

# Pot Shot

## Sale Pistol Club News Letter



## Introduction

Hi Folks,

This newsletter is the introductory version being written by people from your Sale Pistol Club Committee. As the SPC Assistant Secretary, I'm writing to you from Mt. Waverley where, for the time being I'm babysitting my granddaughter.

Congratulations to all new and re-elected Committee Members. I thought that I would like to be part of the Committee again this year by assisting with a newsletter. This will complement any emails we send and can keep us informed of any news and issues. With that in mind I thought it will be inclusive for all members by being emailed or posted.

The issues in this newsletter relate to:

- The current state of affairs regarding attendance requirements for shooters
- Baffling news (pardon the pun)
- COVID restrictions

I'm sure I won't be the only contributor to mention that we must all wear a face mask to the club and socially distance. An instance of someone who has set a great example of these safe behaviours is Lester who is one of our founding members.

Hoping that you and your families stay safe,

*Janet.*

### ***Staying Apart Keeps Us Together.***

This Logo applies not just to the city dwellers but all of us. A virus knows no borders.

## Important Dates:

2020

Dec 19 Christmas  
Shoot

2021

Feb 20 & 21 IPSC State  
Titles

## President's Report

So, what to say in the challenging times that we find ourselves in. I suppose it would be fair to say that we are all being challenged in almost every aspect of our lives. Health, work and all of the freedoms that we enjoy in this wonderful country have been impacted by Covid19. My hope is that we all do the right thing, look after ourselves, our families and the community so that we are all here to enjoy the things that we love once we get on top of the virus. I think this is the most important thing for all us to keep in mind for the time being.

That said, our AGM is done and dusted and there have been a few changes to the make up of the committee. Firstly, I would like to thank our outgoing President Mike K for the significant contribution he has made to the club during his time in the chair. Unfortunately, Mike found it necessary to step down due to significant increases in his work commitments. Looking around the country at the moment I'm sure we can all see what's happened there. Fortunately, Mike felt that he would still have the time to continue making a contribution to the club as a committee member. The club will benefit from his ongoing input.

To the other members who have moved on I thank you on behalf of the club for the contribution that you have made. To the newly elected members, welcome and I look forward to working with you over the next 12 months.

As we have all been told it is dangerous to assume, so I won't assume that everyone knows me. There have certainly been lot of new faces at the range over the last few years and I am slowly getting around and meeting most of you (Very, very slowly at the moment). For those who don't know me, I have been a member of the club since about 1985, have previously served on the committee and was the president from 2008 to 2013 (I think). I started my shooting life in service match, then found interest in the IPSC discipline and in more recent times have been more involved in the ISSF disciplines. Long and short is that as long as I'm shooting handguns, I'm happy.

So, what for the club over the next 12 months. My main goal is to have full and ongoing access to our range complex re-stored. As we all know there have been a number of issues with access to our range. Some we have a level of control over and some that are beyond our control. I think we should look at the ones we can control first and deal with those. Access to our ranges has been a big issue and at this stage I am pleased to advise that we have regained full access to the fallout template that is associated with our range. Relevant documentation was forwarded to Licensing and Regulation Division (LRD) at Victoria Police on 06/08/20. We received a response from them today (17/08/20) informing us that our range licence has been reinstated. It will be nice to once again have unrestricted access to our ranges. This will enable us to enjoy all the aspects of the various shooting disciplines that are provided by the club when we re-open (hopefully on 17/09/20).

## Committee News

Your new committee met on 15/08/20 via ZOOM. I must say that it was nice to see people but I really look forward to the day when we can do it in person again. The following issues were discussed at the meeting

Attendance at the range during the current stage 3 restriction. The committee decided that under the current Covid Restrictions to prohibit access to the Longford Range. This will be reviewed at the next meeting and will be revised as soon as the State moves to Level 2 restrictions.

An update was proved in relation to the current status of our fallout template and baffling projects. (As of the 17th August, the range has been opened by Vicpol.)

Mike K suggested we should make application to host the 2021 IPSC State Titles. The committee agreed and Mick M will attend the IPSC State ZOOM meeting on 17/08/20 and make the application on behalf of the club. (At the State IPSC meeting, SPC was awarded the State IPSC Titles on 20th and 21st February 2021)

Appointment of a Covid Coordination Officer for the club. The role to involve gathering and disseminating relevant information to the committee and club and to develop systems and processes to ensure compliance with relevant rules once range access is available.

## President's Report Cont.

We have had some interesting/challenging discussions with staff from LRD regarding the baffling on our range. It is vital that this work continues into the future and that we find solutions that will enable the club to operate independently of fallout template restrictions. I think we are all aware that the shooting sports operate in a highly political environment and that this is unlikely to change in the future. So, we need to be on the front foot and position ourselves so that we can meet the ever-changing regulations and legislation that impact on our sport.

Well these are the things that we can influence so now, for those that we can't. Obviously Covid19 is the big-ticket item here. The impact that this virus is having around the world is significant. Every aspect of our ability to go about our daily lives has changed and of course participating on our chosen sport has not escaped the impact. I know that we all miss going to the range, catching up with our mates and firing the odd shot. Like many of our members the club is one of my main social outlets and I miss it heaps, but understand that we have to play by the rules and play by the rules we will. With this in mind the committee has decided to appoint a "Covidvirus Coordinator" for the club. At this stage that person will be our assistant secretary, Janet. The role is currently being developed and full details will be forwarded to you once we have a clear picture of what we want from that role. However, in a broad sense the role will involve maintaining a contemporary understanding of what's happening with the Covidvirus, how it impacts on our sport and how we can provide our members with maximum range access within the rules. I expect that we will be able to provide more information post our September committee meeting.

Well, I think that's probably about enough for now. So, in closing, thank you for giving me the opportunity to take up the President's role again. It is an absolute privilege and I am looking forward to working with you and the committee for the next 12 months.

Regards

Mick McGinn

## Sale PC Committee

Position	Elected	Position	Elected
President	Mick McGinn	Committee	Mark Blanchard
Vice President	Daniel Tassie	Committee	Kevin Roach
Secretary	Terry Parker	Committee	Geoff King
Assistant Secretary	Janet McGinn	Committee	John Lister-Best
Treasurer	Terry Parker	Committee	Peter Hayes
Assistant Treasurers	Iain McLachlan Rod Pearson	Committee	Mike Krcevinac
Captain	Kim Dunlop	Property Officer	Peter Stark

The Newsletter "It is what it is", and the next "will be what it will be". Pre Christmas?

Contributions and comments welcome. Future editions may contain items such as links to websites on target, coaching and rule information and a little [For Sale](#) corner. Cheers Terry