was donated.

The Practical matches provided much entertainment for the spectators. It was definitely necessary to impose a time limit, as some of us would still be at the range now otherwise! Winners in these matches were Neville Jones (Ord), Tim Bond (Ord) and Brad Howard (Broome). With the official matches completed, it was time to retire for showers and refreshments while the scorers tallied up. During the day, the boys had also begun preparing for the communal meal, with the BBQs and the spit working overtime.





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That night, we all came together for a sumptuous roast dinner provided by the Broome Club. This was followed by the presentations, a few ales and lots of camaraderie.

The presentations were led off by the president of the Broome Pistol Club, Charlie Kiewiet. The winners of the 25th Mary Riverbed Shoot were declared to be West Kimberley (by only a small margin). The individual trophies were then presented. Distribution indicated an even spread between East, West and visitors. East Kimberley's Murray Shiner, being the member who had attended the most shoots (and probably the eldest), was asked to select the colours for the 2015 Riverbed Shoot Badge. Liz Butcher, who had been both present and the official scorer for all shoots except this year, sent a note wishing everyone the best for the future! All present agreed that it had been a fitting 25th Anniversary Shoot. Ray Andrews thanked those who made it happen, those who participated, their families for their support and hoped that the event would continue for another

25 years. The stories and chacking continued around the campfire until late.

Monday dawned another perfect day for everyone to pack up, say goodbyes and hit the road for their various homes. Another successful Mary Riverbed Shoot!

See you all there next year. 🌟





# Oceania Championships

## Sporting Club Païta, New Caledonia

### 13th – 16th November, 2014

Judy Harding

#### Big Bore Range

It was the middle of July, 2014 when we found out that the Oceania Championships were going to be held in New Caledonia in November, 2014. Team members were offered positions on the team in late July. Unfortunately, neither Matt Sears nor Iain Yule were available. The vacant position on the Small Bore Team was offered to Scott Dawson (a member of the Big Bore Team), which he readily accepted! The teams were comprised of: Big Bore – Scott Dawson (QLD), David Dewsbury (NSW) and Kim Emery (NSW); and Small Bore and Field Pistol – Scott Dawson (QLD), Bruce Dunbar (NSW) and Kim Emery (NSW), along with Team Manager, Judy Harding (QLD).

After domestic flights from Brisbane, Gold Coast and Tamworth, we met at Sydney International Airport on the 11th November. The obligatory firearms check at customs was expedited, somewhat, by the fact that they did not want to check serial numbers if the

person had a defence permit (4 or more firearms). The check-in process with Air Calin went smoothly, followed by an easy walk to our boarding gate. We arrived in New Caledonia just before 4pm (local time). We had a very smooth run through at customs, with everything being checked and out the door by 5pm. We were then met by some of the New Caledonian club members. One took all of the firearm cases home for safe storage, while the others helped us load the rest of our luggage into the van they had kindly hired for us. After the 50km drive to the hotel, we unpacked quickly, freshened up then followed Cyril to his home for a welcome dinner with some of the New Caledonian shooters. It was a relaxing and enjoyable evening after a long day sampling traditional French meats and cheeses.

The next morning, we enjoyed a leisurely breakfast on the balcony, overlooking the Baie des Citrones. Afterwards, we headed for the range, via the supermarket to stock up on food and water. Before practice began, all team members put their firearms through gun check. We then moved on to the Small Bore range. On first impressions, the range looked quite good. It had been revamped since Australia's last visit, with new rails. The mounds had also been top dressed with light coloured soil, rather than the original sea shells and coral. Small Bore practice went well, despite the



range being quite bright and glary. A break for lunch was called at 12:30pm, with fresh breadsticks, BBQ sausages and fruit on offer. Practice resumed on the Big Bore range at 1:30pm, with the right hand rams at 200m being covered in motley shadows. These shadows progressively moved across the ram line and, by 2:30pm, all rams were in rather deep shadows. These shadows were cast by the rear and side mounds surrounding the range. That evening, after all practice was concluded, we were invited to stay at the range for an early BBQ. Venison steaks were on the menu – “melt in your mouth” venison steaks!

