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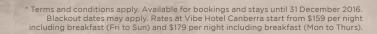
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What better way to start this article than to congratulate our only pistol Paralympian Chris Pitt (Qld) on his great achievement at the Rio Paralympic Games.

Chris qualified for the final in his first Games in the Mixed 25m Sport Pistol SH1 event. Chris had a 274 in Precision but proceeded to shoot an excellent 292 in the Rapid Fire Stage for 566 and 7<sup>th</sup> place into the final. After another great performance in the final Chris finished just outside a medal in 4<sup>th</sup> place, a proud moment for Chris, congratulations from all PA members.

Unfortunately our able bodied Olympians didn't fare so well and their results were well down on what was expected even though they did their best on the day so they still must be congratulated. The best performer was Lalita Yauhleuskaya with a 578 finishing 14th in 25m Pistol Women.

As I reported in my last article due to various reasons we only had three members in the Metallic Silhouette Team to the compete in the IMSSU World Championships in South Africa, Kim Emery, David Dewsbury (NSW) and Michael Arden (VIC). The three competed in all events Big Bore, Small Bore, Field Pistol and Hand Gun Standing.

Kim Emery again showed his quality as a Metallic competitor by taking the World title in BB Standing. The three members in the Teams Events were awarded Silver in the BB Aggregate and Bronze in Small Bore, Field Pistol and Hand Gun Standing. A great result for a small team, congratulations to the Team. The Team Manager's full report in this issue.

The WA1500 Team travelled to the Czech Republic this year to compete in the European Championships with first-time members in the team, Jamie Longbottom and Brandan Ede (Qld) and Linda Jekel (WA) along with Davey Oates a long time veteran.

Unfortunately the team experienced a few problems on the way over with an unscheduled stop over in Dubai and then some members having flu issues after arrival in Czech Republic. These issues caused a distraction but on the range the members all acquitted themselves well with some great results which you will find in this issue. Thanks to Marnie Jones for filling in when required in a team event due to a team member's illness.

As previously reported Shooting Australia had advertised for a replacement High Performance Manager and I can report that position has been filled by Adam Sachs. Adam comes on board at crucial time as we start the next 4 year Olympic cycle to Tokyo 2020.

Adam has previously the held roles of Performance Director for Gymnastics Australia, High Performance Manager for Volleyball Australia, Senior Project Officer for Sport and Recreation Victoria, as well as being a Coach with the South Australian Institute of Sport.

I attended the resent Action Pistol National Championships held at the Darwin Pistol Club in August and the Open Champion winner was Nigel Gordon (QLD) being the only competitor to score 1920 with Anita Mackiewicz (VIC) 2<sup>nd</sup> 1916 172 X and Mark Blake (VIC) 3<sup>rd</sup> 1916 170 X. Mark was also the winner of the Metallic sights. See article this issue, and results on the PA website.

We have two major international competitions before the end of 2016, both in November. The first will be the Oceania Shooting Championships in Metallic Silhouette in New Caledonia between Australia, New Caledonia and New Zealand. The Australian Team members are Kim Emery, Keith Rigby (NSW) and Mick Arden (VIC) and along with team manager Judy Harding (QLD).

The next is the Action Pistol World Championship in New Zealand. The Australian Team Members are Anita Mackiewicz, Zeljko Cvetnic, Cherie Blake (VIC), Brett Foster, Andrew Penny (QLD) and Craig Ginger (NSW) with Team Manager Geoff Horton. We wish them every success.

For our athletes interested in elite competition don't forget the Shooting Australia Grand Prix event at SISC  $4^{th}-6^{th}$  November 2016. There will be overseas competitors competing at this event.

May all your shots be 10's.



## From the NCC

**RAY ANDREWS OAM** 

For the 2017 PA Annual Junior Camp we have revised the method of how we select the 8 juniors to invite back from the 2016 camp.

To be eligible to be invited to the 2017 camp juniors must submit certified results from club or open events that they compete in in either air pistol and or sport pistol. They must submit a minimum of 6 scores between August 2016 and the end of February 2017 and results from open competition will be to their advantage for selection against club shoots. The 2017 junior camp will again be held in Canberra from Saturday 1st to Saturday 8th July 2017, so mark this date in your training diary. It's a great week of excellent coaching and good fun.

"Over the past 18 months shooting Australia (SA) has been developing the Athletes Pathway program."

When you read this issue of the Bulletin five of our PA juniors will have finished competing in the Gabala ISSF Junior World Cup. The members are Sergei Yauhleski (VIC) Thomas Ashmore (ACT), Hans Ben Hummer (QId), Sascha Kroopin (NSW) and Alison Heinrich Shooting Australia. In addition, Vladimir Galiabovitch and Alex Kupke attended as coaches.

Over the past 18 months Shooting Australia has been developing the Athletes Pathway program. Carrie Quigley from Shooting Australia was invited to the resent NCC meeting to talk to the Coaching directors about the program. The Shooting Australia Athlete Pathway is based on the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) long-term athlete program titled FTEM that encourages participation and skill development. Carrie advised that the FTEM pathway diagram, current version 3, is being reviewed and version 4 will be released soon. The meeting discussed the different aspects of the pathway for pistol. The NCC is the ideal group to take further the draft pathway tabled by the PA NDS Coordinator Peter Heuke. Peter is the PA contact with Shooting Australia for development of the pathway. Focus on coaches is paramount for the pathway to be effective. Basically in its raw form it is a wall flow chart that clearly shows an athlete the pathway for them to progress from a new shooter to become a member of an Olympic team.

The PA National development Squad will be having their fourth camp for the year in Canberra 26<sup>th</sup> − 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016 with one planned for January 2017 also in Canberra. ◆

### **Q & A with the NRC Director**

BY SHARON REYNOLDS, NRC DIRECTOR

Over the past few months I have fielded a number of questions — on all sorts of subjects. Some of them may be of general interest, so here goes

- Q. When the new ISSF rules are issued (in January 2017) will PA automatically adopt them, and will they be circulated in the Bulletin?
- A. The (really) short aNSWer is NO! However, it is really not that simple. In the past we had a tendency to slavishly follow the ISSF rules in their entirety. The increased emphasis on the use of electronic targets, and the international focus of the ISSF rules makes such an attitude detrimental to shooting in this country. In recent times we have adopted MOST of the new rules but not all - some examples being to not enforce the blinder rules, not adopt the voluntary equipment control of the ISSF, allow more than one claim for a malfunction (although there is only one reshoot allowed of course). This policy will continue. As for circulating the changes in the Bulletin - while not a requirement I will be putting the changes into an article once they have been released. Changes will also be circulated via the PA and the NRC websites. Some of the changes may be adopted immediately but any substantial changes will not come into effect until after the 2017 PA/ISSF Nationals in Cessnock. The exception will be the proposed changes to the Finals – these are not dramatic and for those shooting Finals they need to be doing it correctly.
- Q. In the WA1500 matches what is the penalty for loading (but not firing) too many rounds?
- A. The WA1500 rules are somewhat different to most of the other discipline rules in that they do not go into detail about penalties, infringements etc. The spirit and intent of the rules is relied on much more than in other disciplines. The range officials need to make their decisions based on all the circumstances at the time of the incident. This ethos applies throughout. While this may be anathema to many Australian shooters it is something that we must observe and appreciate.
- Q. The cylinder on my air pistol is more than 10 years old can I use it?
- A. You can certainly use it at PA competitions you may be advised that the cylinder is out of date but you will not be barred from using it. The ISSF rules only provide for an advisory to be issued. Provided there are no local rules applicable there should be no problem. If you plan to compete at a Shooting Australia event you would need to check with Shooting Australia.. There is currently no testing standard for small pressure vessels such as an air pistol cylinder.



#### Q. I am hoping to have a role at the Commonwealth Games in 2018 – what do I need to do?

A. The first step is to register with the CGA Volunteer program at https://www.gc2018.com/take-part/volunteering. The recruitment programme will begin early next year. By registering now you will be advised once the programme is in place and will be able to put in an application via the website.

If you are hoping to volunteer and be on the field of play you would need to apply for an SSV role (Sport Specific Volunteer), and will need to obtain the Shooting Australia Officials accreditation (many range officers and judges will be able to get this based on current qualifications & experience). There will be more information about this accreditation towards the end of the year. Needless to say SSV roles are limited and you may be offered a general volunteer position - hopefully in the shooting venue. Nothing is guaranteed and PA is unlikely to have any input into the selection of the shooting volunteers - but if you don't apply you definitely won't get a job!

#### Q. Is it true that Pistol Australia will no longer be supporting 25yard Service Pistol?

A. Over my dead body is my aNSWer. I have no idea where this idea came from but is it total nonsense. 25yd Service Pistol is one of the most popular PA matches and will continue to be supported – and shot at Nationals – while ever I have any say in it. I might add that the same applies to everything else we shoot!

#### Q. What recourse do I have if I think I have been badly treated by a range official?

A. This depends on what you mean by 'badly treated'. If you are referring to a decision made at a competition then you have a right to protest the decision and to take it to appeal if you feel the decision was not properly made.

