

# “ Down Range “



The Nelson Bay Pistol Club's Newsletter - March 2025 Issue.

## President's Update

I am excited to announce that I am taking over Warren's position as President, and I look forward to leading the club as we continue to grow and expand our facilities.

The committee has been working tirelessly this year, and I'm pleased to share that we've successfully secured a new lease for the club.

If you're looking to try out a new shooting discipline—whether it's plates, service, western action, or IPSC—please feel free to reach out to the designated discipline coordinator or any committee member for more details.

**Rob McMahon**

Safe and happy shooting!



## NBPC – Xmas Party

It was a good turnout for our long awaited Christmas function. Everyone present seemed to enjoy the event, plus the company and of course the catering from Sole Origan was excellent.

**Stephen**

## From the Secretary's Desk

### Membership.

Currently the club has **162** members, including 6 juniors and 13 ladies.

## What's been happening

- We received a Government grant for \$25K and upgraded our old Solar Power System, we now have all the power we require for the next 20 years.
- The club has finally signed a new 20 year Leasing Agreement with our Landlord, the Crownlands Department. Ensuring the club's future and allowing us to grow and expand.
- With the new lease in place, we will start the construction of the new club house in the coming months. Your help with either materials or labour, would be greatly appreciated.

**Kevin**

## The NBPC Website.

The members section can be accessed using the generic password [REDACTED]. 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.

The members section has information on club administrative documents such as Club Rules, Code of Conduct, Club Social Media Policy and the Constitution. Although these may seem to be good reading if you are having trouble falling asleep at night, they are in fact important information that you need to be across.

Do you know how to use the Club defibrillator? There is a quick video showing how it operates and it is very simple to use and could save a life!

There are copies of range guides and procedures in all disciplines for you to download.

Interested in using a holster? Want to know what is required? That information is there as well.

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

**Stuart**

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

## Fly Shooting – Warren

Fly Shooting is popular because it offers a unique blend of technical skill, environmental reading, and mental focus, while also being a sport where all participants can compete on a level playing field, regardless of age or physical ability.

Fly shooting in the context of pistol competitions, is a precision benchrest shooting discipline that combines group shooting and score shooting, with a focus on accuracy.

*Find out about how you can get involved today*



## NSW Firearms - Attendances & Participation

As you know there is a minimum attendance / participation NSW Firearms shooting requirements for 2025. As a courtesy to NBPC members we encourage you to plan to meet your shooting requirements in 2025. 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. It is important to mention that inspections for safe keeping can be done via video link. It's being trialed by FAR. Raymond Terrace Police need to be contacted via email in order to have this process organized. See the Secretary for details.

**Kevin and David**

### From The Club Captain

In December 2024 Firearms Registry reissued Fact Sheets covering a few items. Of concern to all members is the **Safe Storage Requirements**. One item that has been clarified is that **a gun safe must be commercially manufactured and made of steel**. Homemade safes or safes and other containers not designed for gun storage are not acceptable.

These changes apply to all categories of firearms.

For Fact Sheet follow these links.

- [https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/131179/FACT\\_Sheet\\_-\\_Safe\\_Storage\\_Level\\_2\\_-\\_V3.1\\_-\\_December\\_2024\\_-\\_APPROVED.pdf](https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/131179/FACT_Sheet_-_Safe_Storage_Level_2_-_V3.1_-_December_2024_-_APPROVED.pdf)
- [https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/131178/FACT\\_Sheet\\_-\\_Safe\\_Storage\\_Level\\_1\\_-\\_V3.1\\_-\\_December\\_2024\\_-\\_APPROVED.pdf](https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/131178/FACT_Sheet_-_Safe_Storage_Level_1_-_V3.1_-_December_2024_-_APPROVED.pdf)

A new Fact Sheet has also been issued for **Antique Firearms, that is pre 1900** firearms. Remember modern replicas or reproductions of pre 1900 firearms are not classified as Antique Firearms. Such firearms are mainly manufactured by Pietta and Uberti. [https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/186086/Fact\\_Sheet\\_-\\_Antique\\_Firearms\\_including\\_Antique\\_Revolvers\\_-\\_V1.9\\_-\\_Dec\\_2024\\_-\\_APPROVED.pdf](https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/186086/Fact_Sheet_-_Antique_Firearms_including_Antique_Revolvers_-_V1.9_-_Dec_2024_-_APPROVED.pdf)

The following link will take you to Firearms registry for general information and Fact Sheets on all matters relating to firearms.

- [https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/online\\_services/firearms/firearms\\_and\\_ammunition](https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/online_services/firearms/firearms_and_ammunition)

## The Collectors Club



This year there will be several Collectors meetings, so check out the club calendar for the dates. As always, there was a large number of very interesting items on display for members to view and possibly purchase.

### Union & Confederate Revolvers

#### American Civil War

The E. Whitney was a .36 cal black powder revolver and came on the scene just prior to the Civil War. Approx 35,500 Whitney Navy Models were manufactured.

The term "Navy" referred to the calibre and size of the revolver. Whitney obtained a contract with the US Army in 1862 and provided about 7,602 revolvers thru 1863. The US Navy purchased 6,226 Whitney revolvers during 1863-1865.

The Spiller & Burr was a .36 cal black Powder revolver manufactured in the south and was based on a E. Whitney revolver design because of reliability, ease of manufacture and the added strength of a solid frame with a top strap. Approx 1500 revolvers made. These revolvers had a brass frame due to available materials while the E. Whitney has an all steel frame.

Both revolvers were used in the Civil War and original examples are highly collected and expensive.

I own both modern copies of these revolvers shown here in a twin hand-made case of my design.



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