Thursday saw the start of the Oceania and New Caledonian Championships, with all competitors shooting their Unlimited Matches. The idea was for everyone to try and shoot as early in the day as possible, due to inevitable shadows on both the Big Bore and Small Bore rams. Team members chose to start with Small Bore Unlimited, with Kim being first up at 8:30am. He finished the match with 31 in slightly dull conditions. After which, however, the sun came up fully and the light was bright and even. Alternating Australia and New Caledonia, Scott shot next, scoring 32. He was followed by Bruce with an excellent 37. We then moved up to the Big Bore range for Big Bore Unlimited. Kim led off again, shooting 37. Followed by David with a 32 and Scott, also with a 37. After a “French” lunch break of bread sticks, ham and salad, it was decided to squeeze in another Small Bore match for all the team



David Dewsbury shooting Big Bore Production



The Australian Team (L-R): Kim Emery, Scott Dawson, David Dewsbury and Bruce Dunbar





Scott Dawson and Kim Emery shooting Small Bore Standing

members, so there were not so many to do over the next two days of competition. Kim chose Standing, finishing with 27, while Bruce shot Revolver, scoring an excellent 37 in the tough conditions. Scott came to the line last for his Standing match and finished with a personal best of 32. Tires and reasonably pleased with the day's scores, we arrived back at the hotel with enough time to get some washing done and enjoy a leisurely ocean swim to ease those tired muscles (chlorinated pools are banned during competition).

We were anticipating a busy Friday and Saturday, as all team members had to squeeze in their Production, Revolver and Standing matches. The two Field Pistol matches were to be shot on the last day. On Friday, Australia started with Big Bore – everyone chose to shoot Revolver first up – with Kim on 39, Scott on 35 and David on 39. Down to the Small Bore range, Bruce scored 28 in Standing, Kim scored 38 in Revolver and Scott scored 36, also in revolver. After lunch, it was back to the Big Bore range. The breeze had picked up enough to necessitate clamping the rams to stop them falling over. Because of the shadows, everyone opted for their Standing match – Kim on 25, Scott also on 25 and David on an excellent 31!

Big Bore was, again, first up on Saturday. The rams were also required to be clamped down again. Today, all team members opted for their Production match. Kim and Scott both scored a perfect 40, while David scored an impressive 36. The afternoon saw us back on the Small Bore range for all to shoot their Production

Match. Kim scored 40, followed by Scott on 39 and Bruce on 38. Four Match Aggregate totals ended up being Small Bore – Bruce Dunbar, 140, Scott Dawson, 139 and Kim Emery, 136. Big Bore – Kim Emery, 141, Scott Dawson, 138 and David Dewsbury, 137. With Big Bore and Small Bore completed, all were reasonably pleased with their efforts on the difficult ranges. Back at the hotel that afternoon, after a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday", David cut into his cake for us all to share.

Sunday was the Field Pistol day. With no wind and some light cloud, we could see and the rams could stand! Once again, we alternated going to the line with the New Caledonian shooters until everyone had shot their two Field Pistol matches. In the Production category, Kim Scored 23, Bruce 29 and Scott 25. In the Production Any Sight category, Kim shot 33, Bruce 33 and Scott 28. Two Match Aggregate scores here were: Bruce Dunbar, 62; Kim Emery, 56; and Scott Dawson, 53. By midday, all shooting was completed and the New Caledonians had the lamb roasting on the spit for a late lunch. After a very enjoyable meal on the new deck of the Clubhouse, the presentation ceremony for the Oceania Championships began. In the Big Bore Team's category, it was Australia first with a total of 416. New Caledonia "B" was second with 337 and New Caledonia "A" third with 305. Small Bore saw Australia first again, with 415. New Caledonia "A" came in second on 342 and New Caledonia "B" third with 286. Australia reigned supreme in Field Pistol also, coming in first with 171 points. New



Caledonia "A" took second place again, with 124. New Caledonia "B" came in third with 89.