If the complaint is more personal and you feel you have been bullied or abused in any way you should take it to your State Referee Director, or to the National Referee Director (or even directly to PA) if you feel that is more appropriate. Range Officials are trained to be impartial but we are all human. No-one should ever feel intimidated and all genuine complaints will be treated seriously.

Of course, the same applies in reverse and any range official who feels badly treated by a competitor, spectator, organizer, or indeed any person on the range, has the same recourse.

Many of the questions I receive are specific to certain situations, and are aNSWered as such. However, if anyone has a general question then I would love to receive it – the idea is to have a Q and A section on the website eventually. ◆

### From the office

BY SHAWN MCEACHIN, SPORT ADMINISTRATOR



In addition, we are looking to make more improvements to the Australian Pistol Shooters Bulletin through 2017.

#### Office Changes

Pistol Australia would like to welcome Tracy Creber to the position of Administration Officer. Tracy is an administrator with over 10 years experience in finance and office administration, and also has keen interest in health and fitness. Previously, Tracy worked in both finance and nutrition at the Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Institute of Sport. Recently, Tracy returned to Canberra (with her husband and two children) after several years away in Guernsey in the Channel Islands. After taking a career break to raise her family Tracy is ready to

get back to work and excited to be a part of Pistol Australia. Pistol Australia would like to thank Frances Reid for her work as Sport Assistant and wish her every success in her future careers.

#### Article submissions

Do you have something to add to the Australian Pistol Shooters Bulletin? Pistol Australia welcomes article submissions from all members. You can submit your articles and pictures to pistol@pistol.org.au.

### INVITATION

Shooting Australia (SA) are pleased to invite your ISSF and IPC Shooting athletes to participate in the; 2016 Shooting Australia International Grand Prix

Which will take place from the 4th to the 6th of November 2016 at the Sydney International Shooting Centre in Western Sydney, Australia.

The event program including terms and conditions and online entries are now available on the SA website www.shootingaustralia.org

International competitors must provide confirmation of affiliation with their relevant National Shooting Federation at time of nomination and are required to arrange their own import and export permits with the relevant Australian Authorities prior to arrival in Australia.

Should you require further information regarding this event including transport and accommodation requirements please contact kerry@ shootingaustralia.org.

# Positions Vacant 2017 Team Managers

Pistol Australia (PA) is calling for expressions of interest from suitably experienced PA members for the following 2016 Team Manager positions:

- · Action Pistol
- · WA1500 Match
- Metallic Silhouette

Team Managers are required to:

- Liaise with the PA Sport Administrator regarding all arrangements to be made for representative teams selected to compete at international competitions;
- Assist team members with all matters relating to the import and export of firearms and ammunition at all domestic and international destinations; and:
- Liaise with the representative Organising Secretary to ensure the successful entry of the team into the competition.

Intending applicants should familiarise themselves with the PA Team Member Responsibilities prior to submitting an application and can contact the PA Sport Administrator on (02) 6281 1303 or pistol@pistol.org.au to obtain a copy.

Applications detailing relevant experience should be addressed to The Sport Administrator, PO Box 368, CURTIN ACT 2605 or pistol@pistol.org.au.

Applications close 14 October 2016.

# **State shooting caldendar**

#### **Australian Capital Territory**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Oct 22–23	ACT Championships, Service Pistol, Service Unrestricted and Service 25Y	Majura Pistol Club
Nov 18–21	City/Country 200m Big Bore Open	Canberra SSPC

#### **New South Wales**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Oct 1-3	NSW ISSF State Championships	SISC
Oct 8-9	NSW WA1500 State Championships	Tamworth PC
Oct 14–16	NSW Metallic Silhouette 100m Small Bore and Field Pistol State Championships	Bowral PC
Oct 15-16	CMPC Centre Fire/Sport & Air Pistol	St Ives PC
Oct 21–23	ISSF Open	Lismore PC
Nov 5–6	CMPC Service Pistol Championships & East V West Service Pistol & WA1500	Gosford PC
Nov 5–6	John Davidson Memorial Black Powder 25m; Centrefire and Sport Pistol	Campbelltown/ Liverpool PC
Nov 5–6	CMPC Metallic Silhouette 100m Small Bore Open	Bowral PC
Nov 12–13	NSW Black Powder State Championships	Sydney PC
Nov 19–20	Service Pistol Christmas Open	Gosford PC
Nov 19–20	ISSF Open	Murwillumbah PC
Nov 26–27	ISSF Open	Hume PC



#### Queensland

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Oct 1-4	Pistol Shooting Qld ISSF State Championships PSQ16.51	Beaudesert PC QId
Oct 7–10	Pistol Shooting Qld Rose & Rodeo ISSF Open PSQ16.09	Warwick PC Qld
Oct 9-10	Pistol Shooting Qld Joan Yet Foy Memorial Action Open PSQ16.34	Gold Coast PC PAA Qld
Oct 22–24	Pistol Shooting Qld Black Powder & Mini ISSF Open PSQ16.16	Cairns TSC Qld
Oct 23–24	Pistol Shooting Qld Action Cup R7 PSQ16.49	Toowoomba PC QId
Nov 4–7	Pistol Shooting Qld SE Regional Championships Metallic Silhouette PSQ16.04	Toogoolawah PC Qld
Nov 11–13	SE Region Championships 100m Small Bore & Field Pistol	Toogoolawah
Nov 13–14	Services & BP Open	Brisbane PC Belmont Shooting Complex
Nov 20–21	Pistol Shooting Qld Action Cup Final PSQ16.35	Gold Coast PC PAA Qld
Nov 26–28	Pistol Shooting Qld Last Chance Services & WA1500 Open PSQ16.17	Cairns TSC Qld

#### **South Australia**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Oct 1-4	State Titles – ISSF Open B/P 25M Agg & 50M	Berri/Loxton
Nov 5-7	Open – ISSF	
Nov 12–14	State Titles — Service Pistol (3) WA1500 (2)	Stirling
Nov 19–20	SASA Junior Championships	TBA & Wingfield Range

#### Western Australia

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Oct 29-30	WA 1500	Cockburn Fremantle
Oct 15≠16	ISSF	Kent District
Nov 5–6	ISSF	Whiteman Park
Nov 19–20	ISSF	Cockburn Fremantle



The Action Pistol Nationals returned to the Top End this year. The event was held at the Darwin Pistol Club, which last hosted the Nationals in 2008.

The facilities at DPC are some of the best in the country and we believe that the Action Pistol ranges are very conducive to high scores. Timing of the competition was brought forward to late August so as to avoid the heat and humidity of the Top End 'build up' season. Huey upstairs, however, didn't come to the party and the weather was unseasonably warm and humid for August (even for the locals). Luckily our visitors didn't suffer too much and nobody complained, having come from freezing and windy weather 'down south'. Air-conditioning in the clubhouse and cold beverages in the fridge helped everyone keep their cool.

The prelude to the main event was the NT Titles, held over the weekend prior to the Nationals. This was an ideal opportunity for our visitors to acclimatise and familiarise themselves with the ranges. A field of 34 shooters from all over the country competed with a good representation from locals, including several blokes from the Jabiru Pistol Club located about 250km east of Darwin in the Kakadu National Park.

Nigel Gordon from the Warwick Pistol Club took out the Titles with an excellent score of 1918 (164X), just pipping Mark Blake and Steve Schrader, both on 1916 and separated by 164 and 158X respectively. Errol Holmes was the top local coming in tenth on 1899 (151X).

The number of entries for the Nationals was slightly disappointing with only 46 entries received. This may in part be due to the distance and cost of travelling to Darwin and also a reluctance of shooters based in the south-east corner of the continent to travel outside of their region. The Nationals commenced on Wednesday 24 August with an Opening Ceremony officiated by PA President Ray Andrews and local MLA Ken Vowles. The clubhouse and ranges were in pristine condition thanks to Match Director and Darwin Pistol Club Maintenance Manager, Dennis Millar. Also, a generous grant from the NT Government enabled the club to complete a substantial overhaul of the ranges including modifications to the Mover.

The Metallic Sight competition can sometimes be a heartbreaker and this was certainly the case for some competitors. Mark Blake laughed off any wobbles and scored a solid 1878 (125X) to take out the Metallic crown ahead of Craig Ginger on 1872 (131X) and Brett Foster on 1846 (114X). The Teams event was won by Queensland, represented by Brett Foster and Chris Mathiou.

Open competition began on Thursday afternoon and was completed on Saturday morning with the top 15 seeded shooters shooting the Mover in reverse order. Brett Foster, Craig Ginger, Richard Siebert, Nigel Gordon, Mark Blake and Kenny Fowles were all 'clean' going into the Mover with several others bunched in a group with only 2 or 4 points down. It was all going to come down to the dreaded Mover and who would blink first.

"A field of 34 shooters from all over the country competed with a good representation from locals."

