



**SUMMER 2009-2010**

## Chairman's Note

Christmas and the New Year are rapidly approaching so please be careful over this holiday season. That is not to say that you shouldn't indulge as this is the time to recharge the batteries and catch up with family and friends.

Please note that to this end the Club will NOT be officially opening over the Christmas period. The dates therefore extend from the 25th December through to the 6th January and reopening on Thursday 7th January 2010.

### Keys

Those members with keys may wish to open up the premises for practice over this period but are reminded that if they do so they become the person responsible for the range security and consequently it is up to them to close, lock and arm the premises unless they have made arrangements with another member suitably equipped to perform those duties.

This other member must be aware of the arrangement and further must be present at the range before the member who opened departs. While this all sounds like common sense it is the assumptions that we make that can lead to the property

not being secured which must be avoided at all costs especially during the holiday season.

### **Black Powder / Single Action**

The Black Powder match and the Single action match currently on the program have not been supported and some effort is needed to make these matches viable again which is a necessity for those who have pistols in the Greater than .38 Calibre category for the SAPOL license criteria.

To improve the participation in these matches it has been decided that the matches will be combined on the program on the Black Powder day (2nd Saturday in the month).

Further the Club will be offering the 13 shot MLAIC match as an alternative to the 50 shot Pistol Australia BP aggregate match. Similarly the Single Action owners may also wish to shoot to the MLAIC rules.

In short, the match consists of 13 shots with the best 10 shots scored over the match duration of 30 minutes. Shots which touch a scoring ring will get the higher value only if the shot extends greater than half the bullet diameter into the

higher value. These matches can be shot together and use the same targets so there is the opportunity to improve the turnout at this program time.

### **Range Moves**

The relocation of the ranges has stalled due to a number of reasons but certainly the extended period of rain has made it difficult to organise the trenching and the laying in of power cables which needs to be completed first. It is hoped that this can be achieved in the near future so the overall plan to consolidate range usage is back on track.

### **Thanks**

I would like to personally thank those members that attended the Black Powder State Titles to give a hand in running the ranges in the multitude of tasks including patching, scoring, range officer duties, canteen duties and dismantling the ranges on completion of the day's events.

To all of you that volunteered your time **THANK YOU**. It is precisely that sort of commitment that makes us a Club and not merely a group of disciplines existing at a venue.

**Peter Hayward, Chairman** ■

# International 1920 (Action) Nationals

Held in Canberra over the weekend of the 7th and 8th of November, the Adelaide Pistol & Shooting Club had five members attend this prestigious shoot. Barry Marsh and Trevor Wilkin are both State Team members. Barry came in at third overall in Open class out of 71 shooters, and 18th out of 42 shooters in Metallic Sight. Not a bad effort considering he's concentrating more on his golf than his shooting! Well done to all concerned!

## OPEN CLASS

3rd Barry Marsh	1918	163x	Team
42nd Juro Crkovnik	1858	123x	
48th Trevor Wilkin	1851	122x	Team
56th Brenton Hayes	1806	124x	
63rd Len Marsh	1756	115x	

## PLATES

23rd Barry	480	48x	7th Barry	478	27x	15th Barry	480	46x
39th Trevor	470	47x	25th Juro	468	24x	37th Trevor	480	39x
48th Juro	460	46x	51st Trevor	449	15x	39th Brenton	480	37x
49th Brenton	460	46x	54th Len	446	15x	61st Juro	466	25x
53rd Len	450	45x	56th Brenton	443	21x	63rd Len	456	31x

## PRACTICAL

2nd Barry	480	42x
42nd Juro	464	28x
55th Trevor	452	21x
64th Brenton	423	20x
67th Len	404	24x

## METALLIC SIGHT CLASS

11th Brenton Hayes	1822	115x	
18th Barry Marsh	1802	100x	Team
28th Juro Crkovnik	1648	73x	

## PLATES

20th Brenton	440	44x	4th Brenton	464	28x	3rd Brenton	460	23x
22nd Barry	440	44x	18th Barry	450	220x	9th Barry	453	17x
34th Juro	308	38x	22nd Juro	444	10x	31st Juro	394	10x

## MOVER

## BARRICADES

## PRACTICAL

16th Barry	459	19x
17th Brenton	458	20x
26th Juro	430	15x

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## IPSC News

Another year has come and almost gone... and what year it has been!