Monday arrived with an 8:30am departure from the hotel for the 50km drive back to the airport. We reached the airport at 9:30 for our 1pm departure. The customs check went very smoothly, firearms serial numbers plus any unfired ammunition that was left, then through check-in without any worries. We then put all the firearm boxes through the X-ray machine. But then... all team members except David were taken into a room and all the firearms were checked again. By the time this was completed, we said our goodbyes to Junn and thanked him for bringing the cases back to the airport. He was also kind enough to stay with us as an interpreter until all areas had been cleared. We finally made it through the airport security and onto the boarding gate at 12pm, with little time to spare! The flight back to Sydney was short (only 2 hours and 50 minutes). Once again, we breezed through customs, wished everyone well and headed off to our respective flights and rides home. This was another successful trip by the Metallic Silhouette Team, with everyone looking forward to the Christmas/New Year break.

This competition saw the end of an era for Bruce Dunbar. Bruce, now 68, has decided to call it quits on the International front. He now plans to start ticking off some of the items from his bucket list! Bruce has been a regular member of the Australian team for some 20 years and has been saying for a while that he was going to stop travelling overseas. Well, 2014 was it. The end! What a finish it was, with the Australian Small Bore Team taking home the gold at the World Championships in July (2014), followed by the gold at the Oceania Championships. As well as these, Bruce took home silver in Field Pistol at the World Championships and gold at Oceania. It has been an excellent swansong for Bruce, with great aggregates in both Small Bore and Field Pistol at both International competitions in 2014. Thank you, Bruce, for your dedication and support and for your help to all team members during your time as a member of the Australian Metallic Silhouette Team. I would like to take this opportunity to wish him well in his travels (in the new caravan) and firearm making endeavours in the future. He assures me that he will still be in attendance at many of the major competitions in Australia, as well as being a part of the NSW team at the National Championships. 🌟



Australia and New Caledonia getting ready for the presentation lunch



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# 2015 NATIONAL TOP TEN

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## 50m Pistol

**National Record:** Qr David Moore, NSW 565 (Nationals, Canberra, 1998)  
Fr Daniel Repacholi, NSW 185.5 (Nationals, Cessnock, 2014)

Rank	Name	State	Score	Competition	Date
1	David Porter	SA	546	Nationals Adelaide	April
	Bailey Groves	TAS	546	Aus Cup 1 Sydney	February
2	Damian Dowling	NSW	545	Aus Shooting Games	June
3	Kerry Bell	NSW	542	Cessnock Vintage	March
4	Bruce Quick	VIC	540	Len Luke	June
5	Scott Anderson	WA	539	Nationals Adelaide	April
6	Jason Faulkner	NSW	536	Nationals Adelaide	April
	Daniel Repacholi	NSW	536	Aus Cup 1 Sydney	February
	Christopher Summerell	NSW	536	Aus Cup 2 Shepp'n	March
7	David Moore	NSW	534	Cessnock Vintage	March
	Les Moncrieff	VIC	534	Mid-Murray	June
	Rodd Lavell	ACT	534	ACT State Titles	June

## 25m Rapid Fire

**National Record:** Qr David J. Chapman, SA 579 (Nationals, Cessnock NSW, 2009)  
Fr David J. Chapman, SA 28 hits (Nationals, Cessnock NSW, 2014)

Rank	Name	State	Score	Competition	Date
1	David Chapman	SA	574	Nationals Adelaide	April
2	Bruce Quick	VIC	571	Len Luke	June
	Sergei Yauhleuski	VIC	571	Melton	July
3	Scott Anderson	WA	568	Aus Cup 3 Perth	May
4	Mike Giustiniano	WA	563	Boyup Brook	June
	Thomas Ashmore	ACT	563	Issf Jun Cup Suhl	July
5	Jeremy Kozak	WA	561	Aus Cup 3 Perth	May
6	Lucas Finken	VIC	557	Castlemain	January
7	Bailey Groves	TAS	556	Universiade Korea	July
8	Thanakorn Pumanee	NSW	555	Cessnock Vintage	February

