



# Bull Barrel



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## From the Committee:

The next Open Committee meeting will be on Monday 21st Sep, 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 now has 500 registered members. Keep up the good work and spread the word. Don't forget, sign up a junior and help our sport grow.

## Committee Decisions and Items of Interest:

- Once new members of handgun division (GHC) have been ratified they will be required to attend at least 3 shoots in the ensuing 6 month period.
- Outside organisations who use our ranges are to be charged a set fee. Armaguard have used the Mitchell Range on a couple of occasions.
- Blue Hills will no longer be conducting lever action shoots due to lack of interest.

## AGM

The AGM was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009 and a good attendance elected the following committee. Many thanks to outgoing position holders, president Andrew Judd, committeemen Tom Banks and Ted Chambers and treasurer Rhonda Cains who remains on the new committee. Welcome to our new president Don Riddell and committeemen David Howard and Graeme Fish.

## New Committee

**President:** Don Riddell, **Snr VP:** Gilbert Steenhuis, **Jnr VP:** Paul Durkin, **Treasurer:** Michael Cook  
**Secretary:** Shane Bowden, **Committee:** Denis Bergman, John Breen, Rhonda Cains, Neil Coates, David Howard, Graeme Fish, Phil Guest, Craig Parker, Brian Schmidt, Janusz Wozniak.

"I wish to thank members of the club for accepting my nomination as President for the coming year 2009/2010. I am looking forward to again becoming more closely involved in achieving the goals of the committee and the club members. For those who don't know me, I joined the club in 1996, after the events of Port Arthur. For a significant part of that time, I have been an active committee person filling a number of roles. My principal shooting interests are FR & 3P, and I currently run a C/F Benchrest session at Blue Hills. I have competed at a number of Nationals (mainly RMS) and I have been the State Treasurer for a number of years. The club has a number of challenges ahead, but it has a strong "can do" ethic and some excellent people involved. I am sure we can achieve some more of our goals this year." – Don Riddell

## For Your Information:

### Roster Change

There has been a change to the original roster: Rimfire silhouette is now on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday and 310 Cadet Training Rifle will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday.

### Featured Discipline #3 - Classic



Classic Pistol encourages accuracy in a generous time period. With the targets at 25 m, shooters have five sighting rounds and three courses of fire of ten rounds in ten minutes. Targets are scored after each course of fire. Rimfire, centrefire or optical handguns can be used. Neil Coates is the captain and the discipline is held every first and third Saturday morning of the month at the Mitchell Range. Classic is an excellent discipline to begin your handgun sport.



There is also a practice range at the Mitchell range which is open while Classic events are staged. A range officer is available for coaching and introductory courses.

## Secure Your Gun

"Secure your gun, secure your sport" promotion by SSAA - very pertinent at the moment as there have been quite a few burglaries lately where it appears firearms have been the target and two of our members have been affected.

## Mitchell Range Secured

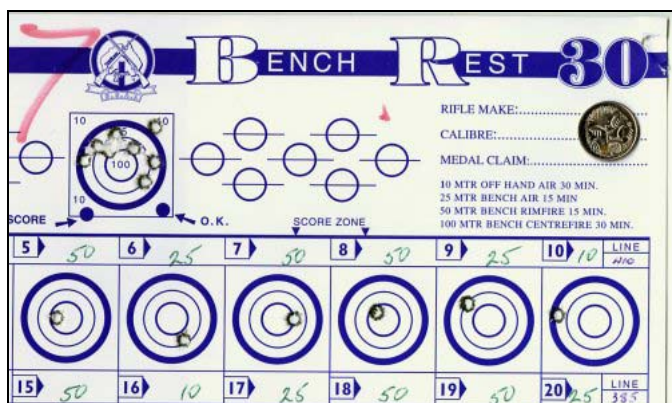
The lease on the Mitchell range has been renewed for 5 years with an option for a further 5 years. Planned improvements can now go ahead.

## Featured Discipline #4 – Benchrest



Held at the AIF Range every 2nd and 4th Tuesday morning, BR30 Rimfire demands accuracy. Thirty rounds per target set 50 m away in 15 minutes is a challenge for the best of shooters.

Usually two targets are shot and from the section of target below (with 5 cent coin) it is understandable that a suitable rifle with scope is desirable. John Wood and Paul Durkin are contacts for this discipline.



## BR30 Certificate Winners

The following riflemen qualified for certificates some time ago and have belatedly received recognition and certificates.

**Silver:** P Durkin

**Bronze:** S Jex, W Funslow, G Steenhuis, D Bergman, E Wood, S Edwards, S Mills, W Smedley, N Smedley



## That Time of Year Again

Come and enjoy our Christmas BBQ and trophy presentations, at the AIF Smallbore Range on Sunday 20 December. Look for the fliers and get your name down for this great annual event.

## State Titles Coming Soon

The State centrefire rifle 3 Positional and Field Rifle Championships will be hosted by T03 Pontville at Blue Hills range on Sunday 22 November 2009

The State rimfire rifle 3 Positional and Field Rifle Championships are planned for the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of November, 2009. T03 Pontville has requested to host these championships at the AIF Smallbore Range

## What's In a Name?- Last Chance

In the last two editions 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?

## Maldini Restaurant

Thank you to Maldini Restaurant in Salamanca Place for their kind donation of 3 market umbrellas to be used on rimfire rifle silhouette firing line. Sleeves have been installed in the concrete slabs and these umbrellas are now ready for use

## Cheap Brass

Winchester, 38SPL +P, Nickel Plated, once fired 292 cases - \$25.00 donation to club. See Shane if you are interested.

## Participation Cards

Participation cards for handgun shooters - Firearms Services will not mail these out to individuals unless requested. They are available at the Mitchell Range. It's getting close to the end of another year so make sure your cards are up to date.

## St Virgil's College Juniors

This year has seen the continuation of participation by junior shooters from St Virgil's College. These juniors have been shooting rimfire Field Rifle at the AIF Range on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of October we are planning to let them try the .310 cadet rifle. If you are able to assist please see Neil Coates or Shane Bowden.

## Please support the Bull Barrel

This is your newsletter so please feel free to contribute. If you have any articles that you wish to have published please submit them to Phil Guest or Shane Bowden