



## Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia (Victoria) Ltd

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### Shooting For All

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2006, S.S.A.A(Vic) along with Brotherhood Community Care conducted a Shooting For All Program at the Springvale Range aimed to encourage people of all abilities to become involved in shooting.

The Shooting For All Program is designed to introduce people with a physical disability into the sport of shooting. The aim is to increase the awareness of members of shooting organisations to the needs of people with disabilities to enable their inclusion in existing competitions and club structures through the development of a shooting specific introduction program.

The day turned out to be a great success. We had 10 participants arrive, with most being quite nervous but also very excited at the same time, to try a new sport. Within minutes the nerves settled and all participants were raring to go and get started. The enthusiasm and motivation of all the participants was overwhelming as most of them proved to have a natural talent and passion for the sport. The session started off with a brief introduction then participants were given a lengthy go at loading and firing an air rifle under close supervision. Drawing to the close of the session most participants were hesitant to leave and wanted to stay on longer to keep improving their skills which was great. Adam Sehic who was a volunteer on the day commented that Susan Vallis, looked 20 years younger after participating in the course. Susan was a keen shooter growing up but hadn't returned to the sport in years and is grateful that there is an opportunity for people of all abilities and in a wheelchair like her, to participate in shooting as a sport.

Shooting is a great sport and this program is extremely important to us as it enables people of all abilities to participate, whether they may be in a wheelchair or have limited use of certain limbs.

I would personally like to thank Brotherhood Community Care, all of the participants, volunteers and carers along with Mary and Allen Bingham for helping make this day a success and hope that we will see some of the participants with disabilities down at the Springvale Range joining in our Physically Challenged Shooters Club which meet each Tuesday evening from 6pm at the Springvale Range and welcomes anyone who would like to try shooting an air rifle or even if you would just like to come down and meet our members.

Our shooters for the day included:- Susan Vallis, George East, Bridget Bolden, Lisa Harry, Dean Renouf, Alan Stewart, Keith Robertson, Dion Gallagher, Tom Millington, Esther Howell.



Lisa Harry



George East instructed by Mary Bingham

Melony Grand-Court  
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