## 25m Standard Pistol

**National Record:** Bruce Quick, VIC, 580 (Shepparton, 1999)

Rank	Name	State	Score	Competition	Date
1	Bruce Quick	VIC	567	Nationals Adelaide	April
2	Scott Anderson	WA	562	WA ISSF State Titles	February
3	Mike Giustiniano	WA	561	Cockburn Frem'tle	February
4	Bruce Favell	QLD	558	Toowoomba	May
5	Linda Ryan	VIC	557	Nationals Adelaide	April
6	Jason Williams	SA	556	Nationals Adelaide	April
	Kerry Bell	NSW	556	Cessnock Vintage	February
	Gary Mullens	VIC	556	Ballarat	April
7	David Chapman	SA	554	Nationals Adelaide	April
	David Moore	NSW	554	Nationals Adelaide	April

## 25m Centre Fire

**National Record:** Phillip Adams, NSW, 588 (Canberra, 1989)

Rank	Name	State	Score	Competition	Date
1	Bruce Quick	VIC	577	Aus Cup 2 Shepp'n	March
2	Gary Mullens	VIC	575	Ballarat	April
3	Mike Giustiniano	WA	572	Cockburn Frem'tle	February
	Jeremy Kozak	WA	572	Aus Cup 3 Perth	May
4	David Chapman	SA	569	Riverland Issf Open	August
5	Max Wray	WA	567	Cockburn Frem'tle	February
	Garry Heinrich	SA	567	Noarlunga	May
6	Thanakorn Pumanee	NSW	566	Nationals Adelaide	April
	Kerry Bell	NSW	566	Nationals Adelaide	April
	Noel Ryan	QLD	566	Burdekin	May

## 25m Pistol Women

**National Record:** Qr Lalita Yauhleuskaya, VIC, 588 (Nationals, Hobart, 2002)  
Fr Lalita Yauhleuskaya, VIC, 18 + 7 hits (Nationals, Cessnock, 2014)

Rank	Name	State	Score	Competition	Date
1	Lalita Yauhleuskaya	VIC	581	Nationals Adelaide	April
2	Elena Galiabovitch	VIC	578	Castlemaine	January
3	Linda Ryan	VIC	576	Aus Cup 2 Shepp'n	March
4	Hayley Chapman	SA	573	Aus Cup 1 Sydney	February
5	Emily Esposito	NSW	570	Aus Cup 2 Shepp'n	March
6	Danielle Moleman	NSW	569	Cessnock Vintage	February
7	Kristy Gillman	VIC	564	Castlemain	January
	Civon Smith	QLD	564	Len Luke	June
8	Lynn Thomas	QLD	562	Brisbane Open	March
9	Robyn Birch	QLD	561	Brisbane Open	March

## 10m Air Pistol

**National Record:** Qr David Moore, NSW, 585 (ACT State Titles, 2005)  
Fr Blake Blackburn, NSW, 194.5 (Nationals, Cessnock, 2014)

Rank	Name	State	Score	Competition	Date
1	Bruce Quick	VIC	578	Len Luke	June
2	Kerry Bell	NSW	575	Cessnock Vintage	February
3	Daniel Repacholi	NSW	573	Cessnock Vintage	February
4	Chris Summerell	NSW	570	Aus Cup 1 Sydney	February
5	Adrian Berthelsen	WA	569	WA ISSF Titles	February
	Mike Knapp	WA	569	Aus Cup 2 Shepp'n	March
	Jason Faulkner	NSW	569	Aus Cup 3 Perth	May
6	Damian Dowling	NSW	568	Aus Cup 3 Perth	May
	David Porter	SA	568	Maitland	March
	Bailey Groves	TAS	568	Universiade Korea	July
	Yifan Ma	VIC	568	MSIC	May



## 2015 NATIONAL TOP TEN

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### 10m Air Pistol Women

**National Record:** Qr Dina Aspindiyarova, VIC, 390 (Australia Cup, July 2006, Melbourne)  
Fr Danielle Evans, NSW, 199.0 (Nationals, Cessnock, 2014)

