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Shoot Calendar 2023

Sunday 19th February 2023

Melbourne Gun Club

Sunday 16th April 2023

Melbourne Gun Club

Saturday 29th April 2023

Marong Rifle Club – Rifle Shoot

Sunday 18th June 2023

Melbourne Gun Club

Sunday 13th August 2023

Frankston Australia Clay Target Club

Saturday 30th September 2023

Kilmore F&G

Sunday 15th October 2023

Melbourne Gun Club - AGM

Sunday 19th November 2023

Melbourne Gun Club – Vintage Cup

President's Report

Our 22nd annual Vintage Cup Down-Under planned to be held at the Melbourne Gun Club for the 20th of November, had to be cancelled due to the recent flooding that our State had experienced. Not only were the extensive grounds under water, but the club house was flooded up to 1 metres. With this in mind, we were able to reschedule the shoot to the Frankston Australia Gun Club for a week earlier (Sunday the 13th November). Our sincere appreciation to the Frankston Club committee of management for assisting us and to permit our club to conduct a shoot at short notice. The weather forecast for the area had predicted heavy rain, storms, local flooding on the day of the shoot, however this did not occur, and although it was damp underfoot, it turned out to be a mild clear day, and attracted 46 nominations for the 50 target event. The results are on page 12.

Since our shoot at Frankston, the situation has improved at the Melbourne Gun Club, and sealed road access is now possible. Several working bees have been conducted, two mining pumps employed to drain the above grounds and underground trap layouts. Power has been restored, toilets operating, several traps in operation, and a couple of limited shoots conducted. It is envisaged that the club will be fully operational by the new year. Contrary to what some of our members believe, the club does not have any flood insurance and cannot source any as it is located in a flood prone area.

For your information the Vintagers has donated \$1,500 for Flood repair to the Melbourne Gun Club (MGC) and encourages all members to make personal donations via the Vintagers Secretary.

In closing, the Committee wishes all Members a safe and prosperous Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Victoria Police

Licensing and Regulations Division (LRD)

Firearms Amnesty: Victoria has seen around 1600 firearms handed in. Crime Stoppers has also launched its second phase, National Illicit Firearms Campaign, encouraging people to report illegal firearm.

Legislative change: Legislative Change under the Firearms and Other Amendments Act 2021 take effect today, 30 August 2022.
Changes include:

- Dealer must sight a valid licence for persons aged 14 and over;
- Loan & hire is limited to one month and can only be extended once; and
- Storage requirements to category A and AB.

LRDs media campaign has resulted in an excellent uptake of people upgrading their storage.

Firearm Licensing: Processing times for new applications are 60-65 days.
Processing times for renewal applications are 30 days.

Permits, Transactions and Approvals: Permit to Acquire processing timeframe is currently at 7 days.

Compliance and Enforcement: The primary focus has been on expired and deceased estate firearm holders. The way that Vic Pol collects data in this area has changed, with data being received from births, deaths and marriages more frequently to assist in informing a firearms dashboard with Vic Police. This allows members to easily identify if firearms are attached to expired licence or deceased person and deal with them promptly.

Service Victoria: From 31st August 2022, category A and AB firearms licence applicants will obtain their registration of interest to hunt pest animals on Crown land certificate by applying online via Service Victoria or alternative applicants can still call Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) on 136 186 Monday to Friday during business hours.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact: RSD-POLICY-PUBLICATIONSMGR@police.vic.gov.au

Club Dress Code

Unfortunately, some members are not complying with our Dress Code. We are not the normal target club that members dress how they wish, however with the Vintagers it has become a little bit of an annoyance when we ask members time and time again to dress according to our club rules, and that is: NO DENIMS, NO CAMO OF ANY KIND, NO SLEEVELESS TOPS/SHIRTS, NO THONGS and NO WORK PANTS.

Our Dress Code for ladies and gentlemen is **smart casual** only.

We have had this code in place since our first shoot which was in 2000.

Please members (male and female) would you mind requesting your friends, if you invite them to come along to our events, to dress accordingly.

Thank you for your understanding.



Vintage Dress in 1930's – 1940

California quail and chukar partridge hunt.

On grand final day, 4 fellow guns and I, enjoyed a walked-up hunt for partridge and California quail at "Forest Creek Game Birds", near Heathcote in central Victoria. Rick and Christine Price have been running this shoot for about 7 years and have developed it into a fantastic day out not just for the shooting, but for the relaxed no rush experience, where they put the guns first and try hard to give them a special day.

Some teams book a mixture of c/quail and partridge and others just one species. Whatever you want.

