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## New Members

The Committee of Management welcomes our new members who have recently joined the Vintagers. We sincerely wish Douglas SW Russell and Rolf Hey, a very warm welcome and we wish you both have plenty of enjoyment within the Club as a Member of the Vintagers.

## President's Report

Since our previous newsletter we have been together on three most memorable occasions. The first was our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Vintage Cup Down-Under which was shot at picturesque Greenvale on 12<sup>th</sup> October. With a number of other programmed events taking place, (such as the ever popular Beretta Girl Action 11 day at the Melbourne Gun Club), our numbers within our ranks were regrettably slightly down. In spite of this, 48 shooters nominated for the Cup, which was won this year by Paul Holt. Charlie Strike was the winner in the hammer gun section; Grant Barber the winner in the black powder section, Sharon Oliver the winner in the ladies section; Wayne Robinson took out the best dressed award; Bruce Rowland won the Burkie award; Mark Brenton won the A.V.

Schembri Memorial Trophy; and Colum Stoney was awarded the Best Gun Trophy for his wonderful 1885 Woodward Automatic SLNE. We express a sincere vote of thanks to Rod Pratt for permitting us to use the Greenvale Field and Game grounds, and the excellent trap layout.

Next was our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual display night on 24<sup>th</sup> November at Eley Park in conjunction with and on the kind invitation of the Antique and Historical Arms Collector Guild of Victoria. On this occasion the tables were fully packed with simply mind blowing displays ranging from two cased W.W. Greener 8 bore guns and their accessories, rare sporting original Mausers, rare Lee-Speeds, highly desirable cased British and continental double rifles, flintlocks, cased shotguns, collector cartridges and packets, memorabilia relating to the renowned turn of the 1900's Melbourne gun-smith James Rosier, and much, much more. It is simply amazing what treasures and collectables are within the ranks of both the Guild and the Vintagers, which have fortunately not been retired to the confines of the gun safe, but remain in occasional use both in the field, on the clays, or at the target range. We also express a sincere vote of thanks to Ian Turner and his Committee of Management of the Guild for contributing and ensuring the success of the evening. Those who were unable to attend will now have to wait a further 12 months to enjoy the hospitality and pleasure of such an evening!

Our final event for 2008 was the Xmas shoot at the Melbourne Gun Club on 30<sup>th</sup> November. This attracted a club record number of 79 shooters for the 50 target sporting clay event. We thank the Melbourne Gun Club for permitting us the use of their picturesque ground, and sincerely thank Chris Hammond (Vintager and Melbourne Gun Club caretaker and grounds-man), for the trap layout and attention to final detail. With 14 squads it is sometimes of concern that all will go to plan and run smoothly with minimal delays (if any),

### Committee of Management

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and on this occasion it certainly did!

So in closing thank you to one and all for your support, tolerance, and understanding during the year; thank you to our loyal hard working Committee of Club Management for all the work undertaken behind the scenes to ensure the success on the day and who rarely have the opportunity to shoot (particularly Judith for her administration contribution and newsletters).

Have a safe and merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year. See you at our next shoot on 1<sup>st</sup> February at Frankston!

### WiSH and the United Nations

The International Coalition for Women in Shooting and Hunting (WiSH) over the past few years have been very instrumental in writing press releases and factual sheets on firearm ownership and violent crime data in Australia.

WiSH has been recognized by various governments and overseas for their discussion papers and fact sheets and as a result WiSH were invited to attend the UN New York Forum in July this year. The Vintagers sponsored WiSH to

send a delegate to participate in the Australian delegation. As a result WiSH wrote a report for their sponsors and the report is in this Newsletter (refer page 9).

### Past Vintagers Members

We **Remember** those Members at the Vintage Cup each year, who have left us since 2000, for their characters, contribution, loyalty and love of the club.

In order of their passing:

Harry Theodoratos  
Ed Chilvers  
Peter Burke  
Fred Shearer  
Peter Almond  
Doug Ogden  
Peter McCraith  
Michael Oxbrough

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-  Tatonka
-  Medlee
-  "Greg"

If we have missed anyone we humbly apologies and thank everyone.

## Shoot calendar 2009

Forthcoming Shoots and Events for 2009:

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2009

Frankston Australian Clay Target Club –  
*Confirmed.* Rossiter Road, Carrum Downs

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2009

SSAA Little River Sporting Clays, Eagle Park  
– *Confirmed.* Gifkins Lane, Little River

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2009

TBA

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2009

(Rifle Shoot)

TBA

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2009

TBA

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Melbourne Gun Club - *Confirmed*  
(Christmas Shoot)

## Planet of the Apes, er, I mean Eights!

Believe it or not, those highly desirable large 8 bore guns are obviously still out there. But only if we knew exactly where to look!

