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Proposed Shoot Calendar 2021

Saturday 29th May 2021

SSAA Bendigo Rifle Club, Marong

Sunday 20th June 2021

Melbourne Gun Club – 21st Anniversary

Saturday 17th July 2021

Kilmore Field & Game

Sunday 8th August 2021

Frankston Australian Clay Target Club

Sunday 19th September 2021

Melbourne Gun Club – AGM

Sunday 21st November 2021

Melbourne Gun Club – Vintage Cup

President's Report

The 50 targets shoot at Melbourne Gun Club on the 18th of April attracted 62 nominations, and as per usual the weather was fine and sunny.

Max brought along his chronograph which with the approval of the MGC executive was set up on a vacant ground for members to test the velocities of their factory loads and/or reloads target ammunition, and quite a few were generally amazed or surprised that the velocities were well under what is recorded on the manufacturers' packet or reload specifications. 19 members took advantage of the time and experience of Max in this regard, and it is something that we will consider running again in the future. Thank you once again, Max.

Please note that an additional proposed shoot has been added to our list of events, which is NOT on of the magnet fridge calendar. Field and Game Australia (the ground owner) and Kilmore F & G have agreed that we can conduct a shoot at Kilmore on SATURDAY the 17th of July and that black powder and sympathetic targets can be enjoyed.

Membership renewals will be sent out in early June for 2021/2022, and the price will be \$60 per individual member or \$70 for family. Fees are the same as were in 2019/2020. You may pay by either cheque, direct debit or credit card (+2.2%) or cash. Payment is due by 30 June 2021.

Keep your powder dry!!

QR Code and Non Member Sign In

ALL members and visitors to the Melbourne Gun Club MUST check in by the QR Codes that are located on the premises. You may find them located at both entrances, the bar and the office. Please check in on your arrival to the club. If you do not have a mobile phone you may ask someone to sign you in or sign the book at the bar. Victorian Government requires this procedure. Non-members must sign the MGC visitor's book prior to shooting. All members will need to sign the Vintagers book also for insurance purposes.

Committee Member

Introducing our new Committee Member, Rod Fox (Himself!) who was voted in at the AGM.

Welcome Rod and hope you enjoy your part on the Committee with the rest of us.



Victoria Police

Licensing and Regulations Division (LRD)

Permit to Acquire applications can take up to 28 days to process. Therefore, please only email LRD if your permit application has exceeded the 28 day processing time, as any other requests made within the 28 days may not be responded to.

LRD phones unavailable

Due to operational requirements, the Licensing and Regulation (LRD) 1300 number will be unavailable until further notice.

LRD continues to work tirelessly to recover from the impacts of our response to the Stage 4 restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and are endeavouring to have our application processing timeframes return to normal levels as soon as possible.

All urgent enquires should be directed to LRD by email at: lrd@police.vic.gov.au

LRD publishes and regularly updates its licence application processing timeframes on our website, accessible via the following links:

Firearms: police.vic.gov.au/firearms-licensing

Website Address:

www.police.vic.gov.au

Email Address:

lrd@police.vic.gov.au

Licensing Mail Address:

Licensing and Regulation Division
GPO Box 2807, Melbourne, VIC, 3001.

Vintagers Attire

The Vintagers has had a dress policy from the beginning of when the club was incorporated, it is for the smart casual dress at the Vintagers events and we intend to keep it that way as we are a very unique club, for side-by-side shotguns events.

This policy has been regularly mentioned in our newsletters for the past few years and it is disappointing to see members still attending the events in denims and some camo. These are not permitted.

Women are also asked to dress appropriately. Short shorts and denims are **not** permitted.

Below is the dress code of the American Vintagers. We don't push for you to wear ties but we do ask that you dress appropriately. Thank you for your co-operation.



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Looking for a Gunsmith

Looking for a Gunsmith who has extensive experience with Double guns and rifles, and had extensive experience working with Century Arms (15 years), give Rolf a call and tell him Peter Smith referred you to him. He is very reasonable with pricing.

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WANTED

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Classifieds

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Back from the Past!



Mr. A. Schilling,
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Victoria,
Australia.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter of 24th.

June, which we have handed on to our agents -

Messrs Gunstore & Russell Pty Ltd,
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Melbourne C.I.

who will communicate with you and give you any other
information you may require.

Yours truly,

Wm. Cashmore & Co.

A. Williams



Vale

It is with great sadness that we have now lost two members over the last 3 weeks.

John Niddrie who was a member from November 2001 to June 2010 passed away 3 weeks ago. Our condolences are to his family.

RIP

Recently, Douglas (Doug) Stanbrough passed away. Doug loved the Vintagers and commented to his wife that it was a great group and how much he enjoyed being part of the Vintagers.

Doug was a member from 30 January 2005 to May 2021

Our condolences are to his wife and family.

RIP

On Saturday 15 May 2021, one of our life and foundation members who passed away after a long battle with illness.

Phil Taylor was one who had a love for the Vintagers and in late 2003 became President. He was in the Chair until 2006. We thank him for his contribution to the club.

Phil has been in the gun industry since the late 1990's and a collector of fine shotguns, old English porcelain/china and many other items!

Our condolences are to Phil's wife Anne and his 3 daughters Lauryn, Robyn and Ellen.

RIP

"Twister"

By Peter Smith

This English double, caught my eye when it was catalogued as lot 573 in the Australian Arms Auction of 1/10/2006. Being quite unique as an example of a gunmakers art double, I chased it and after some spirited bidding it was knocked down to me (some may well argue that I paid far too much considering it has a somewhat limited practical use on the clays or in the field, unless you are blind in the right eye and shoot from the right shoulder!).

The gun was made by Frederick Thomas Baker of 88 Fleet St and 29 Glasshouse St who traded at this prestigious London address from 1899 to 1900, serial number 7089. There is not a great deal recorded or known of Fred as far as I can establish, and the business was acquired by Westley Richards in 1913. The gun carries London Proof House marks for the period 1887 - 1896, so I can estimate it's age. It is a 7 pin bar lock top lever rebounding hammer with 30" Sir Joseph Whitworth Fluid

Steel barrels, and 2½" chambers. Originally proofed as a 12 (.729 inch), the bores currently measure right .731" and left .733". Choking is right .723" and left .723". Stocked to the fences in highly figured Circassian Walnut with a straight hand stock to a checkered butt plate, tear drops and 24 lines to the inch checkering, and, the action is profusely scroll engraved. The length of pull is 14 1/2" with a 2 1/2" cast off. The forend has a Anson push rod. The gun weighs 6 lb 14 oz.

This gun has obviously been made specifically for a person with a major eye problem.

I affectionally refer to the F.T. Baker as "TWISTER" which on rare occasions has a shot at the clays!!!



Westernport F&G Shoot - Black Powder



Claybrough & Johnstone 12 bore circa 1904



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