It is great to see so many new faces on the ranges - several new members to the group, with a handful more on the way in the not too distant future, all showing keen interest in shooting the STICS Matches (Opens). If we all take the time and try to bring a friend along every once in awhile, just think how large the discipline could be.

October has seen yet another successful STICS Match at APSC, with 45 competitive shooters (9 of our own), all enjoying the variety of stages presented for the comp. Well done to all and special thanks to all who help behind the scenes to make it possible - you know who you are.

November saw a not so small group of APSC members migrate to Mt Gambier for what was to be an exciting weekend of fun and frivolity

at the last STICS Match of the year prior to State Titles. Extreme weather conditions however put that to an end on the day, with the match being declared a non-event and abandoned late in the afternoon.

As the year draws to an end, we need to look at holding the "2009 IPSC Club Trophy Shoot", so I am scheduling for some time in February 2010, after the IPSC State Titles which are the weekend prior to Australia Day (get your entries in now if you haven't done so yet). Actual date for the Trophy Shoot will be posted on the clubs notice board soon, so keep an eye out and remember this match is open to ALL Financial APSC Members. I look forward to seeing everyone attend...

APSC members shooting IPSC at Club Level only are encouraged to join IPSC SA Inc if they wish to participate in the STICS Matches and State Titles (see Chuck Merritt for further details), giving you the opportunity to shoot at an assortment of clubs around the state,

meeting an interesting bunch of men women and juniors...

Don't forget... The 4th Saturday of each month is designated to longarms. Anyone wishing to shoot handgun that day have a variety of options available to them (plates, mover, service etc...)

Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all... stay safe and see you all in the new year...

**Chuck Merritt, IPSC Captain** ■

*"If gun ownership causes crime then matches cause arson"*

TED NUGENT,  
U.S. ROCK'N'ROLLER

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*"If someone has a gun and is shooting at you, it would seem reasonable to shoot back with your own gun, if you had one"*

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## Weed Control Programme

The Spraying and control of unwanted growth on the clubs property continued this year with good results. Late and unseasonal rains have however meant a strong germination of summer weeds mainly in the open areas. The indoor ranges are now under control with growth requiring only spot spraying, after two seasons of treatment.

The costs and time involved is now justified by the clear state of the indoor ranges, as previously hand clearance of these areas became difficult chore in past years.

Outdoor areas have now started to come under control some regrowth occurs seasonally requiring spot spraying, as in areas where desirable plants grow long term chemicals and soil sterilants cannot be used. Main chemicals used are Round Up and several soil sterilants.

The design and construction of a Spray Cart by the Chairman to carry the Clubs spray unit to more easily negotiate the indoor ranges is well under way and will make the spraying of the Indoor ranges a much less time consuming operation, thanks to Members who provided parts for this project. The club Captain at the start of the season gave the clubs ride on mower a refit, the Mower has proved to be a very useful tool in slashing of growth that could not be sprayed at the optimum time.

The Shotgun range is also now to be kept more growth free in the shoot area using slashing and some spraying; making it easier to negotiate.

Members are asked to keep a lookout for Caltrop [*Tribulus terrestris*] a pest plant that has sharp spines and can cause problems where foot traffic and pneumatic tyres spread it. This plant is covered in small spiny sharp burrs, it has a fern like leaf and grows flat on the ground, a photo of this plant is on the notice board in the clubhouse.

The treatment of areas for weeds and growth is a continuing programme using both herbicides and other methods.

Following successful treatment of some colonies of bull ants last summer, a programme of treatment will commence in December / January to try to control ants in some areas where they have become troublesome.

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## Sell Unwanted Items!

Members should be aware of a facility provided by the Club for the Display and Sale of any unwanted items relating to our sport or shooting and firearms generally.

On the Eastern wall of the Clubhouse outside the Office is a glass display case where members can tag, price and display items for sale, as other members may want what you don't. Firearms and live ammunition are of course not to be displayed for sale.

The Treasurer can provide more information on this free service to members and an excellent method of selling your unwanted gear.