As long as you are a reasonable shot, the return of birds to the bag, can when scenting conditions are just right, be over 90 % of the number of birds put out, especially when shooting over Rick's excellent GSPs and Springer Spaniels. Rick is happy for the guests to bring their own dogs, however if Fido doesn't perform as well as you thought, Rick will use his dogs if everyone is happy.

In our case, we had three of our own dogs, a lab, a Visla and a Brittany spaniel. A couple of these dogs were young with some field experience and by the end of the day were doing very well. In saying that, it is not the place to bring a dog with little experience for a training session, as this will cost you and your fellow guns birds.

We booked 36 birds of both varieties with a return of 27. We were very happy with the result considering we weren't paying close enough attention a couple of times being caught wrong footed.



Depending on weather conditions on the day, you could be shooting along a creek that bisects the property or open pasture and on occasions a neighbour's tussocky paddocks.

There was 5 guns in our group, which in my opinion is plenty. More than that can be a little crowded particularly when hunting the creek.

At the end of the shoot, Chris provided lunch in an old portable school classroom where we enjoyed appetisers, homemade soup, followed by lamb and salad rolls. We naturally enjoyed some wonderful Heathcote Shiraz to top it all off. By the way, the plan is to convert this old classroom to accommodation for 6 guests with a kitchen and a sitting area.

This shoot was the sixth occasion we have shot there and is a permanent fixture in our shoot calendar.

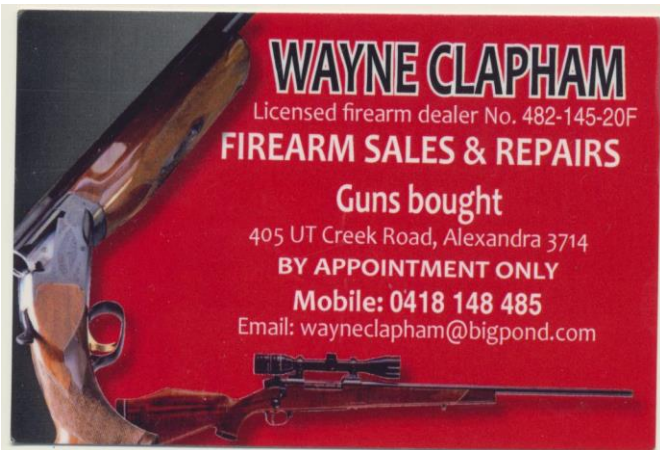
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Tony Brown

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Also, any Holland & Holland memorabilia cloth badges, lapel pins, old On Report in house magazines etc.

Please contact Steve Oliver

Ph: 0400 031 464

WANTED

Charles Boswell Damascus Barrel

About 10-12 years ago, offered for sale through RF Scott's in Ballarat were the following:

Charles Boswell damascus barrelled side-plated boxlock 12 gauge shotgun, cased in an oak and leather case; embossed on the case was the name "W. Weatherley"; Henry Atkin damascus barrelled boxlock game gun, cased in an oak and leather case; embossed on the case were the initials "H.P.M."

Both were at the time in excellent condition. I was recently talking with a descendant of those guns' original owners, who would dearly like to re-acquire them for the family.

If you are able to help, please get in touch with me, and I will put you in touch with the descendent.

Robert Geddes

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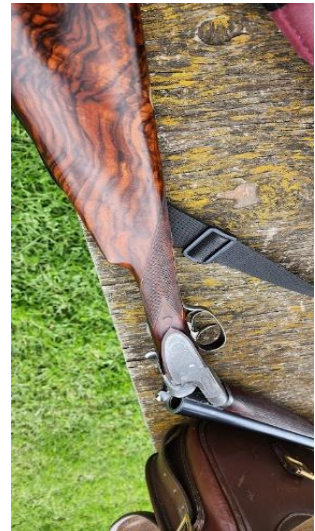
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16th February 2023

Vintage Cup Day at Frankston Australian Clay Target Club
Photos (13 November 2022)









Vintage Cup



AV Schembri Award



Vintage Cup Winners for 2022

- Hammer Gun - Thomas Barlow
- Hammerless Gun - Wayne Clapham
- Black Powder - Brian Dungey
- Ladies Award - Angela Kloppenborg
- 1st Encouragement Award - Ian Albiston
- 2nd Encouragement Award - Darren Weatherall
- 3rd Encouragement Award - Jayne Pyne
- 4th Encouragement Award - Michael Barlow
- AV Schembri Award - Jack Pyne
- Best Dressed - Robert McCann
- Overall Aggregate Award - Mark Schaeffer
- Best Gun - Mike Gibbs
- Vintage Cup National Champion - Eddie Bidese