

International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC).

Victorian State Championships

It's about speed, it's about accuracy and its problem solving in a very practical way; but most of all it's about safety. It is the fastest growing pistol competition in the world with over 80 countries participating at a local, national, regional and International level.

Victoria recently held its own state championship at the Eagle Park home of the Practical Pistol League of Australia. Eagle Park at Little River is the home of Sporting Shooters Association of Australia, Victorian Branch's biggest range facility. PPLA is an integral part of the site with access to twenty potential pistol, rifle and shotgun ranges for practical shooting at its best.

These Victorian Championships were held over the weekend of 17/18 February 2007 and with temperatures in the high 30s tested the physical endurance of everyone and some of the electronics. There were a total of 178 competitors in the following divisions; Open (65, 5 Revolver), Standard (70), Production (43) with competitors in Super Senior (60 years and over), Senior (50 – 60 years), Ladies and Juniors.

The competition was fast and exciting. Bill Campbell, (Victorian Section Coordinator), and his team of workers put together 13 stages with plenty of options for the way they were shot. This means that there were some pretty innovative examples of problem solving on some of the stages. The whole competition was controlled by Terry Docherty as Range Master with a crew of Victorian and interstate Range Officers who all commented on the cooperation and business like attitude of the competitors. Beside putting the competitors through the course of fire for each stage and compiling the shooters' score, the ROs ensured that the shooter did it safely. Statistics were handled by Jayne Moon and her able complement of helpers from interstate. PPLA are to be congratulated on the event and the organization. Catering kept everyone fed and especially watered and the Fund Raising committee put together a plethora of prizes; which incidentally mostly went to the interstaters.

Competitors came from all states and territories, as the Victorian State Titles are usually a big event. Competitors are keen to pit their skills against the larger pool with the bigger fish. That pool included the likes of Brodie McIntosh, David Soldini and Gareth Graham, who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Open Division, Jonathan Loftes, Mario Mori and Ivan Rehlicki who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Standard Division and Paul Grech, Rick Hendrickson and Simon Ross who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Production Division. The revolver enthusiasts were able represented by Paul Kennedy, Beate Sexton and David Pohl coming 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Other Categories in the Various Divisions are;

Open

Ladies	Senior	Super Seniors	Juniors
Linda Blowers	Bill Campbell	John Connors	Justin Arthur
Amanda McIntosh	Graeme Clark	Lex Carrol	Rhys Arthur
Suzy Ballantyne	Richard Young	Kip Manwaring	Jarrold Gordon

Standard

Ladies	Senior	Super Senior	Juniors
Ped Rowatt	Joe Grech	Bruce Lynn	Lindsay Moon
Anita Pitt	Colin Ashby	John Deans	Jeff Peterson (Jnr)
Susan West	Eddie Howes	Peter Rohrich	Jonathan Moon

Production

Senior	Super Senior
Edward Schulz	Colin Smith
Errol Turkkan	Geoff King
Sebastian Ziccone	Duncan Parker

Grade Scores for the various divisions are;

Open	Standard	Production
Master Brodie McIntosh	Jonathon Loftes	Paul Grech
David Soldini	Mario Mori	Rick Hendrickson
Gareth Graham	Ivan Rehlicki	Simon Ross
“A”	Joe Grech	Joseph Sullivan
Damien Curtis	Colin Ashby	Colin Smith
Dean Noakes	Peter Coates	Justin O’Donnell
Darryl Tinning		
“B”	Bradley Clark	Peter Lamb
Jarrold Gordon	Greg Lyne	Louie Angelopoulos
Bernard Dwyer	Lindsay Moon	Sasha Arsenijevic
Darren Scott		
“C”	Jeff Peterson (Jnr)	Alvin Chew
Mick Opitz	Mark Shallard	Dino Santino
John Adriaanse	Stephen Gaja	Scott Taylor
Joe Sullivan		
“D”	Catherine Ryon	Dale Aitkin
Justin Cherry	Brent Worsley	
David Pohl	Ben Cooper	
Deanna Rohrich		

It should be noted that Justin Arthur, top ranked Junior in Open Division came in 4th overall in the Open Division. Justin was only 11.63% off the score of Brodie McIntosh, the current Australian Champion. Justin will continue to snap at the heels of the top 3 in Open Division until he takes home the Australian Championship.

Brodie McIntosh is still ahead of the pack, as he has been for the last five years. It would be a safe bet that he will take the Open Trophy again this year. Brodie has and will continue to provide training and encouragement to the juniors in our sport as a training event is planned to be held after the Australian Championships in Darwin in June. This is similar to the event that was held after the Australian Championships last year at McLaren Vale.

All scores are posted on the IPSC (Vic.) website as well as the IPSC Australia website. Congratulations to all competitors on your efforts, your cooperation and your scores.