Anita Mackiewicz was the first of the chasing group to put a score on the board with a solid 478 which finished her match with a 1916 (172X). Mark Blake then tied with Anita by shooting a 476 for a 1916 (170X). The next shooter up was Nigel Gordon (who



the NT is claiming as a local because he lived here on two occasions in his younger years). Nigel held his nerve and produced a clean Mover which put pressure on the remaining shooters to produce a similar feat. The whole competition may come down to the X count. This is competition shooting at its best!!



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One by one the remaining shooters took to the Mover and gave it their best shot (pardon the pun) and one by one the Mover lived up to its reputation as the destroyer of dreams. Nigel had to endure the tension of watching his lead being challenged on three more occasions. On each occasion he prevailed and concluded the competition as a very worthy champion, scoring a perfect 1920 with 169X's. Anita Mackiewicz took second place with her 1916 (172X) with Mark Blake in third with 1916 (170X). The Open teams competition was also taken out by the Queensland team comprising Nigel Gordon, Brett Foster and Chris Mathiou.

The Presentation Dinner was an interesting affair, being held at the tourist attraction in Darwin City called Crocasaurus Cove. Guests were able to enter the park early and spend some time examining the collection of large 5 metre plus crocodiles, fish, snakes and lizards. Professional handlers were also available to allow guests to get up close with several snakes, a baby crocodile and a bearded dragon. Several people also got into the spirit of the Top End and went fishing for juvenile crocodiles. Of course, the meal included barramundi which was delicious. The only downside was the noise from the neighbouring pub.

The competition was a great success and was exemplified by the terrific spirit of camaraderie that is always displayed by Action shooters. Even when the pressure is on, you can rely on a cheeky comment and a quick retort from one of your rivals, given and taken in the right spirit. It's always a pleasure to shoot with, and against, you all and I look forward to the next Nationals in Perth.







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## 12th IMSSU World Championships

Bloemfontein, South Africa 2–16 July 2016

BY JUDY HARDING, 2016 PA METALLIC SILHOUETTE TEAM MANAGER

The 2016 Australian Metallic Silhouette Team of Michael Arden (VIC), David Dewsbury (NSW), Kim Emery (NSW) and Team Manager Judy Harding (QLD) was the smallest team for quite some time.

Two others who had qualified could not go due to family, health and work commitments, so two of our Big Bore Team members, Mick and David stepped up to the mark and offered to shoot both the Small Bore and Field Pistol as well so that Australia would have a Team in all three categories. I thank them for doing this, the only down side being how to get the ammunition to South Africa with all team members shooting all 10 matches. In the end we organised with a friend/fellow shooter/firearm dealer in South Africa to purchase all our rimfire ammunition for us. With that sorted, the centrefire ammunition was then spread between the four of us and away we went.

All team members departed their respective airports, Melbourne, Tamworth, Gold Coast and Brisbane and assembled at the Quality Inn near Sydney airport on Monday evening, 27th June. This overnight stay in Sydney was necessitated by the early departure of our flight to Johannesburg at 10:50 on the Tuesday. Allowing a minimum of 3hrs to clear the firearms with Customs and then check in meant that we could not get domestic flights to Sydney early enough. We arrived at the International Airport just after 7:00, had all firearms checked at Customs, through check in and out the other side by 9:45, with boarding down for 10:05. Due to industrial action with the caterers for the flight, it was delayed by some 40 mins and finally took off from Sydney at 11:30. After the 14 ½ hr flight, we landed in Johannesburg at 17:10 and as we were all seated in the rear of the plane, by the time we cleared Customs, collected our "ammo" baggage off the carousel and found the SAPS (South African Police Service) office where our firearm

boxes had already been taken it was nearly 18:30. The Police would not process our paperwork, we had to come back in the morning. Thankfully we were booked into a hotel at the airport for the night. After a quick meal in the hotel restaurant we headed for some shut eye by 21:30.

Wednesday dawned with everyone bright eyed and bushy tailed after a good night's sleep. With breakfast over, we headed back to the SAPS office where the day shift was back on duty. This, plus a call to head office in Pretoria meant we were back on track — firearms were checked, paperwork was filled out by hand and after some 2hrs we went back to the hotel to check out at 11:00. The hire van was loaded again and we headed for Bloemfontein, approximately 400kms away. We arrived at 17:00, unloaded, settled in, had tea in the hotel restaurant again and headed for bed. The next morning saw us all finally starting to relax as we took a drive around the local area visiting a cheetah reserve and a game reserve next door — both within 10kms of the hotel.

The next day saw us wandering around the Mall across the road to get some groceries and check out the restaurants in the area. After a quick lunch it was out to the range for a look and to have all the firearms checked before the queue became too long. The white silhouette targets, standing on red or blue coloured rails was certainly different. Sighter targets had yellow rails which made them very hard to see. That night we got together with the Finns and Norwegians for tea.

Our first practice day and we were on the line at 9:00 — very cold with a stiff breeze blowing. Big Bore was first on the agenda and all went well. This was followed immediately by Field Pistol and with all the available targets down within 30mins we took the opportunity to stop for a quick smoko before Small Bore began. It proved really hard to spot the fall of



shot as the targets were not painted out beforehand. The scheduling of the practice sessions the next day meant that we were finished by lunch time so we took the opportunity to visit the Boer War Museum and Women's Memorial - both well worth the visit. Our last practice day was very busy with four sessions scheduled. It was still quite cold and the wind was still blowing, sometimes quite strongly. During the three practice days, our "spare/practice" centrefire ammunition was expended very quickly due to the constraints of the 5kg / per person limit on the way over, while the extra rimfire we had, because we had bought two bricks "locally" meant that David and Mick who were filling in in both the Small Bore and Field Pistol teams could have a little more practice, especially when David was using Kim's rimfire firearms.

The Opening Ceremony was held late on the last practice day. After the speeches by the dignitaries there were some excellent wines, cheese and biscuits on offer. All foods were South African in origin which was very enjoyable. That evening as we headed back to the hotel, out normal route was closed so we had to detour around it. We were told the next day that the road had been closed because of riots in the area which had a large squatter town along one side of it. Local elections were to be held in August and the two major parties were not seeing eye to eye. From then on we took a different route to and from the range.

The four big bore matches were scheduled to be shot over the next two days — with each team member shooting two a day, making it very busy. Kim was first up and chose the Revolver match, finishing with 36. He was followed by Mick and Dave who also chose to shoot Revolver and both finished with a 37. After lunch it was Mick again in Production, scoring 37 after ringing a ram as Kim had done in



the morning. Kim followed with a 32 in Unlimited and David finished off the day with 22 in Standing in the fast fading light at 17:20. The half hour late we started in the morning could not be made up during the day. David had no sooner finished rams than they were in full shadow.

"The white silhouette targets, standing on red or blue coloured rails was certainly different. Sighter targets had yellow rails which made them very hard to see."

The next day was not very pleasant, -5 degrees and a very cold biting wind blowing straight down range into the shooter's eyes. David drew the short straw and was first on the line, shooting Production and scoring 39. Kim followed with Production, scoring 37 and Mick chose Unlimited, finishing with 30. A short break and David was up again in Unlimited, scoring 34, then Mick and Kim shot Standing, scoring 25 and 31 respectively. Another late day, but there was a pleasant surprise for us at the Hotel – Chocolate Friday – lots of goodies made from chocolate with a chocolate fountain to dip the strawberries in and a beautiful homemade mulled red wine to wash it all down. It was quite an International affair with

France, Norway and Australia all partaking of the delicacies.

The rest of the competition was much less taxing, with only one match each, each day. Field Pistol was next and after a bit of range reconfiguration so that the targets were not so confusing to the shooter we got underway a little later than normal. All three chose to shoot the Production category, scoring -Mick 27, Kim 30 and David 26. The following day was bitterly cold again with the Production Any Sight category being the order of the day. David scored 32, Kim 32 and Mick 30. We took advantage of the early afternoon and went for a drive up Naval Hill in the centre of Bloemfontein – excellent views over the city, plus giraffe, red hart beast, zebra, ostrich and several bird species wandering freely around the reserve. The area also contained a huge statue of Nelson Mandela.

At the start of the fourth day of competition we moved into the Small Bore area and Kim and David decided to shoot Standing while the wind was reasonably calm. Kim was first up scoring 30 followed by David with 23 and Mick finished the day with a 37 in Production. The next day arrived, still cold and with a lazy breeze that went straight through you. Kim began the day with a 39 in Revolver. Mick followed with a 22 in Standing and last but not least David, with an excellent 40 in Production. The day had warmed considerably by the afternoon and everyone went for a walk to the shops so that Kim could get some more cold and flu tablets. By this stage of the competition nearly all of us had some sort of cough or sore throat.

Day six was a little different, not too cold and no wind. Big Bore Rifle began at 9:00 and what a "whump" there was coming out of the brick enclosed rifle firing line. Mick started with a 32 in Revolver, and David followed with 38 in the same match. By the time Kim got to the line for Unlimited, the breeze had come up and it was cold once again. He finished with 29. We had taken some ostrich mince out to the range that day and the canteen staff turned it into 7 ostrich burgers for us and the Norwegians. It was very tasty. On the way back to the Hotel we found a butcher who sold us some biltong and gave us some Blesbok steak for lunch the next day.

