



Bull Barrel



A Quarterly Newsletter of SSAA T03 Pontville Branch Inc, Incorporating the Glenorchy Hand Gun Club. Vol.3 Jun 2009

From the Committee:

The next Open Committee meeting will be on Monday 15th June, starting at 7:00pm 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.

The Branch has nearly 500 members registered. Don't forget, sign up a junior and help our sport grow. It is pleasing to note that the St Virgils juniors have continued their participation this year.

Committee Decisions and Items of Interest:

- Bushfire appeal. Final amount forwarded to Wildlife Victoria was \$745.45.
- Negotiations are underway with GCC regarding renewal of leases.
- Paul Durkin appointed Branch Target Officer. If you need targets, Paul's your man.
- See Denis Bergman for any information regarding SSAA State or National matters and also if you are interested in shooting centre fire rifle at Blue Hills.
- Works and maintenance has continued on both Glenorchy ranges.
- SSAA Blue Hills has declined to run the 2009 National Target Pistol Championships.
- An additional ratchet handle and socket has been purchased for the field rifle pole retainers.
- High powered hunting air rifle pellets are not to be used on silhouette targets.
- A waste water treatment system for the A.I.F Smallbore range is in the pipeline.
- Permission has been given to Armguard to use our ranges to train staff.

President: Andrew Judd, **Snr VP:** Gilbert Steenhuis, **Jnr VP:** Paul Durkin, **Treasurer:** Rhonda Cains
Secretary: Shane Bowden, **Committee:** Tom Banks, Denis Bergman, John Breen, Ted Chambers, Neil Coates, Mike Cook, Phil Guest, Craig Parker, Brian Schmidt, Janusz Wozniak.

For Your Information:

Roster Change

The 2009 Roster is available on the website and in the clubrooms. Copies are available from discipline captains. There has been a change to the original roster: Rimfire silhouette is now on the 4th Saturday and 310 Cadet Training Rifle will be on the 5th Saturday.

Participation Cards

Participation cards for handgun shooters - Firearms Services will not mail these out unless requested. They are available at the Mitchell Range.

What's In a Name?

Last edition you were reminded that we are still officially SSAA T03 **Pontville** but have not had events at Pontville for some time. Given our current location, what do you think our new name should be? Wellington and Merton have been suggested. If you have a flash of genius, forward your preferred option to the committee for short listing.

Featured Discipline #1 - IPSC



IPSC: (International Practical Shooting Confederation) - a combination of speed, accuracy, power and movement.

IPSC Australia Inc is the body recognised by the Australian Government for the management and regulation of the sport of Practical Shooting in Australia. Practical shooting is an International competition that is shot on all continents, with local, state, national, regional and international championships happening on a regular basis.

Thanks to Craig Parker, you can participate on most 2nd Saturdays from 10-12 on the Mitchell Range. Make a day of it and hang around for Western Action in the afternoon.

Featured Discipline #2 - Western Action



Western Action utilises competency with revolver, rifle and shotgun. Shot on the Mitchell Range on the 2nd Saturday from noon, Ron Tunks has helped develop this discipline into a popular and growing sport. Ron can provide firearms and ammunition for newcomers at a small fee to cover costs and has been known to provide some tasty victuals.

Do What You Can

Most disciplines demand a bit of time and energy to set up and put away targets etc. While it is desirable to spread the load, be mindful of your own limitations and only do what you can – don't burst a boiler or do anything more than you would at home. You can't shoot from a hospital bed!

Working Bee

A working bee on Sunday 24th at the AIF Smallbore Range went well. There were eight people and five fires. A lot of the debris that had been pushed into a pile (and 3 possums) was which was difficult due to some of the spars and limbs being buried under dirt etc. The area should be ready to start re-planting very soon.

Our Cowboy Silhouette Team Excels!

G'Day Everyone

Some of the members from SSAAt03 Pontville recently went to Murray Bridge in South Australia to compete in the Cowboy Lever Action Silhouette National Championships. This is a relative new event which is part of the Rifle Metallic Silhouette discipline. In fact this is only the second year a National has been held.

The day of arrival was not the best, with rain and wind producing plenty of mud so we weren't looking forward to the three upcoming days of competition. But the gods shined upon us and the weather cleared up giving us the opportunity to shoot and stay dry.

Day one was Rifle Match and two of the t03 members faired well with Ted Chambers (The Toad) coming second in the hotly contested "A" grade, Rhonda Cains (our Treasurer) took out "B" grade. Leon O'Brien and I were placed further behind Toad in "A".



(LtoR) Andrew Judd, Ted Chambers, Leon O'Brien

2009 NATIONALS COWBOY LEVER ACTION

Place	Name	Branch	SB	CF	AGG	TEAM AGG
1ST	MICK HUTTON	THE TEAM	54	126	180	530
	ROBERT TOBLER		52	106	158	
	DAVE McCARTHY		67	125	192	
2ND	ANDREW JUDD	TAS	58	100	158	441
	LEON O'BRIEN		46	87	133	
	TED CHAMBERS		46	104	150	

Day Two was Pistol Cartridge. This is shot on smaller targets over shorter distances. During this event I achieved third in "A" and Rhonda placed first in "B". But from a Team perspective the Tas T03 Team of Leon, Ted and me came second in the C/F teams tally. We were beaten by the Australian Team destined for the USA later this year. A highlight of the day was Mick Hutton from SA and an Aus team member shooting 104 chickens straight in a long run. It was a fine display of shooting.

The last day was Smallbore. Smaller targets, over the same distance as Pistol Cartridge. Once again Rhonda won "B" grade. Leon placed third and I placed first in "A" Grade. With both of us shooting personal bests. Also the Tas T03 Team placed second in Smallbore, once again behind the Aus team.

In the final results the Tas T03 Team placed second overall against the Aus Team and I believe did our branch proud. We also had two members finish in the Top Ten and all of us shot a personal best at some stage of the Championships.

Later in the year there will be a group of us going to NSW to represent the Branch at the RMS Nationals. It looks like we will out number some of the states attending so we should all be pleased to have members who will represent us at such competitions. It would be great if we could get members to more Nationals, in more Disciplines to display what great competitors members of T03 Pontville are.

Andrew Judd