

# Flashback Friday



April 10, 2020

The X11 Australian Championships in 1969 were held at Hume Pistol Club, NSW. Entry Fees were \$4 per match; \$3.50 for the Presentation Dinner.

The Presentation dinner will be a magnificent smorgasbord with table seating for all.

Matches shot at the Nationals 50mt Free Pistol; 25m Rapid Fire; 25m Ladies Match; 25m Standard Pistol & 50y Mayleigh Cup.

Negotiations are at present in progress with the NSW Police Department to waive the 50-cent fee on pistols brought into New South Wales by visiting shooters.

Q&A with Tibor Gonczol

*Q: Tibor, how can I practice the duelling section without turning targets since my club is no in the process of rebuilding the rapid-fire range and the targets are not available. I must practice for my timing. Signed off as 'Woman alone'*

A: First of all, while you have no turning target, do not shoot matches in practice, do not shoot for scores, just practice the fundamentals without worrying about timing. Practice tight groups, practice trigger control, correct grip, stance, smoothness, breath-control et etc and you will find that you will not have much trouble learning the right timing when the time comes that you have moving targets to shoot on. If you have to shoot scores, then get someone with a stopwatch to time you. Having a stopwatch for yourself is a

helpful also as you can stand on front of the target with the watch in your hand instead of a pistol then, when you are ready, press the stop watch, start it, raise your hand with it, fire the imaginary string of shots at the last "shot" stop the watch and check the time. If you took too short or too long, correct it as the next string. If you do this frequently enough you can develop a very accurate sense of timing that will not let you down.

## ASA formerly AJSC ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Australian Shooting Association meeting in Narrabeen, NSW saw a change in officers.

(The Australian Shooting Association was formerly known as the Australian Joint Shooting Council and the reason for the alteration is not known in these offices Ed.)

**New Ranges....**it is suggested that members would be much better off if the 25m range with turning targets was built first; the club could then enjoy all the course of fire – even the 50m on the reduced targets.

Mr W "Bill" Perreau"

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR....

Dear Madam

I would like to thank the following through your column for grants of ammunition made available to the shooting section of the Australian Olympic Team to Mexico:

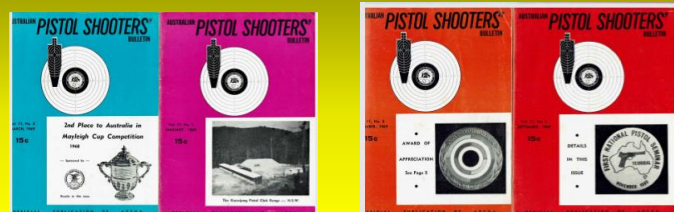
Winchester Western  
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Robert A Conaghan  
Stewart & Allwood  
Sporting Shooters Association of Australia

I should particularly express my appreciation to Winchester Western, in addition to generously granting other ammunition, they made a special batch of the Australian Expert. The batch was sampled for accuracy above average, packed in polystyrene blocks in 75's according to my directions and 2,475 of these rounds were given to the sectional team manager in a wooden tin lined box to take to Mexico. The ammunition and the unique packing raised some interest over there and I was pleased to be able to state that it was made in Australia. I hope that this close co-operation between shooters and ammunition companies will be able to continue in this fashion.

Yours faithfully  
Barry Downs

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## Can we win Gold Medals?

(A story by W.R Morgan)

You bet we can, with fellows like Downs, Taransky, Papps, Gonzol, Tilden and the others.

It took Barry Downs, nine minutes to get his 1<sup>st</sup> shot off. He was "up and down" like the cost of living, but it was a 10 and I couldn't help but recall how Guschkin in Rome in 1960 took 90 minutes for his first 5 practice shots and then went on to break the Olympic record with 561 which included a 6 with his last shot.

## The Gold Coast Pistol Club

held a shoot in aid of the Spastic Appeal in June and cleared seventy-two dollars for the cause.

The shoot was run as an open shoot with an entrance fee of \$1.00 for all events, and a barbecue lunch.

The barbecue was organised by the Miss Australian entrant and her friends who also provided the trophies. There were novelty events during the day and small gifts were presented. Shooters attended from Beaudesert, Murrumba, Tenterfield, Brisbane, Ipswich, Metropolitan. The Gold Coast club will have shot its annual open competition in August and we hope to print the results in due course.

**The Belmont range** was the scene of the annual competitions held by the Metropolitan Sporting Shooters' Pistol Club in July.

Fifty-six shooters from nine clubs attended the competition which was over 30 shots rapid fire, thirty shots free pistol and a full course of centre fire.

Trevor Roberts of the host club went into Masters Grade with 568. (other names we may remember) Barry Downs; Col Goldup; Graeme Auld; Len Luke; Barry Benyon; Robert Moore; Peter Cole; Bill Mann; W. Donaldson; Alan Skelton; John May; Lyn Gilligan with a 521 in Ladies Match.

## NATIONAL COACHING SEMINAR

November 22 & 23 will be the dates of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pistol Shooters' Seminar – the 1969 Seminar is a National Coaching fixture with five of Australia's leading pistol shooters there to pass on their knowledge.

The lecturers will be Tibor Gonczol, Mike Papps, Kevin Tilden and John Tremelling (all under the Rothmans Sport Foundation grant) and Barry Downs who will be sponsored by the APSUA.

## GROWTH IN NORTH QUEENSLAND

News of Cairns Pistol Club which has been affiliated with QAPSA for just over twelve months. "Our range was approved in January 1967 and consists of 24 free pistol bays and two sets of automatic rapid-fire targets. Full 60 shot matches in all five events are contested once a month. Rapid Fire and free pistol share the

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month and centre fire standard pistol and ladies match the fourth Sunday of each month. Five club members shot in the Queensland State Titles held at the new Belmont Range in Brisbane in October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. They were Dick Fitzhardinge, Noel Ryan, T. Armstrong, Doug McMillan and Mrs Lyn McMillan. N. Ryan won the Masters grade rapid fire with 570, masters centre fire with 575 and the open standard pistol event with 558. The aggregate of rapid fire, free pistol and centre fire resulted in a tie between Noel Ryan of Cairns and Karl Bauer of Mackay who both shot 1665 points.

### Queensland NEW RECORD

Twenty-five-year-old Cairns pistol shooter Noel Ryan won the open standard pistol event, Masters centre fire and rapid fire at the Queensland State Titles, setting new State Records in standard pistol, 558 & centre fire 575.

*It appears there were very limited photos from Qld going to the magazine, but this may change in the '70's*