



Bull Barrel



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From the Committee:

The next Open Committee meeting will be on Monday 13th Dec, 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 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:

- Please don't over-tighten BR tables.
- Mitchell Range Development Sub-committee formed

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:

Christmas BBQ – Be There!



Come and enjoy our Christmas BBQ and trophy presentations, at the AIF Smallbore Range on Sunday 19 December from 11.30. Lunch provided and soft drinks available but bring your own grownup beverages. Look for the fliers and get your name down for this great annual event. Next year's roster should be available then.

More Information Please

Safety is always the main priority and the use of firearms by unauthorised people on our ranges is clearly undesirable and potentially unsafe. Only people with an appropriate license, minor's permit or exemption should be shooting. Range Officers or their delegate should sight these documents before a person is allowed to use a firearm.

Shooters are also required to write their License Number in the "Pass No." column of the sign in book. Bit of a pain but a small price to pay to make sure that only Firearms Dept. approved shooters are handling firearms on our ranges.

Mitchell Range Development

Drainage work has been completed largely thanks to the donation of time and machinery by Ron Tunks (below) and the hard stand has been substantially improved.



New target frames made by Paul Durkin and prototypes of new shooting bays have given the range a much needed makeover.



Future development has been planned and a submission for funding has been made to State SSAA. Unfortunately our ranges are zoned *Landscape and Conservation* so obtaining planning permission for major projects is difficult as we are, "non-conforming users." While we are exploring all options, it might be more prudent to wait until late next year when the Glenorchy City Council complete their new planning scheme which will hopefully re-zone our ranges to something a bit more appropriate such as *Recreational*. During that time there are still many improvements that can be made to the range.

Pistol Practice Reminder

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

National Junior Shooting Challenge 2010



Our Field Rifle Medalists

Left to Right: Liam Stewart, Corey Jarvis, Dylan Webb, Mitchell Stevens

Last month 10 juniors from Pontville traveled to Springvale, Victoria for the National Coaching Clinic and National Junior Competition. The disciplines shot were 3P and Field Rifle. We were the largest single contingent there.

Day one saw success for Corey Jarvis (under 15) who shot 484.1 to take silver. Nicholas Langford (over 15) and Dylan Webb (under 15) who both gained the bronze medal with scores of 468.2 and 379.1 respectively.

In the Field Rifle event Corey won gold with a score of 357.1 and Liam Stuart won silver with 356.1. Mitchell Stevens won the under 15's with a score of 343.3 and Dylan Webb won the bronze with a score of 322.

Corey won the Two Gun Aggregate with a score of 841.2 narrowly beating Josh Taylor from Victoria who shot 841.1.

All of the boys got a lot out of the experience of shooting in a national competition on an unfamiliar range. Overall the weekend was a great success for Pontville.

It was great to see so many juniors competing and getting to know each other. It showed me that the investment of time and energy into our juniors is both very important and very rewarding.

By **James Ayers**



Gold, gold gold! for Corey Jarvis with Allen Bingham

IPSC Cancelled

The IPSC shoot rostered for 11th December has been cancelled due to a major mountain bike competition.

Aviation and Military Wisdom

- 'Mankind has a perfect record in aviation - we have never left one up there!' - Unknown Author
- 'If the enemy is in range, so are you.' - Infantry Journal
- 'Tracers work both ways.' - U.S. Army Ordnance Manual
- 'Any ship can be a minesweeper. Once.' - Maritime Ops Manual
- 'If you see a bomb technician running, try to keep up with him.' - USAF Ammo Troop
- Remember: there are more airplanes in the sea, than submarines in the air.

Blue Hills Champions



Action at the recent C/F State Field Rifle and 3P Championships at Blue Hills

Skip To The Loo

Hopefully by the time of publication the toilet facilities at the AIF range will be well on the way to completion.

A septic tank has been ordered and is to be delivered on Wednesday 1st December. Plumbing fittings should also be delivered on that day and with a bit of luck we will have a plumber on site by 10th December.

The septic system will also cater for waste from the kitchen in the AIF range clubhouse. Those that have been inside will notice great improvement here as well, with the kitchen area having its own ceiling and improved lighting. New bench tops have been obtained and manufacture of a sink cupboard is underway. Thanks to everyone for their time and effort on these major projects.

It has been said, "If we all do a little bit to help, none of us will have to do much at all"

Your Bull Barrel

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