

2008 SSAA NSW Action Match State Titles

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The 2008 SSAA NSW Action Match State Championships were held February 15 and 16 at the Blacktown Pistol Club facilities. The weather was cool and clear for the duration of the match with some 25 members attending for two days of Action Match competition.

"With Bianchi only months away, this and other Action Match events across the country will be an important step to honing skills required at international competition," said SSAA Action Match program coordinator Allan Harriman.

"Four of the competitors shooting at this match will be at Bianchi, along with approximately 13 others from across the country, which is a fantastic commitment from Australian shooters."

ACT's Mary Curnow achieved first place (1814 and 177xs) in the Ladies division, narrowly beating St Ives Pistol Club member Suellen Ryan (1805 and 106xs). Current Junior World Champion Matthew Harriman took out the Junior division with a score of 1886 and 41xs.

Allan Harriman won the NSW State Champion for Open (1913 and 157xs), just ahead of Southern Highlands stalwart Lee Webb (1912 and 161xs).

Craig Ginger won the Metallic Sight State Championship with a score of 1779 and 121xs.

For a free DVD of this SSAA Action Match event email bianchi@ssaa.org.au while stocks last.

Top - Matthew Harriman tackles the moving target during the 2008 NSW SSAA State Titles.

Bottom - Manuel Tuero at the barricade with his S&W revolver.



2007 Harry Madden Shoot

The 2007 Harry Madden Shoot attracted a large crowd of the country's best shooters to the tricky Belmont Range in Brisbane.

After the usual opening ceremony, the Light Varmint event began at 100 yards in very pleasant weather conditions. There was enough wind around to sort out the foolish from the brave, but if it was easy, everyone would be doing it.

Forty-seven shooters shot it out and all of the small groups in the individual relays were less than .2. This is the standard of competition in this country now. In a repeat

of last year, Brendan Atkinson shot the smallest group of the yardage on the A target with a .156. However, it's the aggregate that counts and Michael Heubner shot a .2106 to lead the pack. Ralph Garlick followed him, with Stuart Elliott third.

Most shoots are won at the longer yardage and out at 200 yards there was plenty of mirage and wind to play with. To get a small group in a relay one had to shoot around .5 and bulletmaker Karl Kuehn put down .505, which was not bettered.

In the race for the aggregate, Michael Heubner was on a mission and shot very

consistently for a win with .4029. Brendan Atkinson was second and a fast-finishing Paul Sullivan was third.

The Grand Aggregate was a foregone conclusion and Michael Heubner was victorious in the Light Varmint event with an overall aggregate of .3068 - actually, he thumped the field. Brendan Atkinson was second on .3571 and Stuart Elliott was third on .3607.

Sunday was a whole new day, with heavier rifles permitted and weather conditions much the same. The field was down to 45 competitors and there was some very state-