



Bull Barrel



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From the Committee:

The next committee meetings will be on Monday:
19th September, 17th October and 21st November
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.

New! 2022-2023 Committee

President: John McDonald **Snr VP:** Shane Bowden,
Jnr VP: Paul Durkin, **Treasurer:** Phyllis Kannis
Secretary: Phil Guest **Committee:** Craig Parker,
Gilbert Steenhuis, Frank Mitchell, Glen Hanlon,
Colin Catto, Paul Hunniford, Mat Rao and Dane Cook.

For Your Information: 2022 AGM



The 2022 AGM was held on 22nd August and 18 members turned up to elect a new committee. Interest in working for the Club was high again this year and all positions were filled before the meeting. Thanks to Shaun Robinson for his time of service and welcome to new committeeman Mat Rao.

The President's Report – J. McDonald
Some highlights for the year:

- Just under 900 members, still increasing.
- Financially strong with over \$110,000 in the bank (see Treasurer's report)
- Mitchell range is well attended each shoot day, albeit Wednesday morning training sessions are currently monthly due to lack of demand.
- Mitchell improvements include gravel on the ranges for water control, new target bases for steel challenge and IPSC, new combined IPSC discipline, Bisalloy 500 steel targets for safety, C range enhancements.
- GCC bike hub – appears to have stalled due to lack of finances, so Council assistance for the single range project has effectively ceased.
- AIF range disciplines have a steady following.

- AIF improvements include accurate wind flags, electric work for security lighting, fridge, projector replaced, general clean-up.
- Mitchell range 20-year lease approved in principle by Council last year; terms still being negotiated one year out, partly given interference from Wellington Park, which has a new CEO in the chair. However, Council staff communications to Wellington Park have been supportive.
- At Council's request we went ahead with a phase 1 grant proposal for \$0.5M, to include new ranges but not a clubhouse – this was unsuccessful, and one of the reasons given was lack of Council support.
- My thanks to the Committee for their support.
- Many thanks also to the small group of members, principally Committee members, who regularly turn up to rostered and impromptu working bees.
- Finally, thanks to the regular discipline organisers, C range supervisors, and range officers, without whom we wouldn't have a functioning Club.

A Summary of the Treasurer's Report – P. Kannis

This year has been a steady period of growth in terms of membership and income. A net surplus of \$7,400 is down from the last financial year's \$16,000. This is due to the many ongoing factors including the COVID-19 pandemic and inflation. The lower net surplus is also due to the outlays of upgrading the Mitchell Range. The club is in a sound position to survive a sustained period of loss of income in situations such as COVID-19 closure and to help finance development resulting from a *Mitchell Range Master Plan*.

Notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes:

1. More members are using Pass and Shoot Cards.
2. Tasmanian Police, TasTAFE and security companies continue to make use of the Mitchell Range.
3. About \$10,000.00 has been spent so far on the maintenance of berms and butts at all three ranges at the Mitchell Complex.
4. Training ammunition income and expenditure reports will always vary from year to year as the consumables, purchased in bulk in one reporting period, might be sold in the next.

Christmas Lunch / Presentation Day

The Christmas Lunch / Presentation Day is scheduled for Sunday 11th December.

Independent Auditor's Report?

For many years the annual independent auditor's report was prepared by a club member and rewarded with a couple of bottles of wine. For the past three years the report has been prepared by independent financial groups for a fee of \$800, \$495 and in 2022 \$1100. At the recent AGM, the President explained that a Branch Auditor had not been appointed and informed that the committee would consider the increasing cost and lack of legal requirement for an independent audit, and consult with members to determine an alternative process to satisfy the constitution's keeping of records of accounts requirements. The committee welcomes any discussion and input.

\$ Price Rises \$

Unfortunately, the club is not immune from inflationary pressures. Some canteen prices have recently risen. Despite bulk purchasing, the cost of ammunition for use in club firearms by those on Minor's Permits and Exemptions has also risen quite dramatically on some items.

The last time the club raised the price of range fees was in 2007 when the adult fee was raised from \$7 to \$10. Assuming an average annual CPI increase of 2.5%, the adult range fee should now be \$14.50. The committee will be considering ways to bring range fees in alignment with inflation while still offering concessions and cheaper alternatives such as shoot cards and annual range passes.

AIF Range News

New wind flags have arrived, and the quality is impressive. Steel has been acquired for the posts and anchors will be positioned at 25m and 50m as specified in the rules.

The pullies on the 100m flagpole have been replaced and it is planned to replace the flag with a remotely controlled flashing red beacon.

MR Range News

Tas Police have been using facilities for officer validation, and bookings have been received from TasTAFE (H6) and Armaguard. Our ranges are not just critical for our members but also appreciated by external agencies.

The new 20-year lease is 12 months late, but a final draft has been promised for consideration very soon. The main cause of delay has been that the Wellington Park Trust has decided to exercise their right to assess any development on land within Wellington Park which is where, unfortunately, Ranges A and B remain. Expenditure has been approved to improve access to toilet facilities.

SSAA Tas AGM

The SSAA Tas Inc Annual General meeting will be held at the Campbell Town Memorial Oval Clubrooms on 3rd September at 10 am.

Working Bee

Next working bee is on 30th October at both ranges. Please try to attend as there is always heaps to do.



A small but energetic MR group spread FCR, cleaned gutters and filled potholes. At the AIF working bee, drains were cleaned, wood was chopped and stored and there was a general clean-up of the containers. Thanks to those members who make a financial donation in lieu of attending working bees.

Single Action State Titles



A reminder that T03 will be hosting the 2022 Single Action State Titles on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th November. See Ray for more details.

The Mitchell Range will be closed to all other events on Saturday 26th November.



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Give Yourself a Pass

Buy a shoot card or a range pass for 2022!

(Values in \$. *p/s = cost per shoot)

	Adult		Pensioner		Junior	
	*p/s		*p/s		*p/s	
Full Card	10.00	10.00	8.50	8.50	5.00	5.00
6	54	9.00	46	7.67	27	4.50
10	85	8.50	72	7.23	45	4.50
14	115	8.21	98	7.00	63	4.50
25	200	8.00	170	6.80	110	4.40
Pass	(Assumes 50 shoots per year and T03 membership)					
6 M	200	8.00	170	6.80	110	4.40
12 M	350	7.00	300	6.00	200	4.00

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