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From the President...

All going to plan as this edition hits your post-box, we should have a decision or at least a clear direction via the supreme court over the ongoing sagas with WAPOL firearms licensing. SAT found in ours and Ella Vella's favour however this was appealed by WAPOL legal. As an association we have ultimately funded the various court cases particularly around the Ella Vella sagas as well as directions in regards to larger calibre firearms. We should all congratulate Shane Aylmore in particular for his steadfast resolve in this matter as well as our Legal eagles. Your membership money has gone to good use to take a stand which is what it's all about.



There's a major push on federally to counter the feral pig problem with lots of initiatives being promoted. One disturbing comment from our local environment minister was that shooters are the problem seeding pigs between zones. There are severe penalties for this and if you have any info please report it.

Over the last short period we have seen over 1000 members attend various state titles showing the sport is alive and well and congratulations to the clubs who put on the events. We also welcomed yet another longstanding club coming in to the fold being Leschenalt Handgun club and we have more clubs are joining up.

It should be noted that SSAA as a whole takes a zero-approach policy to inappropriate and poor behaviour at clubs in much the same way as it would apply in your

workplace. All clubs should be a safe welcoming place for anyone visiting the environs of a SSAA Range. We are all a reflection of the sports image and need to be mindful of that. Our Member Protection Policy sets out the codes of behaviour and the code of ethics as well as legal obligations within which everyone associated with our organization is expected to abide. It can be found on our website.

The SSAA WA Mobile Air Range has made a few successful trips in particular the Nannup RSL 100th anniversary and we had a flood of folks come through including the local WAPOL who I must say really know how to shoot a handgun with targets that would see them make a state team. It's always a pleasure to see the look on kids faces when they get a great score or indeed hit a V Bull and not one has walked away with a new appreciation of the sport. You will see the Mobile Range out and about in 2020 at a range of events throughout our State.

We have started a new SSAA Western Australia initiative pushing the educational message of locking up your firearms properly when not in use. Former West Coast Eagle star and keen marksman Mark Le Cras has come on board as a brand ambassador and we have run some adds in the country newspapers re same, they have been very well received so far.

Lastly we wish everyone have a safe and very merry Christmas and hopefully the family get the hint and you get lots of gun shop gift vouchers.

Ron Bryant



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2019 Practical Hunting Rifle State Championships

Practical Hunting Rifle events have been steadily growing in popularity over the last 10 years and the state titles this year was a great event.

A total of seventy-six match entries were received this year, spread over one rimfire and three centrefire events. Shooters from 5 clubs representing a large geographical area of the state participated, indicating the growing popularity of this discipline.

Shooters enjoyed a very cold start of 0°C at PRMSC on Saturday, but conditions improved steadily and two great shooting days followed.

Six separate 5 shot strings each made up the course of fire for the rimfire and centrefire matches. In this discipline competitors are presented with a number of realistic hunting scenarios where distances are unknown and positions are similar to what would be used in the field. Life-sized paper targets of animals typically hunted in Australia and Africa need to be engaged in a specified time and prescribed shooting position. One string of 5 shots per match were fired at suspended steel discs (gongs) while the balance went into the paper targets.

The event introduced a brand-new centrefire target and a very stable new quad pod rest that provided an added challenge to the competitors, as they have not seen these before. Juniors were well represented amongst the competitors with 10 of the 39 competitors under the age of 18. A summary of the results below:

Centrefire- Open Class

Overall 1. Willem, F (695.00/900.10) 2. Otto, R (650.00/900.10) 3. Mark D (625.00/900.10)

Junior 1. Ash C (420.01/900.10) 2. Zietsman (385.00/900.10) 3. Zian R (360.00/900.10)

Centrefire- 222/223 Class

Overall 1. Marc D (655.00/900.10) 2. Jan vN (645.01/900.10) 3. Bruce H (630.00/900.10)

Juniors 1. Ethan R (435.00/900.10) 2. Ash C (395.00/900.10) 3. Elna D (365.00/900.10)

Rimfire- Overall

1. Otto R (660.00/900.00) 2. Charles S (620.00/900.00) 3. Bruce H (620.00/900.00)

2. Juniors 1. Ash C (460.00/900.00) 2. Ethan R (445.00/900.00) 3. Zian R (435.00/900.00)

3. Big Game Class (>.330") Overall 1. Terry M (215/300.4) 2. Jan vN (195.1/300.4) 3. Bruce H (185/300.4)

Hope to see you there next year!