The last day of competition arrived with a bitterly cold wind blowing across the range. There were considerable holdups early on while targets were



^ Big Bore Team SILVER, Small Bore Team BRONZE, Field Pistol Team BRONZE, Handgun Standing Team BRONZE

clamped to stop them blowing over. David came to the line for a 29 in Unlimited, followed by Kim with 37 in Production and then Mick finished off with 26 in Unlimited. All the scores were now on the board and we mad e a beeline for the canteen where the staff had cooked our Blesbok steaks and had made a salad to go with it. They were great — melt in the mouth tender and once again very flavoursome. The ground squirrels, who obviously had burrows under different parts of the range, were very active today racing up and over the mounds while shooting was in progress. They had been doing this on and off for the whole competition and it was quite off putting for the spotter to see this small animal go racing across in front of the scope. Luckily none was ever harmed.

With all Team members involved in one or more shoot offs we headed out to the range with the last rounds of ammunition and all our gear. Small Bore was first on the agenda with David in Revolver and Production. He scored more than the Frenchman to take 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall in Revolver and then the tables were turned with David taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall in Production. Big Bore followed with David and Mick fighting it out for 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall in Revolver with David being the victor. Kim was next up for 1st place overall in Standing and after three rounds eventually beat the Frenchman. David was then back on the line against a South African for 3rd overall in Production with David winning. He then backed up again in Unlimited against another Frenchman who ended up the victor here. Kim came back to the line for Field Pistol Production against a South African and two Frenchman. After four rounds Kim eventually took



1st place in class. With the shoot offs completed by lunch time we managed to get rid of a few rounds of ammunition then back to the Hotel for a quiet and relaxing afternoon.

Presentation day – we had the morning and part of the afternoon to kill - David went to the IMSSU meeting as Vice president and one of Australia's delegates, Mick headed off to the cinemas to see Tarzan and Kim and I went for a short drive to the Soetdaring Nature Reserve. After lunch we showered and dressed ready to leave for the Presentation venue. It started at approximately 16:30 with the Class medals then we were all asked to move back outside where there were chairs for everyone with an African Djembe drum on each. This was the "surprise" listed on the evening's agenda. Everyone was taught how to play their drum followed by different routines on it - this was very enjoyable and got everyone working together. After some 40 minutes of "drumming", the ribs were sore from laughing and the fingers tender from the cold and the exertion of hitting the drum. We all moved back inside to the welcoming heaters. The overall, aggregate and Teams medals were done in between the various courses of what was an excellent meal.

Individually we did very well, with Kim being World Champion in Big Bore Standing, 2nd in Small Bore Revolver, 3rd in Big Bore and Small Bore Aggregates. David came 3rd in Big Bore Revolver and Production,

2nd in Small Bore Production and 3rd in Small Bore Revolver. In the Team's, Australia was 2nd in Big Bore, and 3rd in Small Bore, Field Pistol and Handgun Standing. All things considered it was an excellent result remembering that the three Team members who went were the Australian Big Bore Team with Kim the only one who was also in the Small Bore and Field Pistol teams. Mick and David stepped up to the mark and shot the extra six matches so that we would have a Team in each of the three categories. They did an excellent job and did Australia proud as they always do.

Seven countries attended the 2016 World Championships – South Africa, Sri Lanka, Finland, Norway, France, Namibia and Australia. All except Namibia (rifle silhouette only) competed in the pistol events and often it was a very close competition with only a few points between the first and third places.

All that was left now was to repack, load the van and drive the 400kms back to the airport at Johannesburg. We boarded our return flight to Sydney at 18:25 and landed in Sydney the next day at 14:15. The Team cruised through Customs and were out the other side by 15:15. We split up, headed to our respective domestic flights, then home and bed.

Congratulations to all Australian Team members for a job well done.  $\spadesuit$ 



Shooting events (Pistol and Rifle) for athletes with disabilities have been part of the Paralympic Games since the Games were first held as parallel (Para = parallel) event to the Olympics, in Rome in 1960.

As you read this the shooting events have just completed in the 2016 Paralympics in Rio de Janiero, Brazil and it was my privilege to be part of the Pistol Jury at the competition.

It is very exciting to report that the best performance by an Australia shooter was by none other than Queenslander Chris Pitt. Chris was the sole pistol shooter named in the team and to finish fourth in his first Paralympic appearance was simply a brilliant result. Chris was well down in the lists at the end of the Precision Stage of the P3 (Sport Pistol) event, then put together the best Rapid Fire Stage of the competition to qualify for the Finals. He won through four eliminations to finish just out of the medals and deserves all the accolades he will be sure to receive.

Prior to the Games and during the Olympics there was much negative publicity surrounding the organisation, the facilities, the transport, the food, the accommodation, the security, the health risks — all of which was to some extent deserved. Although much improved from day 1 of the Olympic Games, the accommodation in the Paralympic Village

left something to be desired. Probably the best description would be "unfinished". It appeared (and I think it was actually so) that the builders had got things to a certain point and then just left. The food in the huge dining hall was plentiful but lacking much of the variety available at previous Games and it seemed that once out of stock, replacement of items was slow and even non-existent. There were no teabags at all after the third day!!! — a dire situation for this correspondent.

It was very obvious that the organisers were determined to avoid any incidents. There was a constant and very visible heavily armed Police, Military and Security presence on the roads, at the venues and tourist spots and at the airport. A request to visit the favelas was emphatically turned down on the grounds that security could not be guaranteed and that violence was a daily occurrence in these areas.

All that said, once under way the Games were as always an amazing experience for the athletes and everyone else involved. The facilities at the shooting

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range were excellent and being there to see the best in the world compete is a never to be forgotten experience. Early predictions that poor ticket sales would result in a sub-standard Games were totally wrong - 2 million tickets had been sold by the time the shooting events were completed with another week of other competition still to come. Every event at the shooting range was well attended and the atmosphere in the Finals Hall was electric with the crowd being 'revved' up by the presentation team. The Opening Ceremony entertainment was a spectacle of light and movement and the excitement and pride of the teams marching in to the stadium to represent their countries was obvious. For all the competitors it is an amazing opportunity to be not just someone with a disability, or even someone with a disability who can participate in a sport, but for

the period of the Games to be amongst their peers as one of the world's elite sportspeople and to be celebrated for what they can do.

After the many years, months, weeks and days of preparation and anticipation, the days of the actual competition flew by. Each event brings with it different requirements for range staff and volunteers and the Rio volunteers were the equal of any. Their colourful uniforms and unfailingly cheerful and helpful attitude and welcoming "bom dia" went a long way to counteract some of the more negative aspects. It was a pleasure to work with them and with the hardworking and professional organisation team and between them a successful and enjoyable Paralympic Games shooting competition was made possible. ◆





The World Association 1500 (WA1500) holds its World Championships every second year, 2016 is the "off year". Pistol Australia sends an Australian Team in the "off year" to to an appropriate high level International Competition.

This serves a number of purposes — to acclimatise athletes to the rigour of international competition, for the athletes to gain familiarisation with international competition and to experience the difficulties of travel whilst competing

For a shooter to obtain the position of an Australian WA1500 team member they must follow the selection criteria as outlined on The Pistol Australia Website www.pistol.org.au/selection-criteria.

The selection period culminates with the scores shot at the National Championships in that year. 2016 the Pistol Team selected was; Brandan Ede (Cairns – Qld) and David Oates (Orange NSW). The Revolver Team was Brandan Ede (Cairns – Qld) and Jamie Longbottom (Cairns – Qld).

For 2016, Pistol Australia took the initiative to include a Female team member; as stated in the Selection Criteria, "If a Female WA1500 competitor isn't successful in making the team as part of the selection process, the highest average from a female in either Pistol or Revolver will be selected as an Australian WA1500 team member. If a female is successful in obtaining a position in the team, the next highest Female average in either Pistol or Revolver will be selected to the additional position".

In 2016 Linda Jekel (Perth WA) was selected to this team position.

The Team departed Australia on the 12 August; Linda flew from Perth to meet the team in Dubai.

We woke on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August to the great news that Border Control (Customs) were striking for 24 hours from midnight.. We were fortunate to be using the Defence Permits for our export, if we were using the Border Controls Restricted Goods Permits (RGP) we would have had to delay our departure from Sydney until at least midnight when Border Control returned to work.

Border Control also issue Export Declarations, another document we had prearranged due to the teams distance away from a customs office, the Shooting gods were looking after us!

The flight from Sydney arrived into Dubai 13 Aug at 0025hrs local time with Linda's flight due in at 0525hrs — a shower, rest and some food before the next leg of the long journey to Prague due to depart at 0905hrs.

Half the team had received their boarding passes but then Davey and Brandan were pulled aside with issues the Local Dubai police wanted to discuss, not a good feeling with the flight departing in 20 minutes. Our high hopes we would still make the flight were dashed when the remainder of the team were advise they also were required to speak to the local police. A fast 5 minute drive through the airport found us in the Police search room.

