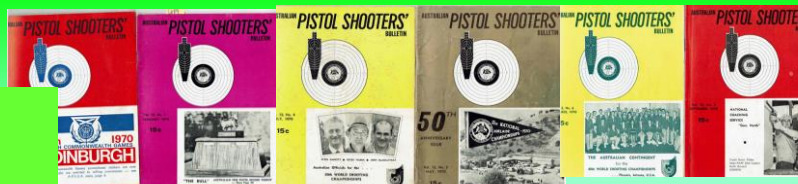


# Flashback Friday to 1970



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## We have word from the new Queensland Association Secretary, Peter Gregory that the Townsville Pistol Club is holding the first North Queensland Championships next June as part of its annual open shoot.

Also, from Peter Gregory comes news that the Downs Club in Toowoomba has re-affiliated with the association and that applications have been received from Mount Isa and Ingham Pistol Clubs. These are expected to be approved, thus taking the State total of affiliated clubs to 19 and the membership to about 900.

The Gold Coast Pistol Club's annual open shoot saw international representative Barry Downs win the free pistol with 549.

*2020 NEWS: We were informed that Barry Downs passed away earlier in April 2020.*

The weekend of 8 & 9<sup>th</sup> November was the occasion of the End of Year Shoot for Metropolitan Sporting Shooters on their Belmont Range, Brisbane.

Full courses of Free Pistol, Centre Fire and Rapid Fire were shot and trophies were awarded for highest score and three handicap places in each course. As has been custom of this clubs in previous years, shooters were restricted to winning one trophy only.

Gladys Luke from Gold Coast club writes glowingly of the

efforts of Bob Kyle a retired engineer and Dennis Gorman a welder, who in their spare time constructed the club's rapid fire set up. Brian Baker a carpenter built the firing points and the club is most grateful to these three energetic members.

### Charleville Pistol Club

Secretary A. E Copeland advises that the club held its first Titles. Club facilities so far cater only for fifty metre events and centre fire, but work has been started on a brick wall between the range and the proposed rapid-fire range.

### The Mount Isa Pistol Club

Now (March issue) has fifty members in a rapidly growing city of over twenty thousand people. Recently formed, the club has gone ahead quickly and now has a modern and substantial range.

### '74 Comm Games..

fundraiser, this campaign takes the usual form of the sale of Games stickers at 20 cents each and 6 cents may be retained by the selling organisation.

Excellent method of supplementing the club or association.

## SOUTH PACIFIC SHOOTING REGION

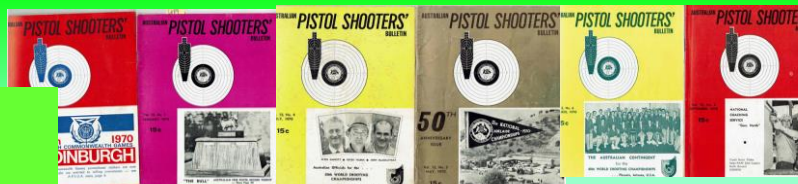
By mutual agreement between the Australian Shooting Ass. And the National Shooting Federation of New Zealand and with the approval of the International Shooting Union (ISU), the South Pacific Shooting Region has been formed to promote and guide the development of the shooting sport within the South Pacific area.

It embraces fourteen separate territories (not including Aus & NZ) covering about 12 million square miles and containing populations totalling over three million people.

Included area:

- Western Samoa
- Nauru
- Tonga
- Cook Islands
- Papua-New Guinea
- Norfolk Island
- Eastern Samoa
- Micronesia
- New Caledonia
- French Polynesia
- Solomons
- Gilbert & Ellice Islands
- Fiji
- New Hebrides
- Australia
- New Zealand

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## Beaudesert Pistol Club

held its Annual Open Shoot on 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February. This was the first attempt at a two day shoot and the obvious benefit to the Club was that a hectic day of range duties was converted into two rather leisurely ones with more time for chatting to the visitors. Full courses of Free Pistol, Rapid Fire, Centre Fire, Standard Gun and Ladies Match were shot. The few Air Pistol entries received did not justify holding this event as planned. You bet we can, with fellows like Downs, Taransky, Papps,

*'Some names of some participants that may be known were Barry Downs, Ron Petersen, John Ford, Tom Woodley, Ray Hardy, Tom Roberts, Doug Brown, Joan May.*

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## Murrumba Pistol Club

has its range on 5 acres of leased land about 3 miles north of Brisbane. It is an extremely pleasant area, grassed and sports a barbcue and fenced children's playpen and sandpit. They are fortunate in having a clubhouse (by dint of many working bees) and facilities for night shooting. There are 24 Free Pistol positions and 2 Rapid Fire banks, electronically controlled.

The club shoots 25metre Free Pistol and Centre Fire

**AIR PISTOL RULES** As firm rules for the conduct of the Air Pistol Match have not as yet been issued by the I.S.U., the following rules will apply for this event for the 13<sup>th</sup> National Championships.

**PISTOL** – may be air or CO<sub>2</sub>; must be .177 calibre; may not exceed 200mm in height, 420mm in length, 50mm in width, 1.5kg in weight; trigger pressure must not be less than 500g; sights optional open.

**CONDUCT**- targets will be set up in pairs, above which will be one sighting target and position #. Ten sighters are allowed which may only be shot between 10 shot series. Five shots to be shot on scoring target and after 10 shots the pair of targets will be changed. One and half hours for the match.

precision every Tuesday night. A full course of Free Pistol and Centre Fire is shot on the first Sunday of each month and a full course of Standard Pistol and Rapid Fire on the third Sunday of each month, All shoots are on a handicap basis and the club donates a total of twelve trophies per month. Five club spoons, one pistol shooter statue and a first, second and third valued at \$2, \$1.50, and \$1.00 trophy for the full course Free Pistol and Centre Fire on the first Sunday.

The club has 36 men and 3 women shooters. One of the ladies, Mrs Daphne Cole, was a member of the Queensland ladies' team for the Nationals. Formed in November 1960. Members pay \$5 Joining fee and \$10 per annum, with 50cents range fee.

## NEW MEMBER CLUB

A recently formed club (Sunshine Coast) based on Maroochydoore has just

applied for membership of the Q.A.P.S.A.

Secretary is Charlie Cobb, once a member of the rival Gold Coast Club.

## Ipswich Pistol Club

held an Open Day, there were 130 entries and in spite of a bleak day, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Only one mishap marred the day and that was the breaking of the "Vee" belt situated between the motor and compressor. This made events which should have finished earlier, impossible to run as scheduled and at the end. Shooting was completed by car lights and anything which happened to be available.

The Australian Team to the 40<sup>th</sup> World Shooting Championships:  
Alex Taransky, John Tremelling, Barry Downs, Noel Harrison, Noel Ryan, John Pearson, Tibor Gonczol, John Gillman, Ron Glew, Barry Nisbet T Barron and Mike Papps. Gloria Vause, Enid Newton & Eve Skolnik with Judy Trimm