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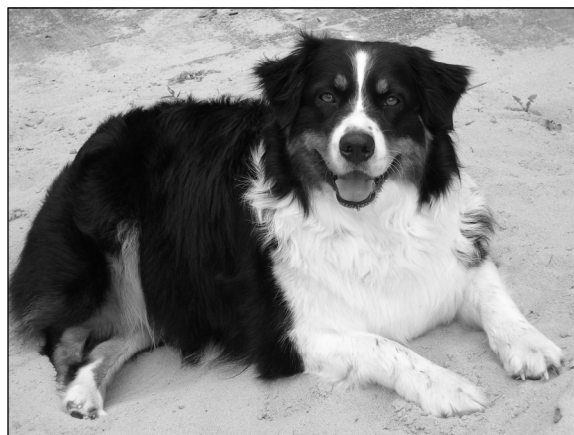
Passing of a popular member 'Focus'

Sadly, I must advise of the passing of the beloved Australian Shepherd "Focus". She was suffering from a failing heart condition which caught up with her and Dave K said his final farewells to her at the "Waves Clinic" at 1.07am Saturday 20th July.

"Focus" had been to every shooting event with Dave for the past 11 years and had endeared herself to members at his home club Mundaring, Jarrahdale, Canning and their favourite camping week-end shoots at Kukerin, she was from day one a very Range savvy girl and greeted everyone with a waggle of her stumpy tail... and if you had food....a friend for life!

The only time she seemed to get really excited was when our Pres. Ron wanted to fly his Drone...."Focus" would come to life and leap tall buildings to catch that thing !!

Jarrahdale decided to Honour "Focus" in January by inducting her as an Honorary Member with her Membership Card reading "Focus" WO2 K9#1. A proud moment indeed. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten. RIP Focus



The Sixth Quigley Down Under Annual Buffalo and Bucket Shoot

Big single shot enthusiasts of rolling blocks and falling blocks such as Remington, Sharps and Browning Highwall with tall Soule sights in 45-70 or 45-90 single-shot rifles favoured by buffalo hunters on the American plains made the annual trek to Wyalkatchem, about two and half hours east of Perth. The newspapers tell of the terrible droughts in the other parts of Australia but the wheatbelt areas of WA are having a bumper season again this year and the country looks fantastic. It is worth the drive alone for the endless canola, wheat, barley and other grain crops.

This was a special year for the Quigley Bucket Shoot match. Thanks to the efforts of WA SSAA President Ron Bryant, Tom Selleck of the Quigley Down Under movie (which was shot in WA in the Yalgoo region incidentally) provided a signed embossed image of Quigley the cowboy which was incorporated into a magnificent perpetual shield.

Six matches are shot with perpetual trophies, SSAA medals for the first three places and a Top Gun Trophy for total score of all matches in memory of "The Bandit" aka Neville Reeves.

The six main matches were:

Rimfire .22 lever action rifle 15 rounds from 25 to 125 yards off hand.

Pistol calibre lever action rifle 15 rounds from 100 to 300 yards off hand.

Rifle calibre lever action rifle 15 rounds from 200 to 400 yards off hand.

Single Shot "The Stand" 25 rounds 200 to 600 yards off sticks.

Single Shot Quigley Bucket Shoot 12 rounds off sticks at 810 yard.

Single Shot Buffalo Shoot 12 rounds off sticks at 1000 yards.

All targets except the rimfire match and the Quigley bucket are shot at a full-size steel replica buffalo. The 810-yard bucket distance comes from the Quigley movie where he used his Sharps rifle to hit a wash bucket whereas a 4 ft x 3 ft trapezoid steel target is used for this shoot. The "Stand" is based on the buffalo movement on the plains which moved slowly away from the hunters contributing to their large reduction in numbers until they were eventually protected in the 1880s.

Video and sound images are transmitted to the firing line by modern wireless technology to determine target hits as well as traditional spotting scopes.