The Issue was with the Qantas check in in Sydney. The Check-in agent had put the entire luggage with firearms and Ammunition on two team members, Brandan had the majority of the firearms on his



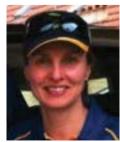
^ Brandan Ede



^ David Oates



^ Jamie Longbottom



^ Linda Jeke



- Australian 4 man team Pistol- Linda and Brandan competing with Jamie and Davey coaching
- L to R: Linda Jekel, Brandan Ede, David Oates, Martin O'Brien (Team Manager), Jamie Longbottom

ticket. This rang alarm bells for the Police who rightly looked into it. The issue was resolved quite quickly although it was after our flight departed.

So our good luck in Australia with the Border Control strike was not to be in Dubai, there is only one flight from Dubai to Prague each day. An overnight stay in the United Arab Emirates was required.

The next morning after a one day delay, we left Dubai for Prague arriving in Prague on the 14 Aug at 1330hrs.

Airlines allow a 5kg allowance of loaded ammunition, this equates to 400 – 450 rounds.

The ammunition requirements if competing in all matches is close to 1200 rounds per person, this means loading when we get to our destination. Thomas Svensson from Sweden has assisted the Australian team for many years now by bringing loading components for us to make our match specific hand loads. In The Czech Republic at Ceské Budejovice we spent two days loading on a Dillon 550 Press to make the required rounds.

Travelling in an aircraft capable of holding up to 853 passengers can pose a potential for cold or flu to be encountered, in previous years the Australian WA1500 team has been relatively fortunate in avoiding significant illnesses but that changed this year with three of the team succumbing to colds and flu.

The competition started on the 18th August 2016 with one practice day on the 17th August. The team found acclimatising difficult especially with the lost day and the illnesses they had picked up. The difficulty in the first couple of days slowly improved as time in country reduced the fatigue that comes with travelling 8 times zones behind that you are used to and the sickness started to abate.



The weather was fine and warm, nice European summer conditions. The few rain scuds encountered did not have an effect on our team.

#### Final scoring

Results are available at www.ca-ppc1500.cz

#### High Score Female Pistol

Linda Jekel - 1st

#### High Score Female Revolver

Linda Jekel - 1st

#### 1500 Revolver

Roman Hauber - overall winner Brandan Ede - 1st Jamie Longbottom - 3rd David Oates - 5th

Linda Jekel - 9th

#### 1500 Pistol

Roman Hauber - overall winner

David Oates - 1st

Jamie Longbottom - 4rd

Brandan Ede - 14th

Linda Jekel – 5<sup>th</sup> Mater grade

#### Aggregate R1500 + P1500

David Oates - 2nd

#### National Team - 2 Man - Revolver

Austria – 1st – 1178

Germany  $2^{nd} - 1177$ 

Australia - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 1176

#### 4 Man Team - Revolver

Australia - 2nd

Brandan Ede, Linda Jekel, Marnie Jones and Jamie Lonabottom

Note: David Oates, who succumbed to the flu and was bedridden for the Practise Day and the first day of competition. Marnie Jones was attending the competition (Marnie missed the Female selection by less than one point) and filled in in the absence of David to prevent the team from forfeiting. Marnie shot admirably to assist the team to 2<sup>nd</sup> position -Thank You Marnie Jones.

#### 4 Man Team - Pistol

Australia - 2nd

Brandan Ede, Linda Jekel, Davey Oates and Jamie Longbottom

#### Open Match

Linda Jekel - 3rd

David Oates - 4th





Brandan Ede - 7th Jamie Longbottom - 10th All top ten finishes

#### **European Precision Pistol Match** Team

Australia - 4th

A match that we learnt the rules to 15 minutes before shooting

#### Distinguished Pistol

David Oates - 6th

#### Distinguished Revolver

Brandan Ede - 17th Linda Jekel - 20th

#### Standard Revolver 4"

Linda Jekel - 5th

David Oates - 9th Jamie Longbottom - 15th

#### Off Duty Revolver

Linda Jekel - 10th David Oates -20th

Brandan Ede - 21st

Jamie Longbottom - 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### Standard Semi Auto Pistol

David Oates - 15th

Jamie Longbottom - 16th

#### National Team - 2 Man - Pistol

Sweden  $-1^{st} - 1178$ 

Austria  $-2^{nd}-1176$ 

Germany  $-3^{rd}-1169$ 

Australia - 7th - 1104

The overall achievements from the 2016 Australian WA1500 team were outstanding and I would personally like to publically congratulate the team and thank them for an enjoyable tour. •



As we arrived at the range and began setting up camp, it didn't take long for the resident magpies and grey butcher birds to come looking for some food scraps to supplement their diet.

The rest of the day was spent getting the firing line organised with chairs, carpets and score sheet clipboards and most important of all, making sure the new shower system was working for all those camping. Those who arrived early were treated to chocolate cake and a cuppa for afternoon tea, courtesy of one of the competitors.

Rain woke us during the night and only stopped about 6am, but it was very cloudy and dark. As a few energetic souls ventured out onto the range to unclamp the targets and put some paint out ready for practice day there must have been 30 or more pretty faced wallabies of varying sizes all over the range enjoying a bit of green pick for breakfast. Thankfully they hopped out of the way and over the ridge as we walked up the range.

Twenty-five or so competitors took advantage of the practice time with large amounts of lead going down range. The day ended up being warm, muggy and quite dark and overcast. Just before 15:00 it began to rain and the targets got even darker. Gun check started not long after and by the time the queue had

passed through it was 17:00 and still raining. No campfire tonight!

The first day of competition dawned cool and clear. The first shot was fired right on time at 8am and for the first few hours light clouds rolled shadows down the range – each target line was dark, then light, then dark, then light all the way from 50m to 200m. By midday the breeze had picked up, knocking over the odd target which then required the odd alibi shot. Matt Seears got the ball rolling with a 40 in Production, followed by Kim Emery with a 40 in the same category. By 13:00 the rams at 200m had to be clamped and by 13:30 the turkeys followed suit. The next little hiccup was when the range vehicle broke down, but after a short rest it was good to go again. Later in the afternoon, the wind dropped and the targets were unclamped again. It was 17:15 by the time the last shot was fired.

After the completion of the first day's matches, there was a short Ceremony and Pistol Australia President, Ray Andrews opened the 30<sup>th</sup> Big Bore National Championships. A very appetizing dinner "on the range" followed with lots of good company to swap



stories with. One of the local club shooters, Aaron Turner had had a very busy day — he managed to squeeze in 3 matches so that he could spend all of the next day at HIS wedding. His plans were to get married, then return on the last day to shoot his final match before heading off on his honeymoon. That's a very dedicated shooter and a very understanding partner.

Day 2 – we awoke at 5am to various bird calls and once again it was clear, but definitely cooler and the wind had gone. With the target paint taken out onto the range it was time for a quick bite to eat before kick off at 8am. Glen Anderson shot the first 40 of the day in Production under a magic blue sky. He was followed by David Dewsbury and Scott Dawson both with a 40's in Production, later Matt Seears scored a 40 in Revolver, Mick Arden a 37 in Unlimited, Kim Emery an excellent 31 in Standing and Judy Harding a 40 in Unlimited Full Scale. The range vehicle played up again, starving itself of fuel somehow and target setters had to walk all the way to rams and back for a few relays until Russell Mowles offered the use of his 4x4 to take the target setters out and back - a big thankyou to Russell. Another day completed and just one to go - everyone was starting to look a little frazzled.

Day 3- the pitter patter of rain was heard at 5.30am and this continued all day with just the odd respite. Luckily it wasn't heavy, just a steady light drizzle which made shooting more difficult in the low light. The wallabies were back today and fed quite happily on the track out to the side of the range up until the time the targets setter had to go out to turkeys, then they all headed off over the ridge. One spotter even

noticed a deer while spotting his shooter's sighter shots. The range vehicle gave up the ghost early on the last day and Russel unloaded the gear out of his once again and away we went. Mick Arden scored his 40 in Production while Matt Seears had another 40, this time in Unlimited full Scale.

Once all shots had been fired for score it was time to set up the shoot off targets at 200m. Standing on turkeys at 150m was over quickly with Diarmid Saunders snagging 3rd place. Production took quite some time with the 6 x 40's to sort out. Glen Anderson was the victor after the first round, but it took several more rounds to sort out the minor placings, with Kim Emery finishing second and Scott Dawson third. We moved on to the Unlimited shoot off for third to seventh — all had shot a 35 for the match. Scott Dawson eventually took the third place. The Unlimited Full Scale side match was the last shootoff, this one between Matt Seears and Judy harding, with Matt taking the honours.

"The Unlimited Full Scale side match was the last shootoff, this one between Matt Seears and Judy harding, with Matt taking the honours."