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## Snakes on the Range (CONTINUED)

A very important thing to remember is that without a logical brain the snake will head for it's safe spot even if it has to go past the thing it sees as a threat, you. This is where the "chased by a snake" stories arise. If you stand still, the snake will go straight past. However, if you are afraid of snakes it does take some self control.

An adult Brown Snake has fangs only 2.8 mm long on average. The only real danger of being bitten is if you stand on a snake with unprotected legs, wearing shorts or bare feet, or if you put an unprotected hand into a snake hide. I have had snakes bite on my ankle area and feet dozens of times while

catching and handling them and know what great protection a pair of jeans and boots provide.

Most important to remember is Brown Snakes don't want to bite people, they don't enjoy it. Their heads are fragile and it is dangerous for them to bite in defence so they do so as a last resort. In fact sometimes they will put up with a lot of gentle harassment and not bite. They don't hold grudges, get angry, defend their eggs or their young, or their mate, or their territory. However they are nervous and very fearful of predators and they see people as a danger (often they are correct). One thing that pushes a snake to defend itself with a bite is to touch or injure it.

If you kill a snake you simply leave suitable snake habitat available for another snake to move into. It's one of the most common ways to be bitten, it is usually very inhumane as most people do it badly, and you can be prosecuted as it is against the law. All snakes are protected animals.

### **Basic Rules to remember:**

- They are very sensitive to movement. To a snake, movement equals threat.
- If the snake is very close to you (less than 2 metres) STAND STILL. It will move away when it feels the threat has passed. Usually in 10 - 20 seconds.
- If the snake is more than 5 metres away it is safe to watch it or you can move slowly away if you are uncomfortable near snakes.
- Don't throw anything or hit the snake with anything.

This is the very basics and really needs a bit more explanation. If there is some interest in the correct safe way to deal with snakes, I can arrange a practical session, perhaps one evening at the club, with a few live snakes. You can then see snake behaviour up close.

Remember, don't panic. You're supposed to be the animal with the big brain.

**Gavin Kluske** ■

# Captain's Corner

## Work Schedule

Over the next few months, after a break for Christmas, you will see some changes happening as far as the relocating of the Action ranges. The first part of the process is the installation of electrical wiring underground on range ten for the moving target setup. This will also include trenching down to the shotgun range to supply power to the new clay thrower. So be aware there will be some minor disruptions around the place. Also be aware of any open sections of trench or mounds of dirt.

## Pistol Australia Nationals

As we have once again volunteered to host the Pistol Australia National Championships over the Easter period in 2011, the club hasn't applied to host too many open competitions in 2010. At this stage, we will apply for a Service Pistol and WA 1500

Open competition on the weekend of 13th & 14th of March 2010. Our main aim is to upgrade all our target systems on the 25 & 50 metre ranges, so expect some disruption in these areas too.

## Range Baffles

This topic keeps appearing in the newsletters because it is imperative the baffles are used correctly. Each baffle needs to be adjusted to suit each individual shooter. The ideal height of each baffle will allow individual shooters to clearly see their targets but they won't be able to see above the backstop. On completion of your match, please ensure the baffle is dropped back down to the vertical position, with the holding pin pulled back to allow the baffle to swing freely if it gets windy, put your chair up on the bench and sweep up the brass. Please feel free to sweep the whole area occasionally.

## Brass

At the rear of the range near the broom and dustpan you will find a blue tub, this is specifically for brass. We've now been collecting brass for about six months and have quite a few kilos. When the price of scrap increases, this will inject some extra funds into the club coffers. We're also collecting used primers, there's a tub in the workshop specifically for them if you would like to donate yours!

## Helpers

Many thanks to all the members that have helped with our opens during the year. Without these volunteers we couldn't run open competitions and that's how the club makes money to pay for extra equipment and upgrading of ranges.

**Steve Baldry,**  
**Club Captain** ■



## It's a BOY!!

Most of you probably know that Gavin Kluske and I recently moved to Naracoorte to live. You may also know that we were expecting our first baby. Nothing like a complete life change all at once!

Well, **Mitchell Finn Kluske** was born in Naracoorte Hospital on Saturday 17 October 2009, weighing 6lb 6oz (2894g). Mummy, Daddy and Bubby are all doing well, and wish to thank you all for your good wishes.

**Karen Gillespie** ■