Rank	Name	State	Score	Competition	Date
1	Emily Esposito	NSW	384	Castlemaine	January
	Kristy Gillman	VIC	384	Ballarat	April
2	Lalita Yauhleuskaya	VIC	379	Nationals Adelaide	April
3	Danielle Moleman	NSW	376	Cessnock Vintage	February
4	Elena Galiabovich	VIC	375	Melton	July
5	Marcia Probert	QLD	374	Toowoomba	May
6	Allison Doyle	NSW	372	Cessnock Vintage	February
	Alison Heinrich	SA	372	Mildura	May
	Anne Cormack	QLD	372	Aus Shooting Games	June
7	Tracy Williams	SA	371	Noarlunga	May
	Elise Dowling	NSW	371	Aus Cup 3 Perth	May
	Lyn Thomas	QLD	371	Len Luke	June

### 25m Pistol

**National Record:** Daniel Repacholi, VIC, 582 (Sydney, 2000)

Rank	Name	State	Score	Competition	Date
1	Thomas Ashmore	ACT	571	Nationals Adelaide	April
2	Sergei Yauhleuski	VIC	568	Nationals Adelaide	April
3	Bailey Groves	TAS	565	Nationals Adelaide	April
	Nathan Blackburn	NSW	565	Cessnock Vintage	February
4	Anthony Thornberry	NSW	559	Cessnock Vintage	February
5	Michael Bouchaud	QLD	547	Len Luke	June
	Hansi Hummer	QLD	547	Rockhampton	August
6	Brooke Petrie	SA	546	Tri State Juniors	June
7	Corey Martin	NSW	543	Nationals Adelaide	April
8	Alison Heinrich	SA	540	Nationals Adelaide	April

### 10m Air Pistol Junior Women

**National Record:** Annemarie Forder, QLD, 385 (Brisbane, 1998)

Rank	Name	State	Score	Competition	Date
1	Sascha Kroopin	NSW	375	Nationals Adelaide	April
	Brooke Petrie	SA	375	Mildura	May
2	Alison Heinrich	SA	374	Mildura	May
3	Elise Dowling	QLD	368	Nationals Adelaide	April
4	Emily Verhulst	SA	367	Nationals Adelaide	April
5	Sierra Contreras	QLD	361	Len Luke	June
6	Ryana Cook	NSW	360	Nationals Adelaide	April
7	Morgan Petrie	SA	356	Tri State Juniors	June
8	Chloe Sewell	VIC	355	Castlemaine	January
9	Louise Stretton	QLD	350	Len Luke	June

### 10m Air Pistol Junior Men

**National Record:** Greg Schultz, SA, 575 (Melbourne, 1996)

Rank	Name	State	Score	Competition	Date
1	Sergei Yauhleuski	VIC	570	Misc	May
2	Bailey Groves	TAS	569	Nationals Adelaide	April
3	Chris Summerell	NSW	564	Tri State Juniors	June
4	Nathan Blackburn	NSW	560	Cessnock Vintage	February
5	Thomas Ashmore	ACT	558	Nationals Adelaide	April
6	Sam John	QLD	555	Nationals Adelaide	April
7	Corey Martin	NSW	551	Cessnock Vintage	February
8	Brenton Barling	VIC	550	Nationals Adelaide	April
9	Michael Bouchaud	QLD	549	Len Luke	June
10	Christian Biele	SA	546	Maitland	March

### 25y Service Pistol

**National Record:** Peter Knowlton, QLD, 641 (Brisbane, 2010)

Rank	Name	State	Score	Competition	Date
1	Peter Knowlton	QLD	644	Cairns	June
2	Dean Brus	NSW	640	Orange Sp Open	March
3	Peter Roberts	TAS	637	TP & RC Open	January
4	Paul Jensen	VIC	633	Sale	April
5	Chris Banfield	TAS	632	Nationals Adelaide	April
	Peter Brus	NSW	632	Orange SP Open	March
	Brandan Ede	QLD	632	Qld State Titles	August
6	Leo Caratti	WA	631	Pt Bouvard	May
7	Jamie Longbottom	QLD	629	Cairns	March
8	Davey Oates	NSW	628	Orange SP Open	March
	Liinda Jekel	WA	628	Mid-Murray	June
	Quinten Rose	QLD	628	Cairns	June
	Bret Sandman	VIC	628	Mildura	July