After the range was all squared away the Trophy presentation got underway, presided over by Ray Andrews. Grade prizes were presented to all competitors, then we moved on to the main part, the Pistol Australia awards. National Champion trophies







went to Glen Anderson (NSW) for Production, Matt Seears (NSW) for Revolver, Kim Emery (NSW) for Standing and Mick Arden (VIC) for Unlimited. The Open Four Match Aggregate went to Matt Seears (NSW) with a 144, the Ladies to Judy Harding (QLD) with a 128 and the Juniors to Lachlan Moore (VIC) with an 85. It was really good to see the three juniors competing — Lachlan Moore from VIC, Sebastian Battersby from NSW and Johanna Gotz from QLD — it bodes well for the future of silhouette.

Well, It was all done and dusted for yet another year — we had it all, wind, then good weather and rain to finish it off — who said it was easy! Silhouette shooters are used to shooting in all conditions — it just makes the match that much more interesting.

A big thank you to Johanna and Brian Marsden for doing the scoring for the Nationals and to Sharyn Peterson from Pistol Shooting Queensland who worked tirelessly in the canteen for the three days, helped over the weekend by Janice Chaplin with Judith Schmidt organising all the food. 108 burgers were cooked!

Thanks again to Russell for the loan of his vehicle and to all the Toogoolawah Club members who turned up at the working bees so that the Range would be at its best for the competition.







## National Junior Camp 2–9 July 2016

BY RAY ANDREWS, NCC DIRECTOR

The 2016 National Junior Training Camp was held in Canberra, ACT in July 2016, with attendees staying at the Australian Institute of Sport, Bruce, ACT and shooting training being conducted at the Canberra National Pistol Club.

Juniors from all states and territories of Australia travelled to Canberra, and were greeted by Ray Andrews, National Coaching Director and Camp convener, and coaches, Kerry-Ann Crlik (Tas), Peter Heuke, Alec Kupke (Qld) and Geoff Horton (Vic). Also attending were coaches Michael Giustiniano (WA) and Robert White (Qld), who are involved with juniors in their home states and were looking to increase their knowledge and techniques.

Juniors attending the camp were: Olivia Erikson, Ryana Cook, Corey Martin (NSW) Hayden Ineson (SA), Justin O'Donnell, Gwen Liang (WA), Luke Cobbe (NT), Sierra Contreras, Hans Hummer, James Hogan (QLD) and Chloe Sewell, Nicholas Rudd, Hamish McMillan, Sheldon Byrne (VIC).

On Sunday morning, those who were attending for the first time were lectured on the basics of pistol shooting, and the rest of the juniors spent the morning improving their precision shooting with grouping exercises.

The afternoon was devoted to air pistol training, and with the coaches correcting any problems individuals may have displayed.

Monday morning activities were conducted in the Air pistol range and included shot calling and grouping practice.

In the afternoon, Joe Kapitanof, from Totalee Personal Training and the TNT Shooting Academy attended the camp.

As indicated, Joe is a physical Training Instructor, coach and competent pistol shooter, and he presented an audio-visual lecture on general physical conditioning and shooting specific conditioning, together with participant involved exercises. This created an interesting diversion from the shooting routine.

On Tuesday the juniors were split into groups with individual coaches, for training in various aspects of the sport.

During the course of the week, Shawn McEachin, PA Sports Administrator gave the participants a lecture and presentation on the appropriate use of social media, and the potential for portraying a poor image of the sport, and of themselves.

Wednesday morning was spent at the Museum of Australian History, where many aspects of the settlement, development and industries of our country are displayed.

Lunch was taken at McDonalds much to the enjoyment of the juniors and after we returned to the Canberra National Pistol Club and all participated in a long session of training in the rapid fire stage of the 25 metre match.

Thursday morning was devoted to a Junior Sport Pistol match, conducted in competition conditions. Some good results were achieved by the participants.

The afternoon was devoted to further air pistol training in preparation for the competition the next day.

Friday morning and an air match in progress, again under competition conditions. All scoring by use of a Diasag machine, scores recorded on OpenWplus and displayed via a projector for all to see.

This was followed by a final in which all participated up to the point where the first retirees took place, then the final continued as per normal.

Overall results were fairly close, and the end stages of the final closely contested.

A movie excursion on Friday evening brought the camp to a close, with all parties flying home the next day.

Pistol Australia would like to thank the Committee and members of the Canberra National Pistol Club for their cooperation with the use of their facilities for the 2016 PA National Junior Training Camp.

The 2017 PA National Junior Camp will be in Canberra 1st − 8th July 2017. ◆







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# **2016 National Top Ten**

The Bulletin Top Ten is a compilation of the top ten competition scores recorded by Pistol Australia members during a calendar year. Regular updates are posted on the PA website at www.pistol.org.au.This document reflects available scores collated by the PA Top Ten Coordinator. To ensure scores are included in future published listings, please send official results to: Jenny Gregory, email gregorys@netspeed.com.au.

			50M PISTOL						
	National Rec	National Record: Qr David Moore, NSW 565 (Nationals, Canberra, 1998)							
	Fr K	erry Bell, NSW 19	0.7 (Nati	onals, Perth,	WA, 2016)				
Rank I	Name		State	Score	Competition	Date			
1 [	Daniel	Repacholi	NSW	562	Wc Bangkok	Mar			
2	Kerry	Bell	NSW	551	Cessnock Vintage	Feb			
3	Bruce	Quick	NSW	549	Wagga	May			
4 [	Damian	Dowling	NSW	542	Brisbane	May			
5	Jason	Faulkner	NSW	541	Aus Cup 3	Jul			
6 (	Gaurav	Pilaniya	Vic	539	Aus Cup 3	Jul			
7	Bailey	Groves	Tas	538	Aus Cup 3	Jul			
8 (	Garry	Heinrich	SA	537	Port Pirie	Jun			
9 1	Mike	Giustiniano	WA	535	Nationals	Mar			
10 [	David	Moore	NSW	534	Nationals	Mar			

		25	M RAPIC	FIRE		
١	lational Record	l: Qr David J. Chap	man, SA	579 (Nation	als, Cessnock NSW, 20	(09)
	Fr David	J. Chapman, SA 28	B Hits (Na	ationals, Ces	ssnock NSW, 2014)	
Rank	Name		State	Score	Competition	Date
1	Sergei	Evglevski	Vic	583	Aus Cup 3	Jul
2	David	Chapman	SA	580	Nationals	Mar
3	Bruce	Quick	NSW	574	Wagga	May
4	Thomas	Ashmore	ACT	566	Aus Cup 1	Feb
	Travers	CoWArd	Qld	566	Beaudesert	Aug
6	Thanakorn	Pumanee	NSW	565	Cessnock Vintage	Feb
	Bailey	Groves	Tas	565	Aus Cup 2	Mar
8	Christian	Boyle	Vic	562	Vic State	Mar
	Neil	Smith	Vic	562	Vic State	Mar
10	Bruce	Favell	Old	561	Beaudesert	Aua

		25M S	TANDAR	D PISTOL					
	National Record: Bruce Quick, Vic, 580 (Shepparton, 1999)								
Rank	Name		State	Score	Competition	Date			
1	Bruce	Quick	NSW	567	Vic State	Mar			
2	Kerry	Bell	NSW	566	Cessnock Vintage	Feb			
3	Gary	Mullens	Vic	563	Ballarat	Apr			
4	Nathan	Blackburn	NSW	562	Aus Cup 2	Mar			
5	Scott	Anderson	WA	559	Nationals	Mar			
	David	Chapman	SA	559	Aus Cup 1	Feb			
7	Thomas	Ashmore	ACT	557	Nationals	Mar			
8	Bruce	FaveII	Qld	556	Beaudesert	Aug			
9	Bob	Dowling	NSW	555	Cessnock Vintage	Feb			
10	Mike	Giustiniano	WA	554	Nationals	Mar			

	25M CENTRE FIRE								
National Record: Phillip Adams, NSW, 588 (Canberra, 1989)									
Rank	Name		State	Score	Competition	Date			
1	Bruce	Quick	NSW	584	Vic State	Mar			
2	Kerry	Bell	NSW	578	Wagga	May			
3	David	Chapman	SA	574	Aus Cup 1	Feb			
	Christian	Boyle	Vic	574	Misc	May			
5	Gary	Mullens	Vic	575	Ballarat	Apr			
6	Scott	Anderson	WA	568	Nationals	Mar			
	Peter	Fitzpatrick	NSW	568	Aus Cup 2	Mar			
8	Mike	Guistiniano	WA	567	Cfpc	Feb			
	Chris	Mamouzelos	Qld	567	WArwick	Feb			
10	Lucas	Finken	Vic	567	Ballarat	Apr			

