

“ Down Range “



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

From the President

It was indeed sad news regarding Barry Morgan's passing on the 26th of May. Barry was a hard working Vice Captain and a very keen black powder shooter, plus a friend to all. It was good to see the large number of NBPC members turn up for Barry's funeral at the Uniting Church, he will be greatly missed.

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 West.**



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, with more to follow.

Kevin Griffey.

National Shooting Council

By now you've seen the atrocious behaviour of the WA government towards shooters. Bans, high fees, reducing opportunities for hunters - with more possibly on its way. Do not think this won't flow into other states. Our opponents will argue the NFA is now more than 25 years old and "out of date" - and needs to be tightened.

Sporting Shooters Association of Australia

The NSW Firearms Registry has changed the compliance period for mandatory attendances. This means that if you are required to complete attendances for longarms target shooting, recreational hunting or collecting with SSAA NSW as a genuine reason, attendances need to be completed by the **30th of June 2023** instead of the 31st of March 2023.

The NBPC's Current Leasing Agreement



As most members would be aware, our 20 year club lease with the Crown Lands Department expires on the 2nd of September this year. The committee has completed the eighteen page application form for the renewal of the lease and presented it in person to Shaun Presland, in his Maitland office on the 5th of May. While Shaun obviously was unable to indicate that the lease would be renewed, he did however comment that he believed we had a very good application form and supporting documentation and stood a good chance of renewal. Shaun made the following statement on the 5th of June. "The application is progressing with Native Title and the land status assessments is currently being undertaken "

Stephen Sharp.

Our Members are Winning Local Competitions

Rob McMahon, John Kostov and Tim Andrea competed in the 1 day IPSC comp in Sydney last weekend. The day didn't start out well for Rob and Tim as they somehow went to another club at St Ives instead of la parouse. After a few quick calls Rob and Tim got to the comp just in time for the briefing. It's the first time la parouse has put on a shoot for IPSC and they made a fantastic effort on their stages and bacon and cheese hamburgers! All Nelson Bay members came back with a 1st place in their division and Rob almost took out the open division coming in second, beating master grade shooters.

Rob McMahon.

Nelson Bay Pistol Club members attended the 2023 Vintage Open competition at Cessnock Pistol Club in March 2023. The results for both Peter Huxley and David Say, it was only their second open competition and they both performed well. 10m Air pistol Men. D Grade. First place (Gold)) Peter Huxley. 25m Pistol Men. C Grade. Third place (Bronze) Leon McCarthy. D Grade. Second place (Silver) David Say. First place shot 2 grades above D Grade. 25m Centre Fire Pistol. D Grade. 1 (Gold) Leon McCarthy. It was a great event and great results for our two up and coming members.

Leon McCarthy.

It's great to see this many members doing so well in these different events, well done to you all.

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

Enjoy yourself and be safe.

Lance Dowle.

Dear NBPC Members,

This is a further reminder to make sure your score cards attendance are up to date for each category you shoot by the end of this month, **June 30th** Since my previous email the uptake of members completing their score cards has been excellent. If you have any questions, refer to our club website or speak to me the **Club Scorer** or one of your committee members.

John Moore.

NSW Firearms - Attendances & Participation

Further to the NBPC Club's email dated 9 November 2022 regarding your inimum 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



Check our website for the upcoming Collectors Club dates.
Next meeting Saturday 22nd July.

www.NelsonBayPistolClub.org.au

LUGER PISTOL

The German Luger is, most likely, the most famous pistol in modern warfare. Almost every World War II movie ever made featuring German armed forces seems to show it as an integral part of its action sequences.

It also played a prominent role in World War I and was carried by the armed forces of many nations. Switzerland's army used it from 1900 into the 1970s.

Officially described as "a toggle-locked, recoil-operated, semi-automatic pistol," the Luger was developed to improve upon the Borchardt automatic pistol and was originally known as the Parabellum automatic pistol, Borchardt Luger system manufactured by Deutsche Waffen und Munitionsfabriken (DWM) in its initial production unit, the Model 1900 Parabellum.

Besides DWM, later models were manufactured by W+ F Bern, Simson, Mauser, Vickers, Imperial Erfurt Arsenal, and Heinrich Krieghoff. The Swiss Army the first to adopt it as its official sidearm in May 1900. Had German Kaiser Wilhelm II actually invaded Switzerland as he once playfully threatened, his troops would have been fired upon by weapons of their own making.

I own a 1915 model made by DWM with matching serial numbers including the original magazine. One of the most collectable firearms in the world.