Over the last 6 months three, yes, three have turned up and are now in the cherished hands of our members.

Two of them were cased W.W.Greeners, with numerous accessories. For those who attended the recent Guild/Vintagers display night at Eley Park, they were both there. One of the Greeners even came with the various original correspondence to a certain Mr. A.J. Copping (who ordered the gun) from Greener relating to the order, as well as the original invoice (dated 4<sup>th</sup> June 1909) from Charles Davis of Hobart.

What is interesting is that the hammerless double Greener, Grade FT 30 was specifically ordered and built as a nitro gun, despite recommendation from Greener that better results are obtained with black powder. In fact, Greener wrote to Mr. Copping on 15/04/1908 as follows.

*".....We have your esteemed favour of the 6<sup>th</sup> ult, advising us that you have sent us an order through Mr. Davis of Hobart, this order we have received and have put the gun in hand as it will have to be specially made for you. There is one thing we note and wish to mention, you ask for it to be specially regulated for nitro powders and brass cases, the brass cases do not shoot nitros as well as black powder, but we will endeavour to bore the gun so that you shall get very good results with nitro powders, although we have always found that the very best results can only be had with brass cases and black powder....."*

The history, profile, and even a photograph of the late Mr. Copping are currently being collated and it is hoped that an article will appear in a future edition of "Hammers Back".

The other is a cased hammerless Greener Emperor model with a damascus single barrel. This is quite a rare gun, as according to Greener it is estimated that the total number of Emperors ever built is somewhere between 40 and 50.

The third 8 bore to come out of the closet, for the want of a better word, is a damascus single 39½" barrel side hammer by Chas H. Maleham of 5 West Bar, Sheffield. Sadly, there is no case, but this gun is circa 1875, has a huge non rebounding hammer, Jones under lever, and retains much original finish.

So from where did they all come from, you ask? Well, all came from old established families in Tasmanian and Victorian, and that's another story!

To coin a phrase, "all I want for Xmas is (another) 8 bore gun!"

**Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year to 30th JUNE 2008**

<i>Last Year</i>	<b>INCOME</b>	<i>This Year</i>	<b>Variance</b>
0.00	Cash on Hand	0.00	0
9360.77	Net Surplus brought forward	7369.15	-1,992
3055.00	Members Subscriptions Annual	3255.00	200
2090.00	Members Prepaid Subscriptions	3555.00	1,465
1026.00	Nominations	1090.00	64
1443.40	Raffle Proceeds	1500.00	57
29.80	Bank Interest	22.84	-7
100.00	Badges	0.00	-100
150.00	Donation	250.00	100
850.00	Ties and Clips	50.00	-800
670.00	Cartridges	1,549.00	879
0.00	copies of Old Gun Catalogues	167.00	167
<b>\$18,774.97</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$18,807.99</b>	<b>33</b>
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
15.75	Bank Fees and Permit Fees	29.15	13
37.60	Lodgement Fee Annual Stat.	103.10	66
500.00	Donation to CFCV	0.00	-500
0.00	Donation to Geelong Gun Club	250.00	250
588.67	Shoot Lunches	0.00	-589
3748.27	Insurance	3053.43	-695
250.00	CFCV Membership	250.00	0
1612.49	Photocopying/Newsletter	1249.62	-363
354.00	Equipment/ Hall Hire	273.00	-81
877.19	Stationery	782.80	-94
0.00	Opening stock Ties/Pins	45.00	45
675.00	Ties/Pins	0.00	-675
-45.00	Less Closing Ties/Pins	0.00	45
80.00	Opening stock Badges	0.00	-80
0.00	Badges	0.00	0
0.00	Less Closing stock Badges	0.00	0
280.00	Opening stock cartridges	0.00	-280
260.00	Cartridges	4345.00	4,085
0.00	Less Closing stock Cartridges	-3075.00	-3,075
248.80	Website Maint/Registration	302.00	53
150.00	Ground Fees/diesel	0.00	-150
582.50	Prizes/Trophies/Hamper/ Engrav.	306.00	-277
1190.55	Postage	854.50	-336
<b>\$11,405.82</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$8,768.60</b>	<b>-2,637</b>
<b>\$7,369.15</b>	<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>\$10,039.39</b>	<b>2,670</b>
<b>\$18,774.97</b>		<b>\$18,807.99</b>	



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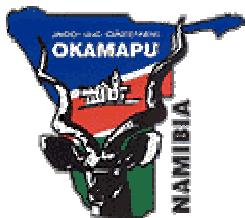
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