### Service Pistol

**National Record:** Dean Brus, NSW, 884 (Nationals, 2015)

Rank	Name	State	Score	Competition	Date
1	Jamie Longbottom	QLD	884	Cairns	March
	Dean Brus	NSW	884	Nationals Adelaide	April
2	Peter Knowlton	QLD	883	Cairns	June
3	Davey Oates	NSW	878	Gulgong Safari	February
4	Glen Flett	QLD	872	Cairns	June
5	Brandan Ede	QLD	871	Cairns	June
6	Paul Jensen	VIC	868	Melton	February
7	Martin O'brien	NSW	867	Orange Sp Open	March
8	Ross Patching	QLD	864	Gladstone	June
9	Greg Lowe	VIC	863	Mildura	July

Service Unrestricted					
National Record: Harry Thomas, QLD, 896 (Hobart, 2002)					
Rank	Name	State	Score	Competition	Date
1	Peter Knowlton	QLD	893	Cairns	June
2	Dean Brus	NSW	891	Nationals Adelaide	April
3	Jamie Longbottom	QLD	888	Cairns	June
4	Chris Winterhalter	VIC	883	Outtrim	February
5	Paul Jensen	VIC	882	Nationals Adelaide	April
6	Davey Oates	NSW	882	Gulgong Safari	February
	Simon Curyer	SA	881	Nationals Adelaide	April
7	Peter Brus	NSW	881	Nationals Adelaide	April
	Chris Banfield	TAS	880	Nationals Adelaide	April
	Thomas Degiglio	SA	880	Nationals Adelaide	April
	Jason Rehn	SA	880	Cairns	June

World Association 1500 Revolver					
National Record: Donnal Pollard, NSW, 1487 105X (Nationals, Perth, 2013)					
Rank	Name	State	Score	Competition	Date
1	Don Pollard	NSW	1493-102	Orange WA1500	May
2	Davey Oates	NSW	1488-97	Gulgong	June
3	Brandan Ede	QLD	1487-101	Qld State Titles	August
4	Jamie Longbottom	QLD	1487-95	Cairns	June
5	Dean Brus	NSW	1485-99	Orange WA1500	May
6	Peter Brus	NSW	1484-89	Orange SP Open	March
7	Peter Knowlton	QLD	1482-89	Burdekin	May
8	Chris Banfield	TAS	1479-82	Nationals Adelaide	April
9	Leo Caratti	WA	1478-85	Pt Bouvard	January
10	Ross Patching	QLD	1478-75	Qld State Titles	August

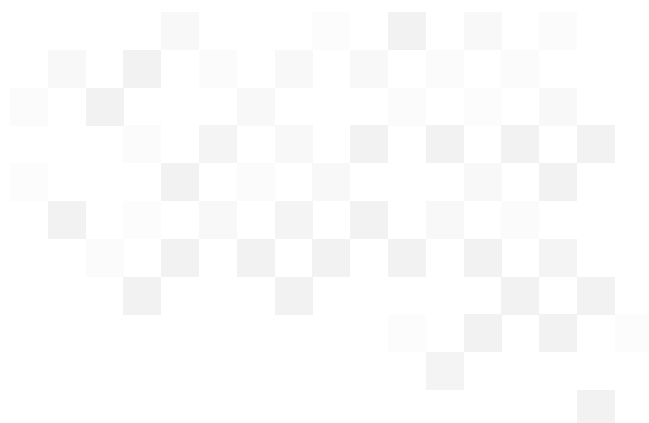
World Association 1500 Pistol					
National Record: Donnal Pollard, NSW, 1482 89X (Nationals, Adelaide, 2011)					
Rank	Name	State	Score	Competition	Date
1	Davey Oates	NSW	1486-94	Orange SP Open	March
2	Peter Knowlton	QLD	1483-98	Cairns	June
3	Jamie Longbottom	QLD	1482-86	Cairns	March
4	Don Pollard	NSW	1476-90	Orange WA1500	May
5	Dean Brus	NSW	1476-74	Orange SP Open	March
6	Ralph Motton	VIC	1474-78	Outtrim Open	March
7	Gary Coppola	SA	1470-73	Pt Bouvard	January
8	Peter Brus	NSW	1469-100	Orange WA1500	May
9	Bruce Mathiou	QLD	1468-81	Brisbane Open	March
10	Paul Jensen	VIC	1468-73	Outtrim Open	March

