

## SSAA VICTORIAN STEEL CHALLENGE STATE TITLES

28-29 May 2011

Wodonga Handgun Club, Vic

Held over the weekend of May 28 and 29, 2011, forty competitors braved a chilly start to the SSAA 2011 Victorian Steel Challenge State Tiles held at the Wodonga Handgun Club.

Steel Challenge is the ultimate test of speed and accuracy. Competitors shoot eight separate stages of five plates, four of which are primary plates and one is designated the stop plate. Competitors shoot each stage five times, discarding their worst time. Each plate must be hit once during each of the five runs, with the stop plate hit last. There is a three-second penalty for each missed plate. The competitors aggregated time is their score for the match, so it pays to shoot fast and accurately.

There are six divisions designated by handgun type (Open, Open Revolver, Metallic, Production, Metallic Revolver and Single Action) and four categories (Junior, Lady, Senior and Senior over 65).

David Soldini from Melbourne - shooting in Open division, came first outright with a powerful display of concentration, accuracy and speed. Followed closely by Doug Petts, of Albury and third place winner Andrew Moss, Melbourne.

In the other divisions, Gary White from Sydney won the Production division, placing fifth overall, with Darren Scott second and Chris Ellis coming third.

Metallic had three competitors vying for first place, however, Kevin White from Sydney pulled away towards the end leaving two local boys Martin Rudeforth and Adrian Wolter to fight it out for second and third respectively. In the end, Martin Rudeforth ran away with second.

Metallic Revolver seen three local boys fighting it out for first place. With the final winner being Robert Marks, followed closely by Matthew Cawood, only recently joining the sport six months ago.

Five ladies shot the match in various divisions. Suzy Soldini, finishing 6th overall shooting in Open division, won the Top Lady and Verna Honter local girl coming third.

Shane Twemlow from Finley took out the Top Junior. Finishing 27<sup>th</sup> overall. Callum Caple, a local lad coming second. Being his first excursion into competition shooting, using his father's Metallic Revolver. Well-done Callum

Senior's division saw two local boys fight it out for first, with Vin Shuey slipping away to come first, placing fourteenth overall. With Ged Beckton coming second closely followed by Chris Ellis.

Inclosing I'd like to extend a very big Thankyou to all our sponsors. Especially Sandy Creek Outfitters, The Shooters Shack, Elks Hunting and Fishing, Blueys Hunting and Fishing, Vitasoy and Peter Gillahan. To Wodonga Handgun Club members and non-members for all your hard work in helping set-up and running the event. Finally, to all the competitors, as the event would not have happened without your support.

To see the full results and photos go to <http://wodongahandgunclub.org.au/>



Opening Of the Match Lee Rohrich and Mark Byatt, Wodonga Mayor (Door Way)



One of the competitors Shooting Accelerator – Robert Pollard Range Officer



Sunday – Man-on-Man Closest Martin Rudeforth, Richard Sharpe, Lee Rohrich and Far Side Adrian Wolter



Presentations – Robert Marks (President) and Suzy Soldini Top Lady – Open Division