



Bull Barrel



A Quarterly Newsletter of SSAA T03 Glenorchy Inc

Safe and Inclusive

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From the Committee:

The next committee meetings will be on Monday:
15th June, 20th July and 17th August,
7:00pm at the AIF Clubrooms. Any matters that need to be brought to the Committee's attention can be presented to meetings via the Secretary.

2014-2015 Committee

President: Denis Bergman **Snr VP:** Gilbert Steenhuis,
Jnr VP: David McAllister, **Treasurer:** Michael Cook
Secretary: Phil Guest, **Committee:** Paul Durkin,
Matthew D'Orazio, Leeza Bramich, Craig Parker, Adrian Pickin.

For Your Information:

AGM 2015

Yes, it's almost that time of year again! The AGM, to elect the 2015-2016 committee will be held at the AIF Clubrooms on **24th August at 7:30pm.**

Nominations for committee need to be with the Secretary by 20th July. Each committee person has a clearly defined responsibility. Please carefully consider accepting nomination.

Invitation: In order to get a better idea about how your committee works you are invited to attend a meeting on either the 15th June or 20st July. Let the Secretary know if you plan to attend.

2015 National Junior Challenge

Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th of July. Thanks to those people who have offered their support for this event which is only a few weeks away. Denis, Shane and Bill would like to hear from any others who are prepared to help out over the three days. Nominations from state and interstate, as far away as Queensland, are being received.

RO Courses

The SSAA State Safety Officer will be running Range Officer courses on Sat 20th and Sun 21st June at the Blue Hills Range. He will be available to present the theory side on both days from 10:00am - 2:00pm. These courses are available for new applicants and those who want a refresher course. He is also looking at running a course in August at the AIF Range.

Nominations must be made by Sat 6th June to get some idea of numbers interested. T03 members can advise the Secretary by message or email.



The "Tassie 360"



The 2015 Metallic Silhouette Championships for Rimfire Rifle and Air Rifle were held in March at the AIF Range. This event attracted interstate and overseas competitors as well as local shooters.



Geoff Brewer, NZ Champion; Dann Suthern, Australian Champion; David True, ACT President and Kim Chiaverini, Southern Highlands NSW all provided hot competition.

Firearms Act Amendments

Both houses of parliament recently grappled with amendments to the Firearms Act 1996. SSAA members were comprehensively represented by State officers who briefed parliamentary members on issues that concerned all shooters. During debate, parliamentarians of every persuasion often referred to information provided to them by Donald and his team.

During debate, it was recorded that the criminal element is compiling lists of firearm owners from various sources including publications such as our own *Bull Barrel*. With this in mind, lists of names won't be published in this or future editions. It is disappointing that we can't celebrate achievement in the same ways available to other sporting organisations.

One significant outcome of changes to the Act is that requirements for firearm storage will now be specified by regulation rather than being defined in the Act itself. These regulations should be published within the next year and will most likely impact on all firearm owners. It might be prudent to wait for more detail before upgrading storage facilities.

Range News



A dedicated team has made wonderful progress to make sure that the AIF Range meets Range Approval requirements and National specifications for the National Junior Challenge. The height of an existing berm has been increased to provide an even safer environment and the 50m targets have been adjusted to meet national standards.

The *Mitchell Range Shelter and Storage Project* received tremendous support recently when the Club secured a Major Grant from CSRT. The Club expects to gain council approval for the project once the Interim Planning Scheme comes into effect allowing the Club to utilise the change in zoning. Hopefully the six year wait will soon be a thing of the past.



A recent working bee and other activity have increased the height of the Range C butt.

Reminder: The 5th Saturday of a month is a working bee and the Mitchell Range is closed to shooting.

SSAA Farmer Assist Close to Launch

www.farmerassist.com.au

The SSAA *Farmer Assist* program has been developed to enable farmers with wildlife management issues to seek the assistance of SSAA members. The specially designed program is run via the above web site, allowing a farmer to choose who they invite onto their properties from the group of members replying to their post.

As the SSAA *Farmer Assist* program moves towards operational release to farmers in Tasmania, don't forget to register or update your profile on SSAA *Farmer Assist* today and remember to 'like' the SSAA *Farmer Assist* Facebook page to receive the latest updates on the program.

Reminder: Presentation Day is 14th December

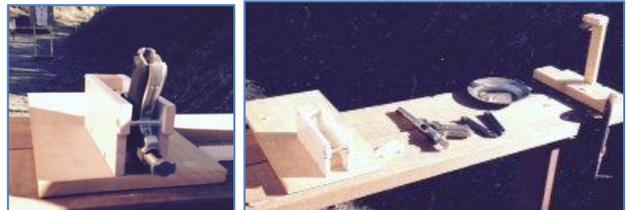


T03 Glenorchy is proud to be working in cooperation with *PDS Tasmania*. Their mission is to provide people with Physical disABILITY the opportunity to participate in sport and recreation at a social, national or international level.

Participation in sport can increase self-esteem, confidence and social interaction which in turn will enhance quality of life and mobility.

Both Kevin Faulkner and the Club quickly recognised that target shooting lends itself to the participation of those with disability. In many cases, the disability does not prohibit participation against able bodied shooters. SSAA discipline rules allow for modifications and adaptations that permit those with disabilities to still receive awards and titles.

Kevin has already directed clients to both ranges and hopefully more will follow.



Some lateral thinking and adaptations enable the shooter to independently load, fire and unload a semi-auto using only one arm.



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JUST CHALLENGES!**

Your Bull Barrel

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