Black Powder 25m					
National Record: David Moore, NSW, 386 (Cessnock, 2004)					
Rank	Name	State	Score	Competition	Date
1	Brian Subkey	NSW	373	Nationals Adelaide	April
2	Gary Green	NSW	372	Nationals Adelaide	April
	Noel Ryan	QLD	372	BP Champs Mt Isa	August
3	Ray Gray	NSW	371	Nationals Adelaide	April
4	Tom Fulton	QLD	370	Metro PSQ	January
5	John Ingold	NSW	369	Nationals Adelaide	April
6	David Moore	NSW	367	Cessnock	February
7	Ern Smith	VIC	366	Nationals Adelaide	April
	Wayne Davis	VIC	366	Nationals Adelaide	April
	John Lisiewicz	QLD	366	Nationals Adelaide	April

Black Powder 50m					
National Record: David Moore, NSW, 380 (Brisbane, 1998)					
Rank	Name	State	Score	Competition	Date
1	David Moore	NSW	368	Nationals Adelaide	April
2	Steve Blackburn	NSW	363	Cessnock	April
3	Max Wray	WA	362	CFPC	July
4	John Lisiewicz	NSW	357	Nationals Adelaide	April
5	Wayne Davis	VIC	356	Nationals Adelaide	April
6	Mike Knapp	WA	355	Boyup Brook	February
7	Bill Parrinelli	NSW	354	CNPC Champs	August
8	Frank Jerkovic	WA	351	Nationals Adelaide	April
	Leo Caratti	WA	351	Nationals Adelaide	April
9	Kim Cundy	SA	350	Murray Bridge	July

Action Pistol					
National Record: Darryl Carnicelli, WA, 1920 172X (Darwin, 2008)					
Rank	Name	State	Score	Competition	Date
1	Brett Foster	QLD	1920-176	Toowoomba	May
2	Craig Ginger	NSW	1920-175	SE Region Champs Bris	August
3	Adrian Berthelsen	WA	1920-159	Kalamunda	February
4	Mark Blake	VIC	1918-166	Echuca	April
5	Alan Harriman	NSW	1918-164	SSPC ACT	March
6	Ray Penney	QLD	1918-163	Gold Coast	April
7	Anita Mackiewicz	VIC	1918-162	VIC Champs	August
8	Zeljko Cvetnic	VIC	1918-161	Echuca	April
9	Steve Schrader	VIC	1918-160	VIC Champs	August
10	Iain Buchanan	NSW	1916-158	NSW State Champs	May

Action Pistol Metallic Sight					
National Record: Ivan Rehlicki, VIC, 1906 132X (Perth, 2011)					
Rank	Name	State	Score	Competition	Date
1	Craig Ginger	NSW	1901-139	NSW State Champs	May
2	Brett Foster	QLD	1874-109	Toowoomba	June
3	Chris Mathiou	QLD	1872-113	Toowoomba	May
4	Nigel Gordon	QLD	1869-123	Toowoomba	May
5	Zeljko Cvetnic	VIC	1859-118	Echuca	April
6	Mark Blake	VIC	1857-126	Echuca	April
7	Richard Siebert	VIC	1825-114	Echuca	April
8	Bruce Mathiou	QLD	1820-99	SE Regional Champs	August
9	Arron Turner	QLD	1813-98	Toowoomba	June
10	Steve Schrader	NSW	1812-105	NSW State Champs	May





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Total weight:	900g		

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Overall length:	295mm	Adjustment click:	5mm
Total weight:	1200/1500g	Action:	Semi-auto

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Calibre:	.32 S&W	Barrel length:	120mm
Height:	140mm	Barrel rifling:	6Dx450mm
Width:	49mm	Sight radius:	220mm
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Total weight:	1130/1100g	Action:	Semi-auto

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