



# Bull Barrel



A Quarterly Newsletter of SSAA T03 Pontville Branch Inc, Incorporating the Glenorchy Hand Gun Club. Vol.8 Sep 2010

## *From the Committee:*

The next Open Committee meeting will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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. (\*Also see below)

The Branch now has 470+ 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:**

- MOU with AIF signed by both parties.
- Please don't over-tighten BR tables.
- \* Meetings clarification: All members are invited to closed meetings to observe and may be invited to speak. At open meetings, any member can bring up items in General Business. Members can submit a Notified Agenda Item at any meeting

### **New 2010-2011 Committee**

**President:** Don Riddell, **Snr VP:** Gilbert Steenhuis, **Jnr VP:** Denis Bergman, **Treasurer:** Michael Cook, **Secretary:** Shane Bowden, **Committee:** John Breen, Graeme Fish, Phil Guest, Craig Parker, Brian Schmidt.

## *For Your Information:*

### **Successful AGM Brings Stability**

Twenty members attended a highly successful AGM on Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> August. The new committee is listed above and with only a few changes, the Club can look forward to a period of stability and growth. Thanks to Paul Durkin, Rhonda Cains, Neil Coates, Janusz Wozniak and David Howard who retired from the committee this year.



Some of the members at the recent AGM. It was a short meeting followed by a wonderful supper.

## **Well In the Black \$\$\$**

Treasurer Mike Cook painted a very rosy picture when he delivered his report at the AGM. With income over \$30,000 for the year, Mike was pleased to announce that the Club was more than \$12,000 better off than this time last year.

Might be a good time to discuss preferred developments and improvements to facilities.

## **What the President Said**

Here is a brief summary of the President's Report, presented at the AGM.

- Club numbers are steady and use of the facilities has been pleasing.
- Thanks to Tom Banks and Gilbert Steenhuis for making Thursday night such a success and to Shane Bowden for his attention to juniors and new shooters
- Thanks to Craig Parker for his commitment, energy and direction of the ever expanding pistol range.
- Progress in many areas including: Re-establishment of cordial and constructive relations with AIF, new toilets at AIF range, five year lease for the handgun range, meeting range approval guidelines and migrating club accounts to MYOB.
- Thanks to the committee and a suggestion that it becomes smaller with more allocated tasks.
- Request that a regular Thursday night shooter volunteer to assist Shane in junior development.
- While the Club has many volunteers who are greatly appreciated, there has been some angst caused between decision making and completion of tasks.
- Pontville members have continued a proud record of competition outside the local scene.
- Some challenges for the next committee are: completion of the range approval process, renewal of the AIF Range lease, and to explore the possibility of further competition at Blue Hills.
- Special mention to Ron Tunks and Paul Durkin for their time and mechanical assistance for works on both ranges.

## What's In a Name?- Glenorchy!

For many years our Club shot at Pontville and adopted that name when we affiliated with SSAA. Since moving to Tolosa Street, Club officials have been constantly asked why we are called Pontville if we don't shoot there. After a lengthy process over some 18 months, 5 names were short listed by members: Pontville, Glenorchy, Wellington, Merton and Tolosa.

At a secret ballot at the AGM, **Glenorchy** was overwhelmingly chosen as our Club's new name. Some reasons for this selection were the fact that part of our Club is already known as the Glenorchy Handgun Club and this name would align us with the city of Glenorchy and identifies us with the municipality. The new name change will probably take effect at the same time as SSAA Tasmania drafts a new Branch Constitution

### SSAA National Lever Action Championship

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> and Mon 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010

### SSAA Tasmania State Lever Action Championship Fri 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010

Scottsdale Range, Scottsdale  
Contact: R Cains 0419136903 or [rcains@iinet.net.au](mailto:rcains@iinet.net.au)

Go to the SSAA Tas web page

<http://www.ssaatas.com.au/events.htm>

for nomination forms and courses of fire.

## Juniors Shine

Pontville had a total of 18 competitors in the National Junior Field Rifle Postal Competition.

Competing against 54 shooters **Liam Stewart** won the Under 15 section with a score of 355.01 out of a maximum of 400. **Corey Jarvis** scored 366.01 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Over 15 section against 47 competitors.

Congratulations to both boys and their instructors.

## IPSC September Shoot Replaced With Working B

The IPSC shoot, scheduled for 11th September has been cancelled due to a short supply of RO's for that day and a desire to work on the new target frames and fixed firing line. See Paul Durkin or Shane Bowden if you can assist. This work will benefit all Mitchell Range users so please try to find the time.

## Off to the USA?



Back from left: Ted Chambers, Mark Hemsley, Leon O'Brien and Andrew Judd

From a recent picture and article in the Mercury. This team was selected to represent Australia at the 2010 New Mexico Lever Action Silhouette State Championship. Unfortunately Andrew Judd couldn't make the trip but by all reports it was an enjoyable trip providing invaluable experience. With some of the world's best shooters competing, medals were hard to come by.

## Pistol Practice Reminder

A reminder that the Mitchell Range will only be available for practice on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays from 10 am. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays are reserved for the assigned disciplines only.

## Your Bull Barrel

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