



BPC Newsletter



CHRISTMAS SHOOT

Keep this date free

December the 1st

8.50am Shooters Brief

9.00am Start

Come along and join in with the fun. Club guns and ammunition provided. Please put your name down on the notice board if you can help on the day.

BBQ lunch and small presentation.

Note: We won't eat the donated chocolate bullets this time!

Tristate Junior Shoot

A few weeks ago three of BPCs junior members (Seth Bish, Arwen and Eve Fetherstonhaugh) joined 12 other Victorian juniors, along with junior shooters from New South Wales and South Australia at the annual Tristate Shooting Camp at Tea Tree Gully near Adelaide. The Camp occurred on the 15th and 16th of September, and began with a very early start for the Victorians, who had to be at Melbourne Airport at 6am, before the short flight to Adelaide. The 15 Juniors had a great time making new friends and amazing new memories and most importantly, shooting! The three states competed in Sports Pistol (.22) and Air Pistol tournaments, with the New South Wales team coming out victorious (this time....). Everyone learnt lots and had a great time. **Thanks to Daryl Sewell (Beaconsfield Pistol Club) and Ainsley Kelly (Melton Pistol Club) for keeping us under control, along with many other adults at the camp from all three states.**



Club Roster for Air Pistol Duty

The roster has been drawn up for 2019. Please read and plan ahead, make time to attend for your duty. This is a way to meeting new members and develop basic range officer skills.

Air Pistol Duty is not beyond the means of any member. We have a folder in the shed which outlines simply what is required. The Notice of Receiving Instruction form is also detailed. Of course feel free to ask other members for clarification if you are unsure!

If the member has committed to purchase prior to the club authorising the VAPA form 3 they risk needing to sell the handgun through the dealer, without ever taking possession - if the club knocks back his / her application.



Normally I recommend pay a deposit to hold the purchase, with final payment when the the PTA arrives.

WE have seen many a crying shame when a member has failed to think ahead and put in the VAPA form 3.

NOTE: The VAPA form 3 is also used to update your address details - both to the club and VAPA

VAPA Form3 ~Permit to Acquire

The VAPA form 3 is to be completed when applying for a Permit to Acquire a handgun.

(This form is available at the club and must be lodged at the club upon completion)

The form will need to be submitted to the monthly club meeting for committee approval.

The Form 3 confirms the member must sign saying they haven't modified their safe-keeping since last inspected. Confirms attendances and checks the suitability of the request for designated match/matches they list. Once the VAPA form 3 is processed, the member can then ask the Nominated Officer to sign off on the PTA.



NO More - Club Mobile

After careful consideration , the Committee has decided to make all communication to the club by email only. The mobile phone will be phased out over the next month or so. Please present in person to the club if you have a query , alternatively you can email the club.

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RANGE OFFICER TRAINING

Range Officer - Level 1 Training will be offered for IO interested members over the weekend of the 23rd and 24th of February. There are now two levels of training offered by Pistol Australia via the Victorian Referee Council.

(Range Officer 2 Training -This course is an intensive course designed to train and accredit a candidate to a standard that would enable them to competently and safely run matches up to and including PA National Championship level) We **will not** be offering Range Officer 2 Training.

Club Range Officer

This is a Level 1 course designed primarily as a safety course.

Successful completion of this course will enable the successful candidate to safely and competently conduct matches at their own club, using the PA range guides for the specific events.

The course is not discipline specific, except for Black Powder accreditation. There is a separate module for Black Powder matches because of the unique nature of these events and the specific safety requirements required.

The accreditation can be issued with an exception for holster matches if appropriate.

Target audience – active club members wishing to run ranges at the home club

Pre-requisite –

- Must be affiliated to Pistol Australia Inc.
- Must hold a full Handgun licence and be an active participant at club level.

Assessment – the trainer will assess the candidate based on their participation in the course and their on-range ability during the training sessions.

A Flyer outlining the Range Officer role has been sent from VAPA and is printed and available for members to read from the club noticeboard.

Please put your name down if you are interested and can attend the Range Officer Training.

WE strongly recommend and encourage our members to attend if they can. This training is not beyond the means of the average sporting shooter and benefits the club and all members. More information will come to hand, closer to the date.



Participations for the Year

The below table summarises the participation requirements for members with handguns. Handgun owners must ensure that the following requirements are met:

- 6 of these events must be matches
- 6 of these events must be as a competitor
- 4 events for each class of handguns owned (matches or shoots): and
- Participation must take place on no less than 10 separate days

Number of handgun classes owned	Minimum number of shooting events in which the owner must participate each year
0	0
1	10
2	10
3	12
4	16

If you have any queries please speak with a Committee Member at the Club or visit www.police.gov.au/firearms

DID YOU KNOW? Range Rules for RANGE 8

The range is deemed suitable for:

IPSC, Single Action and ICORE events with certain restrictions. Consultation with the CRO or President before use.
There is to be no practice shooting on Range 8.

CLUB CALENDAR

The Club calendar is almost completed. This will be emailed to all members before the end of the year. Copies will also be available from the club.

