

# “ Down Range “



The Nelson Bay Pistol Club's Newsletter - February 2023 Issue.

## From the President

On behalf of the NBPC Management Committee, I would like to thank all of our members for their understanding and support over the last few years. As you know we have been through some difficult times and hopefully 2023 will see a trouble and incident free 12 months.

Do not forget to come along to one of the Working Bee's and help to improve and maintain the club's equipment and amenities. Thank you, **Warren.**



## Septembers Social Function

It had been several years since the club was in a position to hold a social function, mainly due to Covid 19. The function was well attended and everyone appeared to enjoy the day and to catch up with other members and their families. Hopefully we will organise another social event in the not-too-distant future. **Stephen**

## From the Secretary's Desk

### Membership.

Currently the club has **162** members, including 4 juniors. Plus we have run several **Ladies Days** and from all reports, they have been very successful.

Reminder to members who are renewing their licenses. We are now required to provide 100 points of identification when going through this process.

If you are applying for a PTA you need to provide the COPS Event number from your safe keeping inspection. Some of these inspections may have occurred some time ago and if your number can't be found, you may have to get another inspection.

## The NBPC Website.

The club website is the “welcome mat” for the club and most of our new members have found the club through an internet search. However, do members realise the resources that are available on the website? Apart from the match calendar found at the bottom of the home page and is available to everyone the ‘Member Section’ has a variety of useful information and can be accessed using the generic password Sh00TER where the ‘00’ are zeros. This is not protecting personal information but club information that we would like to control via a public request, so feel free to use the password but don't share it outside of other club members. Items covered are club administrative documents such as the Constitution, Code of Conduct, Club Rules and Social Media policy all items that members should be familiar with. When changes take place, these will be advised but the most up to date versions will be on the website. Other items are First Aid information specifically the use of the Automatic Defibrillator it is self-guiding and is not complex to use a short video on the site explains its use and could save a life. Then there is information about different disciplines along with match range guides that can be downloaded and a section specifically related to preparation and requirements for holster training.

So do yourself a favour and explore the website and if you have feedback or suggestions let Stuart the Assistant Secretary and Webmaster.

[www.NelsonBayPistolClub.org.au](http://www.NelsonBayPistolClub.org.au)

## Western Action

This event is proving to be very popular and hopefully more new and existing members will look to participate. If you are keen to find out more, please talk to Stephen or Lance. Single Action Shooting in Australia is administered by SSAA and follows the rules and regulations set down by the Single Action Shooting Society of America.



Hurricane Willie

Colonel Dusty

## From the Captain

### FIREARM SAFETY BEGINS AT HOME.

The storage of firearms and ammunition is your responsibility. You must never allow unauthorised persons access to your firearm or ammunition. Your firearm should only be accessed when you are present to ensure safe handling. You must ensure that your firearm cannot be easily stolen. Safes or other storage containment facilities must be constructed and secured in accordance with your State or Territory regulations. As a firearm owner/user you are responsible for making absolutely sure that all the safety requirements within the home are carried out.

For information regarding requirements for this and all other firearms related matters go to the Firearms Registry Website  
[https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/online\\_services/firearms/safe\\_storage](https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/online_services/firearms/safe_storage)

### ON THE RANGE

Members are reminded that whilst on the range and shooting the Range Officer is in complete control of all actions. The Range officer's instructions must be followed at **ALL** times. The Range Officer will instruct athletes when to put guns up, when to load, when to remove your firearm, when to stop and unload etc.

### SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Safety is number one throughout the Club. Do not hesitate to remind other members if you see a safety breach. If it is a serious matter it must be reported to the Club Captain or another Committee member.

Enjoy yourself and be safe. **Lance**

### NSW Firearms - Attendances & Participation

Further to the NBPC Club's email dated 9 November 2022 regarding your minimum attendance/participation NSW Firearms shooting requirements for 2023. As a courtesy to NBPC members we encourage you to plan to meet your shooting requirements in 2023. NSW Firearms have withdrawn the relaxed attendance / participation rules in between 2020, 2021 and 2022 because of Covid, Bushfires and Floods in regional NSW. Some members have not been completing or putting in a score card because they feel their shooting score is low. NSW Firearms are not interested in your shooting score only that you are complying with your attendance / participation minimum requirements, please put in a score card.

**Kevin and David**

## The Collectors Club



In July this year Neil held an open day for all the collectors in the club. As always, there was a large number of very interesting items on display and the members asked a lot of questions about the old, unusual weapons and the accessories on show.

### John Adams .450 Revolver Model 1867A

The Model 1867A differs in only the style of extractor rod latch from what they termed the Model 1867B. The so-called model 1867B was later adopted by the British War Department as the Adams Mark II revolver. This was quite short lived as the Adams Mark III was adopted soon after. The difference is again in the style of the rod extractor. In its commercial version, the Adams Mark III is referred to as the Model 1872. The two are identical except for military markings on the Mark III, and a barrel address on the Model 1872.

The lowest serial of the Model 1867A pattern revolver I'm aware of is #506 with the highest being #2077. The Model 1867B ranged from #2376 to #5377. The more common Model 1872 range is from #5454 to #18832. The military marked Adams Mark II's recorded range from #3699 to #5115 and the Mark III's from #5675 to #15174. Again, there's almost certainly guns outside this range.

The Crown/GS/M mark on my revolver is interesting. In total 11 revolvers with the Crown/GS/M mark have been recorded on a data base in the UK. Mine makes no 12, so it's a very rare revolver.



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