		25M F	PISTOL \	VOMEN					
	National Reco	National Record: Qr Lalita Yauhleuskaya, Vic 588 (Nationals, Hobart, 2002),							
	Fr Lalita	Yauhleuskaya, Vic	18 + 7 H	ts (Nationals	s, Cessnock 2014)				
Rank	Name		State	Score	Competition	Date			
1	Lalita	Yauhleuskaya	Vic	585	Aus Cup 1	Feb			
2	Elena	Galiabovitch	Vic	585	Aus Cup 3	Jul			
3	Kristy	Gillman	Vic	571	Aus Cup 2	Mar			
	Civon	Smith	Qld	571	Brisbane	May			
5	Linda	Ryan	Vic	568	Nationals	May			
6	Mathurot	Thadaprasit	NSW	565	Aus Cup 1	Feb			
7	Hayley	Chapman	SA	565	Aus Cup 2	Mar			
8	Sue	Guy	NSW	564	Nationals	Mar			
9	Ryana	Cook	NSW	561	Nationals	Mar			
	Una	Rossetto	NSW	561	Aus Cup 1	Feb			

	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	Daniel	Repacholi	NSW	579	Aus Cup 3	Jul			
2	Blake	Blackburn	NSW	578	Wagga	May			
3	Kerry	Bell	NSW	575	Hubertus	Jun			
	Gaurav	Pilaniya	Vic	575	Misc	Mar			
5	Bailey	Groves	Tas	571	Nationals	Mar			
6	Garry	Heinrich	SA	568	Port Pirie	Jun			
	Jason	Faulkner	NSW	568	Aus Cup 3	Jul			
8	Bruce	Quick	Vic	567	Aus Cup 3	Jul			
9	Damien	Dowling	NSW	567	Aus Cup 3	Jul			
10	Bruce	Favell	Qld	566	Nationals	Mar			

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	10M AIR PISTOL WOMEN								
Nat	National Record: Qr Dina Aspindiyarova Vic, 390 (Australia Cup July, Melbourne 2006)								
	Fr Danielle Evans, NSW 199.0 (Nationals, Cessnock, 2014)								
Rank	Name		State	Score	Competition	Date			
1	Elena	Galiabovitch	Vic	385	Aus Cup 3	Jul			
2	Lalita	Yauhleuskaya	Vic	382	Castlemain	Jan			
3	Annemarie	Forder	Qld	381	Aus Cup 3	Jul			
4	Civon	Smith	Qld	380	Nationals	Mar			
5	Kristy	Gillman	Vic	379	Vic State	Mar			
6	Sascha	Kroopin	NSW	378	Meyton Cup	Jan			
7	Marcia	Probert	Qld	377	Brisbane	May			
8	Robyn	Birch	Qld	375	Brisbane	May			
	Mat	Thadaprasit	NSW	375	Hubertus	Jun			
10	Julie	Dunks	Qld	373	Brisbane	May			

	25M PISTOL JUNIOR								
National Record: Daniel Repacholi, Vic, 582 (Sydney, 2000)									
Rank	Name		State	Score	Competition	Date			
1	Bailey	Groves	Tas	572	Nationals	Mar			
2	Sergei	Evglevski	Vic	570	Misc	May			
3	Hans	Hummer	Qld	569	Beaudesert	Aug			
4	Thomas	Ashmore	ACT	564	Nationals	Mar			
5	Ryana	Cook	NSW	561	Nationals	Mar			
6	Nathan	Blackburn	NSW	559	Nationals	Mar			
7	Michael	Bouchaud	Qld	556	Beaudesert	Aug			
8	James	Hogan	Qld	549	Len Luke	Jun			
9	Trevor	Harrold	Qld	548	Len Luke	Jun			
10	Brendan	Du Toit	WA	546	Nationals	Mar			

	10M AIR PISTOL JUNIOR WOMEN									
	National Record: Annemarie Forder, Qld, 385 (Brisbane, 1998)									
Rank	Name		State	Score	Competition	Date				
1	Sascha	Kroopin	NSW	377	Nationals	Mar				
2	Alison	Heinrich	SA	369	Nationals	Mar				
3	Chloe	Sewell	Vic	366	Nationals	Mar				
4	Gwendolyn	Liang	WA	363	Nationals	Mar				
5	Brooke	Petrie	SA	362	Nationals	Mar				
6	Sierra	Contreras	Qld	362	Gcpaa	Feb				
7	Ryana	Cook	NSW	359	Nationals	Mar				
8	Olivia	Erickson	NSW	357	Wagga	May				
9	Emily	Verhulst	SA	356	Nationals	Mar				
10	Dakota	Smith	Qld	348	Len Luke	Jun				

	10M AIR PISTOL JUNIOR MEN								
National Record: Greg Schultz, SA, 575 (Melbourne, 1996)									
Rank	Name		State	Score	Competition	Date			
1	Bailey	Groves	Tas	571	Nationals	Mar			
2	Sergei	Evglevski	Vic	565	Misc	May			
3	Thomas	Ashmore	ACT	556	Nationals	Mar			
4	Hans	Hummer	Qld	559	Beaudesert	Aug			
5	Chris	Summerell	NSW	554	Nationals	Mar			
6	Doug	Russell	SA	554	Port Pirie	Jun			
	Michael	Bouchaud	Qld	554	Len Luke	Jun			
8	Corey	Martin	NSW	551	Cessnock Vintage	Feb			
9	Nathan	Blackburn	NSW	550	Cessnock Vintage	Feb			
	James	Hogan	Qld	550	WArwick	Feb			

25Y SERVICE PISTOL									
National Record: Peter Knowlton, Qld, 641 (Brisbane 2010)									
Name		State	Score	Competition	Date				
Dean	Brus	NSW	643	Cairns	Jun				
Peter	Knowlton	Qld	641	Cairns	Jun				
Chris	Banfield	Tas	637	Vdpc	Mar				
Thomas	Di Giglio	Qld	633	Cairns	Jun				
Peter	Roberts	Tas	631	Vdpc	Mar				
Davey	Oates	NSW	630	Nationals	Mar				
Paul	Jensen	Vic	630	Outtrim	Feb				
Jamie	Longbottom	Qld	629	Burdekin	May				
Matthew	Lockhart	Tas	629	Vdpc	Jul				
Linda	Jekel	WA	627	Nationals	Mar				
	Name Dean Peter Chris Thomas Peter Davey Paul Jamie Matthew	National Record: Peter  Name  Dean Brus  Peter Knowlton  Chris Banfield  Thomas Di Giglio  Peter Roberts  Davey Oates  Paul Jensen  Jamie Longbottom  Matthew Lockhart	National Record: Peter Knowlton  Name Dean Brus NSW Peter Knowlton Old Chris Banfield Tas Thomas Di Giglio Old Peter Roberts Tas Davey Oates NSW Paul Jensen Vic Jamie Longbottom Old Matthew Lockhart Tas	Name         State         Score           Dean         Brus         NSW         643           Peter         Knowlton         Qld         641           Chris         Banfield         Tas         637           Thomas         Di Giglio         Qld         633           Peter         Roberts         Tas         631           Davey         Oates         NSW         630           Paul         Jensen         Vic         630           Jamie         Longbottom         Qld         629           Matthew         Lockhart         Tas         629	National Record: Peter Knowlton, Old, 641 (Brisbane 2010)           Name         State         Score         Competition           Dean         Brus         NSW         643         Cairns           Peter         Knowlton         Old         641         Cairns           Chris         Banfield         Tas         637         Vdpc           Thomas         Di Giglio         Old         633         Cairns           Peter         Roberts         Tas         631         Vdpc           Davey         Oates         NSW         630         Nationals           Paul         Jensen         Vic         630         Outtrim           Jamie         Longbottom         Old         629         Burdekin           Matthew         Lockhart         Tas         629         Vdpc				

SERVICE PISTOL								
National Record: Dean Brus (NSW) 884 (Nationals, Adelaide, 2015)								
Rank	Name		State	Score	Competition	Date		
1	Dean	Brus	NSW	878	Nationals	Mar		
2	Jamie	Longbottom	Qld	877	Cairns	Jun		
3	Chris	Banfield	Tas	872	Vdpc	Jul		
4	Peter	Knowlton	Qld	870	Nationals	Mar		
5	Reggie	Godbolt	SA	869	Port Augusta	June		
	Brandan	Ede	Qld	869	Cairns	Jun		
7	Davey	Oates	NSW	867	Nationals	Mar		
8	Thomas	Di Giglio	SA	866	Cairns	Jun		
	Gary	Coppola	WA	866	Port Pirie	Aug		
10	Dominic	Ciccotosto	WA	865	Kalamunda	Mar		

	SERVICE UNRESTRICTED								
National Record: Harry Thomas, Qld, 896 (Hobart, 2002)									
Rank	Name		State	Score	Competition	Date			
1	Dean	Brus	NSW	892	Cairns	Jun			
2	Peter	Knowlton	Qld	892	Cairns	Jun			
3	Peter	Brus	NSW	890	Cairns	Jun			
4	Chris	Banfield	Tas	887	Vdpc	Mar			
5	Davey	Oates	NSW	885	Gulgong	Feb			
	Jamie	Longbottom	Qld	885	Cairns	Jun			
7	Thomas	De Giglio	SA	882	Nationals	Mar			
8	Leo	Caratti	WA	881	Pt.bouvard	May			
9	WAyne	Davis	Vic	880	Outtrim	Feb			
10	Brandan	Ede	Qld	880	Cairns	Jun			

