

# ROTTNEST ISLAND PISTOL CLUB

*Did you know that there was a WAPA pistol club on Rottnest Island??  
Well, there was!*

The club was formed and affiliated with WAPA in 1975.

By early 1976 the club, assisted by the Army contingent stationed on the Island, had built an outdoor 50 metre range and work was proceeding with other facilities.



The Pistol Club was the first sporting body of any kind to be formed on Rottnest Island.

By 24th March 1976, these poor frustrated shooters were still waiting for a licence to shoot. John Dyke reported that they were still trying to get assistance through the right channels for a clubhouse to be built. One of the requirements to get the necessary assistance was that the clubhouse should get plenty of use and as the numbers on Rottnest who will be using the

clubhouse were not great, it was felt that if they were able to produce letters from other clubs who would be interested in travelling to Rottnest to shoot, they would have a much stronger chance of getting a clubhouse.

By October 1976, members were busy setting up the range for night shooting and building shooting sheds etc. They were looking forward to some really good nightly entertainment at the range over the coming summer months. There were no "star" shooters at that time, but three or four members who were showing a lot of promise.

Turning targets were operational by mid-1980 and the invitation was out for shooters to share them with Rottnest members.

It was never a big club. Membership was mostly in single digits, but climbed to 13 in 1994, before the club abruptly folded in early 1997, apparently due to lack of numbers. We don't have on record the exact location of the range, but it was apparently on army land near Kingstown Barracks.

