



# Bull Barrel



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## *From the Committee:*

The next Open Committee meeting will be on Monday 19th September, starting at 7:30pm at the AIF Smallbore Range Clubrooms. Any other matters that need to be brought to the Committee's attention at other meetings can be presented via the Secretary.

### **New 2011-2012 Committee**

**President:** Don Riddell, **Snr VP:** Gilbert Steenhuis,  
**Jnr VP:** Denis Bergman, **Treasurer:** Michael Cook  
**Secretary:** Shane Bowden, **Committee:** Graeme Fish,  
Phil Guest, Brian Schmidt, Mervin Reed, Bill Stewart

## *For Your Information:*



Executive: G Steenhuis, M Cook, D Riddell, S Bowden

### **President's Report – (Summary)**

Club numbers continue at a stable level and the range facilities have been well patronised.

Junior involvement and their results have been one of the success stories. Two trips away by club juniors to participate nationally since the last AGM have brought pleasing results with high level performances. Some fresh faces are needed to assist in managing this group.

The usage of the Pistol range goes from strength to strength. Phil Guest tried to get a comprehensive development plan through GCC but zoning of the range remains an issue at present.

Other significant achievements this year have been;

- The toilets at the AIF range have been completed and are operational.
- The granting of new range approvals for both ranges and the gaining of significant changes to our range approval document.
- Continuing cordial and constructive relations with our fellow shooters in the AIF club.

Thanks to:

- The committee which has functioned smoothly and professionally this year.
- The discipline captains, maintenance workers and the other helpers around the range and at shoots.
- Dave McAllister who contributed his technical expertise and resources to pushing on with the toilets at a key stage.
- Bill Stewart, Arthur Glancy and Tom Banks for many hours at the range doing building work.
- Craig Parker and John Breen who will be standing down from the committee this year.
- Ron Tunks who has again made available earthmoving equipment on very reasonable terms!

On the cards for the incoming committee are;

- Pistol range improvements, especially to facilitate all weather usage
- Install lighting on the AIF range.
- Work with the Blue Hills committee to help establish centre fire silhouette.
- Refine our membership and participating member processes.  
Review and implement new guidelines on range usage and audit processes.



Section of the crowd attending the AGM 22 August

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Treasurer Mike Cook tabled a healthy report to the AGM. He reported an operating profit of over \$3000.00 which is impressive considering the expenses relating to the toilet and other range developments.

**Christmas Function Reminder**  
Sunday 11 December at AIF Range

## Juniors



Sam Clark, Thomas Philpott, Sam Machin, Thomas Clark, Nathan Mawhood, Liam Stewart, Corey Jarvis, Callum Glancy, Dylan Webb, Mitchell Stevens

Ten juniors went to the National Junior Challenge at Canberra in July and achieved some magnificent results. Shooting silhouette, 3P and Field Rifle, Liam Stewart was first overall in the 15 & Over Class and Mitchell Stevens was first overall in the Under 15s.

Corey Jarvis (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Callum Glancy (4<sup>th</sup>) also proved their marksmanship in the 15 & Over group. If you have some spare time, please lend a hand to assist in the development of juniors in your club.

### State AGM – Have Your Say

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> September at the Ross Hall, Ross starting at 10 am. The Mitchell range will be open on this day as normal for those not attending the AGM.

### Insurance

As most members would know, SSAA has insurance policies that cover club members on the range, the committee, and members in hunting situations. Insurance generally covers public liability and in some situations, personal accident cover.

Occasionally requests are made by members for copies of the policy. For a variety of reasons the policy document is not generally available for circulation. None the less if you have an insurance issue or query, you should approach the club Secretary or President, or make enquiries directly to SSAA insurance (Trevor Jenkins – see the National website for details).

Rather than worrying about policy details, some good rules of thumb to adhere to are; obey the laws of the State, obey range rules and directions, or the directions of the Committee or their representatives and if an accident occurs on SSAA business then chances are a valid claim will be accepted.

### Air Pistol

Air Pistol competition is being run on a Tuesday night at the AIF Range from 7pm for those that are interested or have an air pistol and want to dust it off and give it a run.

## Range Use

The club ranges are organised through an official roster that establishes times and usage of the facilities. This roster is a very important document as it creates the organisation and management procedures for the range.

At times requests are made to use the ranges outside of the rostered times. Given the implications for safety and insurance purposes of each range usage, the committee has recently decided that a formal procedure is required to make it clear when and how these additional range usages must be managed.

The procedures can be obtained from the Secretary or President or can be viewed on the notice board at the AIF range.

### 2011 Tasmanian Field Rifle & 3 Positional Rimfire State Championship

To be hosted by T03 Pontville at the Tolosa Street Range with both events to be conducted on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2011 Program:- 9am practice/weigh-in 10.00am start Field Rifle event. 2.00 pm start 3 Positional event.

Adult nomination fees:- \$15.00 per event or \$25.00 for both. Junior fees:- \$6.00 per event or \$10.00 for both.

Prizes:- There will be state medals for all grades inc. Juniors. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> for 2-Gun, plus juniors.

Current SSAA membership card must be shown at sign-in. Grading cards must be produced on the day.

A canteen and barbeque will be available at lunch time.

For more information contact:- Tom on 0403 127 732

### 2011 Tasmanian Field Rifle & 3 Positional Centrefire State Championship

To be hosted by T03 Pontville at the Blue Hills Range with both events to be conducted on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Program:- 9am practice/weigh-in. 10.00am start Field Rifle event. 2.00 pm start 3 Positional event.

Adult nomination fees:- \$15.00 per event or \$25.00 for both.

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For more information contact:- Denis on 03 6272 3276

### Your Bull Barrel

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