WORLD ASSOCIATION 1500 REVOLVER									
National Record: Jamie Longbottom, Old (Nationals, Perth, 2016)									
Rank	Name		State	Score	Competition	Date			
1	Dean	Brus	NSW	1493 111	Orange	Feb			
2	Peter	Brus	NSW	1492 102	Orange	May			
3	Jamie	Longbottom	Qld	1490 97	Cairns	Feb			
4	Don	Pollard	NSW	1489 95	Orange	Feb			
5	Brandan	Ede	Qld	1489 92	Caurbs	Jun			
6	Davey	Oates	NSW	1487 106	Orange	May			
7	Leo	Caratti	WA	1484 99	Pt Bouvard	Jul			
8	Linda	Jekel	WA	1484 84	Pt Bouvard	Jul			
9	Peter	Knowlton	Qld	1481 91	Cairns	Feb			
10	Martin	O'brien	NSW	1481 94	Gulgong	Jul			

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WORLD ASSOCIATION 1500 PISTOL									
	National Record: Donnal Pollard, NSW, 1482 89X (Nationals, Adelaide, 2011)								
Rank	Name		State	Score	Competition	Date			
1	Peter	Knowlton	Qld	1491 92	Cairns	Jun			
2	Davey	Oates	NSW	1491 103	Orange	Feb			
3	Jamie	Longbottom	Qld	1490 87	Cairns	Feb			
4	Peter	Brus	NSW	1489 91	Orange	May			
5	Dean	Brus	NSW	1486 86	Orange	Feb			
6	Don	Pollard	NSW	1482 95	Tamworth	Jul			
7	Brandan	Ede	Qld	1482 88	Nationals	Mar			
8	Leo	Caratti	WA	1482 76	Pt Bouvard	Feb			
9	Chris	Banfield	Tas	1479 89	Nationals	Mar			
10	Paul	Jensen	Vic	1475 86	Mildura	Jul			

Rank	Name		State	Score	Competition	Date		
1	Nigel	Gordon	Qld	1920 169	Nationals	Aug		
2	Osca	Carnicelli	WA	1920 163	WA State	Jul		
3	Steve	Schrader	NSW	1920 162	Yarra	May		
4	Brett	Foster	Qld	1918 176	Brisbane	Feb		
5	Zeljko	Cvetnic	Vic	1918 168	Yarra	Jul		
6	Craig	Ginger	NSW	1918 167	NSW State	Apr		
7	Anita	Mackiewicz	Vic	1918 161	Vic State	Aug		
8	Kenneth	Fowles	NSW	1918 155	NSW State	Apr		
9	Chris	Mathiou	Qld	1918 149	WArwick	Apr		
10	Mark	Blake	Vic	1916 176	Yarra	Feb		
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	BLACK POWDER 25M									
	National Record: David Moore, NSW 386 (Cessnock, 2004)									
Rank	Name		State	Score	Competition	Date				
1	WAyne	Davis	Vic	378	Outtrim	Aug				
2	John	Lisiewicz	Qld	373	WArwick	Feb				
3	Jeremy	Kozak	WA	371	Cockburn-Fre	May				
4	Leo	Caratti	WA	369	Cockburn-Fre	May				
5	Max	Wray	WA	365	Nationals	Mar				
6	Linda	Jekel	WA	365	Cockburn-Fre	May				
7	David	Moore	NSW	364	Nationals	Mar				
	John	Ingold	NSW	364	Cessnock	Feb				
	Reggie	Godbolt	SA	364	Port Augusta	Jun				
10	Brian	Subkey	NSW	362	Nationals	Mar				
	Les	Moncrieff	Vic	362	Nationals	Mar				
	Noel	Ryan	Qld	362	Dimbulah	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 141	Echuca	Mar					
2	Mark	Blake	Vic	1893 123	Vic State	Aug					
3	Chris	Mathiou	Qld	1888 126	Brisbane	Feb					
4	Brett	Foster	Qld	1879 131	Brisbane	Feb					
5	Steve	Schrader	NSW	1865 116	NSW State	Apr					
6	Zeljko	Cvetnic	Vic	1849 124	Vic State	Aug					
7	Nigel	Gordon	Qld	1842 112	Toowoomba	An					
8	Osca	Carnicelli	WA	1840 102	WA State	Jul					
9	Brenton	Hayes		1821 101	Vic State	Aug					
10	Greg	Van Borssum	NSW	1809 100	NSW State	Apr					

		BLAC	K POWD	FR 50M								
	National Record: David Moore, NSW, 380 (Brisbane, 1998)											
Rank	Name		State	Score	Competition	Date						
1	Mike	Knapp	WA	377	Cockburn-Fre	May						
2	David	Moore	NSW	361	Nationals	Mar						
3	John	Lisiewicz	Qld	357	WArwick	Feb						
4	Leo	Caratti	WA	356	Cockburn-Fre	May						
5	Andrew	Miller	Vic	355	Outtrim	Aug						
6	Les	Moncrieff	Vic	354	Nationals	Mar						
	Brian	Subkey	NSW	354	Cessnock	Feb						
	Tom	Fulton	Qld	354	WArwick	Feb						
	Brynley	Kennedy	Vic	354	Outtrim	Aug						
10	John	Sammartino	Vic	352	Mid Murray	Jun						



	METALLIC SILHOUETTE BIG BORE										
	Production			Revolver			Standing			Unlimited	
1	Michael Arden	40 (4)	1	Michael Arden	40 (3)	1	Matt Seears	33	1	Scott Dawson	38
	Glen Anderson	40 (2)		Cheyne Fischer	40	2	Scott Dawson	32		Matt Seears	38
	Scott Dawson	40 (2)	3	Tim Anderson	39	3	Kim Emery	31	3	Glen Anderson	37
	Kim Emery	40 (2)		Richard Blayden	39	4	David Dewsbury	30		Michael Arden	37
	Cheyne Fischer	40 (2)		David Dewsbury	39		Philip Williams	30		Kim Emery	37
	David Dewsbury	40		Kim Emery	39	6	Glen Anderson	29		Cheyne Fischer	37
	Bruce Dunbar	40		Russell Mowles	39		Michael Arden	29	7	Tim Anderson	36
	Matt Seears	40	8	Glen Anderson	38	8	Bruce Dunbar	28	8	David Dewsbury	35
	John Harding	40		Keith Rigby	38	9	Keith Rigby	27	9	John Harding	34
10	Russell Mowles	39 (2)	10	Philip Williams	37 (2)		John Harding	27	10	Judy Harding	33 (2)
	Tim Anderson	39		Scott Dawson	37		Judy Harding	27		Neville Ellem	33
	Richard Blayden	39		Bruce Dunbar	37						
	Philip Williams	39		Matt Seears	37						
				Chris Taylor	37						

	METALLIC SILHOUETTE SMALL BORE										
	Production			Revolver			Standing			Unlimited	
1	Kim Emery	40 (2)	1	Scott Dawson	40	1	Kim Emery	33	1	Kim Emery	38 (2)
	David Dewsbury	40 (2)		Cheyne Fischer	40	2	Michael Arden	31	2	Matt Seears	36 (2)
	Bruce Dunbar	40 (2)	3	Kim Emery	39 (3)		Matt Seears	31		Bruce Dunbar	36
	Kirsten Jackes	40 (2)		Bruce Dunbar	39		lain Yule	31	4	Richard Brown	35
	Judy Harding	40		Matt Seears	39	5	Russell Mowles	30		Scott Dawson	35
	Matt Seears	40	6	David Dewsbury	38 (2)	6	David Dewsbury	29		John Harding	35
	lain Yule	40		Michael Arden	38		Judy Harding	29		lain Yule	35
	Scott Dawson	39 (2)	8	Judy Harding	37 (2)	8	Bruce Dunbar	28	8	Michael Arden	34
	Cheyne Fischer	39 (2)		Tim Anderson	37		lain Yule	28		David Dewsbury	34
10	Richard Blayden	39		Richard Brown	37	10	Scott Dawson	26		John Harding	34
	John Harding	39		John Harding	37		John Harding	26		Kirsten Jackes	34
	lain Yule	39		lain Yule	37		Keith Rigby	26			

	ME	TALLIC SILHO	UETTE	FIELD PISTOL	
	Production			Production Any Sight	
1	Scott Dawson	35	1	lain Yule	37
	lain Yule	35	2	Glen Anderson	36
3	Matt Seears	34		Kim Emery	36
4	Bruce Dunbar	32		Matt Seears	36
5	Kim Emery	31	5	Bruce Dunbar	35
6	Glen Anderson	30	6	Michael Arden	34
	Michael Arden	30	7	Tim Anderson	33
	Judy Harding	30	8	Scott Dawson	32
9	Melinda Mullen	29		David Dewsbury	32
10	Tim Anderson	28		Judy Harding	32
	John Harding	28		Melinda Mullen	32
	Gianni Rossetto	28			







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