

## National Team Training Squad Entry

(From Gonczol and Morris)

From questions asked during the 22nd National Championships in Sydney and during the Annual Meeting of the Union it would appear there is a great deal of confusion surrounding the method of selection into the National Team Training Squad.

So this may be eliminated, we present here the method whereby members of the A.P.S.U.A. may gain selection into the training squad.

1. The first four place-getters in the National title events form the basic squad.
2. A State Association may apply to the team management on behalf of one or more of its shooters for inclusion in the squad because that Association believes the shooter or shooters show the necessary ability to warrant being given an opportunity to join the squad.
3. The Association application would, naturally, list the scores and matches where the scores were gained - to support the application, and the scores will be the basis of team management's assessment of the application.

### Editor's note:

All this information has been available to State Associations since the inception of the National team training scheme. In fact State leaders had all the papers for study and comment long before they raised their hands in a languid "aye" when the squad terms of reference were ratified at Union level. What they did with their great wads of paper after that is anyone's guess. It seems quite obvious that even those States whose leaders did know what was in the item they voted on, did not do much about promulgating it to their own members. Anyway, any shooter who thinks he/she should be considered for inclusion in the National team training squad is quite at liberty to advise the State Association of this. From there on the Association decides if it is willing to meet the registration fee for the first squad fixture if the shooter is accepted by the squad officials. It is so easy - it is ridiculous so many of our officials and shooters now say they didn't know how it worked.

## Union A.G.M.

The most noticeable fact at the 1979 Annual General Meeting was the number of notices of motion withdrawn by States following informal discussions on the range or meetings set up for direct discussion on difficulties.

- Important items out of the meeting were:
  - A seminar for secretaries will be held "in front" of the annual mid-year Executive Committee meeting. The seminar will deal with administration and the mid-year Executive Meeting will confine itself to policy.
  - The long awaited application form for conduct of National Titles will include a section devoted to "idiosyncrasies" of States concerned - (e.g. Juniors under certain age not allowed).
  - Junior Title Match now split into two divisions. Juniors are those who are still under the age of 21 at the date of the competition; sub-juniors are those who are still under the age of 17 at the date of the competition. Those under the age of 17 may elect to shoot in either Division but not both . . . the "oldies" stay in Division I. On the financial side of things - Juniors pay half subs. until the age of 18, then they are up for the full tote odds, irrespective of the "competition requirements".
  - The Union will put up half the fare for the Australian ladies team members selected for the Seoul World Air Weapon Titles in August, even though their results were under the Australian qualifying standard: a small "treat" following their silver medals in the 1978 World Titles.
  - Management to have a close look at costs of computerisation.
  - States required to offer comments on the first section of sub-committee paper on future conduct of National Titles.
  - David Watts (Union President) empowered to continue "dialogue" aimed at setting up Australian style N.R.A. operation on all handgun shooting.
  - Shooters can now have dual State membership, one Union fee, but must have principal State.
  - Union to defer idea full time Administration Secretary. Not feasible at this time according to Management sub-committee report.

- Queensland asked for 1981 Titles, New South Wales for 1982.

One all officers re-elected on nominations from Victoria, New South Wales and A.C.T. President - David Watts; Vice-President - Warren Forbes; Secretary - Peter Anderson; Treasurer - Jack Morris; Assistant Secretary - Rob Halloran; Delegates to A.S.A. - David Watts, Tibor Gonczol, . . . Bulletin" Editor - Joan Tremelling.

- Public officer endorsed in position - Bill Simmonds.
- Next Annual General Meeting, 20th May, 1980.

Notes: See other pages re: Juniors and subsidies on women's team to Seoul.

## Historic Ballot for Olympic Team Shooting Manager

The Australian Shooting Association's ballot to decide its Olympic team sectional manager (shooting) was unique in the history of Australian shooting.

Faced with a mail strike which would have prevented all votes reaching their destination in time to meet A.O.F. requirements, A.S.A. President Peter Papps decided to conduct the vote by telephone.

Senior Inspector Chris Thomson of the Commonwealth Police acted as scrutineer and spent all one afternoon conducting an exhaustive ballot.

At the end of the ballot, the sectional manager-ship had been vested in Peter Anderson of the A.C.T. and a final "ring around" informed the voting affiliates of the result.

Who is Peter Anderson? His most public position is that of Secretary of the A.P.S.U.A. Inc. However, he has been in and around shooting for many years. A technical officer for the Commonwealth Games in Christchurch, he managed the Australian team to the Commonwealth Games in Montreal last year. While he is now almost entirely confined to pistol shooting because of his secretarial position (which hardly allows him time to clean his pistols let alone fire them) he has shot just about every type of firearm during years in South Australia and

## 1979-1980 SQUAD

The basic training squad announced following the 22nd National Championships, consists of:

P. Adams, G. Blackshaw both of N.S.W.; B. Downs Old; J. Farrell N.S.W.; S. Faunt Old.; Mrs. J. Freeman W.A.; Mrs. I. Gehrig N.S.W.; R. Glew Vic; N. Harrison N.S.W.; P. Henke Old.; Mrs. M. Hill, Miss Joanne Hill both A.C.T.; G. Horton, F. Kalosek both Vic.; A. McFadyen A.C.T.; J. Mitchell S.A.; Mrs. E. Newton S.A.; C. O'Brien N.S.W.; Mrs. E. Pierik S.A.; Mrs. V. Powell W.A.; W. Rowe, A. Taransky, J. D. Tremelling all of S.A.; Miss L. Uden Old.; Mrs. G. Vause S.A. Team Managers T. Gonczol, J. J. Morris.

## "TERRIFIC"

says Garrett

Peter Garrett, President of the South Pacific Regional Shooting Federation, member I.S.U. Council and an International Referee, said the 22nd Nationals fixture was "terrific".

Garrett, who attended as the special guest of the A.P.S.U.A. Inc., and the host State of N.S.W., said the entry had exceeded the total number of shooting competitors for the Montreal Olympics.

He said he had been greatly impressed by the work of the women range officers. "They really are excellent", he said.

Peter's next involvement with I.S.U. affairs, will be the Executive Meeting scheduled for Montecatini/Terna in Italy. Situated just north of Milano, the meeting venue is a holiday resort and spa and Garrett's chances of seeing much of it are slim since he will (along with all other Executive members) spend 99.9% of his time in meetings.

## Pistols and their malfunctions

Blacktown Pistol Club's armourer and "gun check" official for the 22nd Nationals provided the ". . . Bulletin" with a wide range of information on types of pistols used, and the State percentage of failure at the championships. This information will be published in our next issue.