

Well what a fantastic weekend we all had at the State Selection match hosted by the Sale Pistol Club.

With a total of 99 entries and a match consisting of 12 stages, it was sure to be a fun weekend.

Six squads were created, one for each range, and we started the comp in average sort of weather. This was soon to change and by the end of the day we had had hot, cold, cloudy, sunny, and windy and everything in between. One good thing, at least it did not rain!!

From the outset it was plain that Brodie was going to win Open division with the rest of us fighting it out for the other placings. Sure enough after the two days of competition, Brodie blitzed all comers and won with a huge margin. Well done Brodie, we will all have to lift our game to catch you.

Standard and Production divisions were hotly contested. Ivan Rehlicki started off strongly with Mario Mori in hot pursuit, Gary Tueno was not far behind and the three of them were at it pretty hard. There was not a lot between them at the end of the first day of shooting. Sunday saw Ivan crash on a couple of stages that pretty much put him out of the running, leaving Mario and Gary to fight it out for first and second places. At the end of the day it was Mario by 6 points over Gary. It is good to see the end result coming down to the final stage, well done to all of the Standard competitors.

Production Division was dominated by a very 'in form' Paul Nowak and he pretty much ran away with the match. The minor placings were where the action was, with a three way battle for 2nd, 3rd and 4th spots between Simon Whitfield, Greg Moon and Scott Seddon. In the end it was Simon over Greg by 11 points, followed by Scott a further 49 points behind him.

Although a few of the regular shooters were not in attendance, it was great to see a lot of the new members turning up to compete in a match, which for some of them was the biggest they had attended. We need new blood and the overall attendance was good to see.

The State Titles will be the next and final match in the Team Selection rounds, and this will be hosted by the PPLA on Saturday and Sunday 17th/18th February 2007 at Eagle Park. Entry forms will be out soon.

Congratulations to all the members of the Sale PC for another fantastic effort and we all look forward to seeing you again next year. Congratulations also to the Range Officers who worked so hard to get us all through the weekend. Well done too to the new Victorian IROA representative, Terry Docherty, organising his first major comp.