

Flashback Friday to 1972



April 30, 2020

We mark the resignation of Inspector Les Bardwell

who has relinquished office as President of the Queensland Association after 12 years. He was the founder of the Association and its inaugural President. He is credited with having been responsible for the passage of Legislation of a sensible and easily understood type which has greatly assisted the growth of pistol shooting in that State.

What higher commendation can anyone have than to retain such an office for such a length of time and leave it by personal preference having assisted in making the rules and regulations bearable for the majority.

General Comment

from Noel Ryan after competing at the World Championships in Phoenix...
"Until I went to Phoenix, I do not think I had ever really looked at a sight and not seen the target in the background. Concentration is the key to everything"

The Cairns Pistol Club

was formed in March 1967 and the first range at Red Hill officially opened in November that year, by its Patron Councillor G.K. Alley. Owing to expiration of the lease, this land had to be abandoned and preparations for the new Queerah Range caused a recess in activities for 12 months.

The new range is on leased land near Cairns and was officially opened on August 28th, 1971.

It is an extremely pleasant area with actual ranges being built on the side of a hill. It is surrounded by chequerboard pattern of cane fields and also has glorious mountainous view.

It is fully equipped and licensed for all events which are shot under I.S.U. rules.

The 20 bay precision range has cement flooring and is fully covered and enclosed, with lawn to the targets. There is on turning target range at present, with three sets of five air operated turning targets and this is all fully lawned.

Work on the second turning target range will be started in the near future, as well the play area for the children. The range has septic toilet facilities and reticulated water supply.

We shoot all day every second and fourth Sunday in each month and have half day shoots each first and third Sunday. Any fifth Sunday is set aside for working bees.

All shoots are conducted on handicap basis and open shoots are graded.

The club has a membership of 55 (47 men and 8 women). The first Open Shoot was held on 25th and 26th September 1971. (Noel Ryan shot 581 in Rapid & 569 in Standard)

1972 OLYMPIC ELIMINATION EVENTS

These are to be held at Albury, NSW, immediately following the 15th Nationals commencing March 31. Eliminations will be conducted in the Rapid Fire and Free Pistol events to select the Olympic Team nominees for final selection by the Australian Shooting Association.

Qualifying Scores for these events are:

Free Pistol 530

Rapid Fire 580

These qualifying scores must have been shot at least once in the three months prior to the close of entries and in open competition sanctioned by the controlling State Assn. at which at least two clubs are represented.

In addition, competitors in the National Titles events who are among the top 10 placings in Rapid Fire and Free Pistol whether qualifying prior to the events or not, will be invited to participate in the Elimination Events.

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Ipswich Pistol Club

conducted the first Ipswich and West Moreton Championships. This was the most ambitious undertaking attempted by the club and it proved an enormous success. Matches were run as close to I.S.U rules as facilities would permit. Backing targets were used for Rapid Fire and Centre Fire duelling matches and proved to be of enormous benefit to shooters and scorers. Score boards at the targets and at the shooting stations were used in the Rapid Fire match and these were well received.

Owing to limited facilities it was necessary to restrict the number of entries in each event, nearly 80 people attended, the following clubs were represented: Brisbane, Metropolitan, Gold Coast, Stanthorpe, Roma, Murrumba, Toowoomba, Bundaberg and Tenterfield.

Familiar names competing at this event were: Barry Downs, Col Goldup, Graeme Auld, John May, Bob Edwards, Peter Cole, Lyn Gilligan, Tom Woodley, Steve Faunt, Ray Hardy, Alan Skelton, Col Mann, Barry Benyon, Joan May, Lyn McMillan

At Beaudeserts 8th Open Shoot Qlds Chief Officer & Examiner conducted practical examinations for the State Range Officer Certificate. F. Ian Gilligan, Eddie Walsh, Laurie Douglas and Alan Walsh all

passed #psqconnectsu #offrangeconnections #isolatingoffrange #staysafe

10 WAYS TO KILL A CLUB

1. Don't come to meetings or shoots
2. If you do come, be late
3. If the weather does not suit you, don't think of coming
4. If you do not attend, find fault with the work of officers and members
5. Never accept office, as its easier to criticise than to do things
6. Get sore if you're not appointed to a committee, but if you are, don't attend
7. Do nothing more than necessary
8. Don't help new members, remember you were a champion when you began
9. Hold back your dues, or don't pay them at all
10. Don't bother about getting new members, let Joe or Mary do it

South East Championships

(Reported by Lyn Gilligan)
For the first time since the zoning system has been introduced into Queensland, the south east zone held a zone championship on the Australia Day weekend.. These champinships attracted 46 competitors from 6 clubs and all matches were shot in all grades. The venue was the Belmont Range in Brisbane, while Gold Coast Club was responsible for the organising and running of the shoot, with all attending clubs doing their bit.

The Brisbane Pistol Club conducted its open shoot on the first weekend in March. The shoot also provided a good warmup for the Queenalnd Team visiting Albury for the Nationals.. A record number of 61 shooters attended.

Scores shot through the year of '71:

Barry Down Free 551
Steve Faunt Rapid 574
Steve Faunt Centre 576
Joan Mann Ladies 563
Peter Cole Centre 561
John Ford Centre 560
Alan Skelton Rapid 570
Lyn Gilligan Ladies 547
Barry Downs Air 367
Steve Faunt Standard 543
Ron Petersen Rapid 570
Ron Petersen Air 377

General

Since the introduction of the Post Code system in Australia by the P.M.G. it has been necessary to extensively modify our mailing procedure. All address plates are now arranged in post code number order – not alphabetical or grouped in Club order.