The weather conditions were cold in the mornings with windy conditions making holding and sight adjustments quite difficult. The trophy winners were spread around different

shooters and clubs and a great weekend was enjoyed by all.

List of Trophy and Medal Winners

Rimfire 22 Lever Action Rifle Off Hand

1st The Judge (SDRC), 2nd S. Dawson (Wyalkatchem), 3rd P. Kelly

Pistol Calibre Lever Action Rifle Off Hand

1st Billy Dickson (Jarrahdale SS), 2nd Doolin (Jarrahdale SS), 3rd Remington (Jarrahdale SS)

Rifle Calibre Lever Action Rifle Off Hand

1st The Judge (SDRC), 2nd Doolin (Jarrahdale SS), 3rd Pinto (SDRC)

The Stand 200 to 600 yards - Single shot rifle

1st G. Kilsbury (PWAC), 2nd F. Fanali (PWAC), 3rd C. McQuilan (PWAC)

Quigley Bucket 810 yards - Single shot rifle

1st F. Fanali (PWAC), 2nd Billy Dickson (Jarrahdale SS), 3rd Remington (Jarrahdale SS)

The Buffalo 1000 yards - Single shot rifle

1st Doolin (Jarrahdale SS), 2nd Durango (SDRC), 3rd Range Rover Ray (SDRC)

Top Gun (best score for six matches) - (The Bandit aka Neville Reeves Memorial Shield)

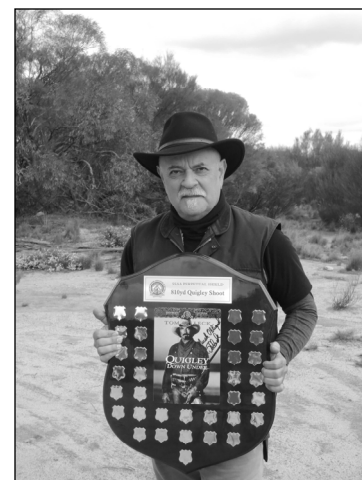
Remington (Jarrahdale SS)

A big thank you goes out to the many people who make this shoot possible including the Wyalkatchem WARA club. Lunch and morning tea was organised and donated by Jan, Stewy and others.

SSAA provided the Quigley "Stand" trophy and medals for winners and place getters

Written by Wayne Blisner
aka "Remington"

*Frank F with new Quigley
Bucket Shoot Perpetual
Trophy*



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November 2019- February 2020

2019 SSAA(WA) Practical Shooting Handgun State Championships

2nd & 3rd November, WCPRC, Pinjar

Contact: Paul Fitzgerald wcprc.president@gmail.com

2019 SSAA Steel Challenge National Championships

22nd—24th November, Kukerin Practical Pistol Club, Kukerin WA

Contact Steve Marris ssmarris@westnet.com.au

2019 SSAA(WA) Big Game Rifle State Championships

10th November, PBGRC, Pinjar

Contact Steve Pearson steve@variflow.com.au

For more information on events please refer to our website

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2019 SSAA(WA) IRB State Championships

On Sunday 23rd of June 2019 Mundaring Marksmen Association ran the State I.R.B. (International Rimfire Benchrest) Championships with competitors travelling from as far as Albany and Geraldton (5 - 7 hours drive) to join in on the fun. The Sky's, thunderstorms and rains held off as we shot through three details of three relays with some testing conditions at times.

We would like to thank all of the 27 competitors for really putting on a show with Kay Cotterell taking the win for the day AND breaking the State Aggregate Record not to mention the two Juniors Madison Jones And Taj Bosich who both finished in the top 15 for the day.

The day was a blast and was only possible due to the

commitment of a team of Mundaring Marksmen Association members who took care of the background work on the day - RO, Target Crew and Scorers. Over the last 18 months the same group of members had been working tirelessly to build new frames, modify infrastructure and help gain SSAA Benchrest certification for the Range

We would also like to thank our delegates and other shooters such as Maureen Edwards & David Kerr as without their input none of this would be possible

Thanks again to everyone who came along to the day and we hope to see you at the next shoot.

Will Barrett - WA Benchrest Delegate
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