

# SHOOTING WEST

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## From the President...

Some sad news came through in January to hear of the passing of Dr Leo Laden who amongst a host of others was one of the founders of SSAA in Western Australia.

Leo was indeed a true character of the sport and was loved by many, he had a quirky character about him and his private firearms museum was on the "to do list" for anyone involved in shooting to get a valuable lesson in the development of militaria over the centuries and to meet Leo in person. He also sold the odd firearm as a dealer and one of the sales techniques was free guinea pig or budgie with any purchase.

He served many roles on State and Club executives and was a strong advocate for common sense law reforms, he was also a life member of SSAA WA and Perth Muzzle Loading Club and held many shooting records along the way also having competed in nine world championship shoots.

His many years as a Doctor lead to him writing a book called "Dicks and Dickheads that I've known" which is a hilarious must read based on his dealings with bureaucracy.

We have fond memories of many SSAA State AGMs where Leo would always bring along an obscure random object for "show and tell", the demonstration always starting with a question of what we all thought the item was? And it often it lead to a hilarious lesson in either how silly gun laws were or the thought that you wouldn't have wanted to encounter the object in life.

Leo will be sadly missed by us all.

Underway at the moment is the SSAA WA Red Card shoots being held across the state and we are proud of our

continued involvement that helps in the reduction of feral pests in our regional areas but also helps Regional Mens Health with the sponsorship bounty we pay on the tally. Some big numbers are coming in via the local coordinators who do fantastic work in putting the local shoots together often with some additional sponsorships from local businesses and it's their hard work that makes it all happen.

A lot has been happening on the political front with SSAA WA directly backing several legal actions in relation to poor decisions or rejections, a lot can be headed off at the early stages and you should take note of the Vice Pres report (next page). Broken promises seem to be a trend and we are looking forward to the next election cycle to remind folks we won't go away quietly.

On a final note after a lot of work our mobile shooting range is fully operational and has had the graphics completed and we are looking forward to the country field days to showcase the association. It was built by WA Kart Trailers in Malaga, photos taken by member Shae Walsh and graphics were by a long term supporter Nathan from Imagine IT signs.

**Ron Bryant**

*Dr Leo Laden*



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## Advice on Adding Additional Firearms

Recently there have been many rejections by WAPOL in relation to firearm additions being refused, mainly due to forms not completed accurately, sections missed out or the need to satisfy Section 11A of the Firearms Act, "Genuine reason"

SSAA WA have assisted in many applications being re-submitted due to the genuine reason not satisfying the Police, some examples used were "bunny busting", "fun shooting" and "yippee shooting", these reasons were not accepted. The two most common genuine reasons acceptable according to the Act are either club endorsement or recreational/hunt.

In regard to recreational/hunt, the firearm and accompanying 'property letter' must be of an appropriate calibre for the property size and type of vermin to be controlled, so if you apply for a large calibre to shoot camels on a 300-acre property in the Albany region it will most likely be rejected as the property size may be deemed too small for the calibre and there are no camels around Albany. Your genuine need is to reflect in a justifiable manner for which you intend to use the firearm and specific types of vermin appropriate to the calibre. Also do not use Australian native wildlife as all species are

protected unless permits or tags for control are issued by a relative government department.

All applications are scrutinised in minute detail by the Police and any anomaly or mistake may result in rejection which causes delay and frustration for the applicant.

Take your time and pay attention to detail such as serial numbers, when filling out the online application form, check and re-check all details provided.

If you wish to acquire a firearm in the same calibre you already own then the reason must satisfy a genuine need and a letter justifying that genuine need should accompany the application, just because it was granddads 22 Lithgow that he owned 50 years ago does not meet the genuine need criteria, not here in WA any way.

Recently the Vice President has assisted many members to resolve rejection issues and he is only too happy to assist and provide information that will result in a successful application.

If you have any enquiries or require help please call the SSAA WA Vice President, Ernie Polis on 0497 299 369 and help is always gladly provided to all shooters.

## Red Card For Foxes

Red Cards are well underway with nearly 30 events registered so far between February and April. Across regional WA.

Some recent results include the Williams Red Card Fox Shoot where the total for the weekend tally was 306 foxes 71 rabbits 11 feral cats 5 pigs. Boyup Brook have reported ja whopping 700 foxes and Miling came in with 289 foxes shot by only 14 teams.



## Mobile Shooting Range

Soon you will start seeing our new Mobile Shooting Range out and about. She will be travelling to various Field Days, Agricultural Shows and other public events. As well, we have been approached by some secondary schools to bring 'big bertha' along to educate students on the safe, fun sport that is shooting. We are looking forward to getting her out on the road.

## ***Discipline in focus.....***

## ***Fly Shoot***

The original Fly shoot was created here in Australia in 1990 for centrefire rifles at 500m. Since then a number of clubs that didn't have ranges out to 500m decided to use the same target at 200m and bring out the Rimfire rifles. Benchrest Fly has grown rapidly in popularity.

### **The Rifles**

The Rimfire match allows the use of any .22LR rimfire rifle and the total maximum weight of the rifle must not exceed 7.711kg.

The Centrefire match includes a Light and Heavy class, with both allowing any legal, registered centrefire rifle up to and including .49-calibre. In the Light class, the total maximum weight of the rifle including a bipod must not exceed 7.711kg, while in the Heavy class, the rifle may have an unlimited weight, but it must be manually lifted onto the bench.



### **Scoring**

The scoring for Fly incorporates both score and group results. It is primarily a score shooting match but bonus points are awarded for the group size.

In a 7 minute period the shooters are only allowed to fire 8 rounds of which only 5 of those must be placed on the record target. The other 3 are "sighters" and can be

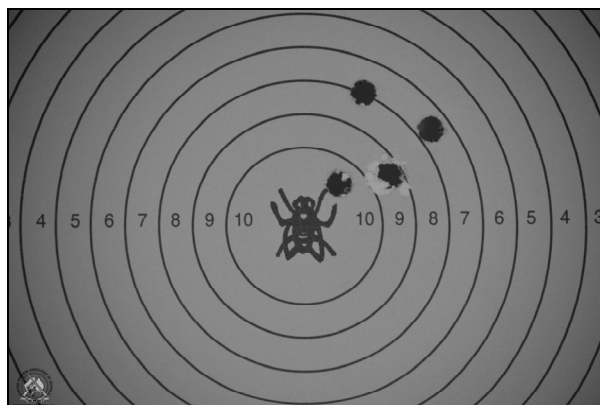
fired at a separate sighting card.

The Fly target has a 10 ring with a blow fly in the centre. The 5 scoring shots will be given a value according to where they land in the scoring rings of the Fly target. If you hit the fly you get a bonus X added to the total score.



One of the great attractions of this event is the emphasis on fun. There are only 10 rules and they are printed on the targets. Rule 10 says "Any competitor caught not having fun will be disqualified" A Fly patch is awarded to those who hit a fly regardless of their placing in a match. These are highly sought after.

For more information please contact our WA State Delegate Stuart Pethybridge email: [flyshoot@ssaawa.org.au](mailto:flyshoot@ssaawa.org.au) or go to [ssaawa.org.au](http://ssaawa.org.au)



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## Upcoming Competitions

## March- June 2019

2019 SSAA(WA) Trap State Championships  
Sun 10th March Jarrahdale Sporting Shooters  
Contact: Nigel Youens [nigel.youens@iinet.net.au](mailto:nigel.youens@iinet.net.au)

2019 SSAA (WA) Muzzle Loading State Championships P1  
16th , 17th & 24th March Perth Muzzle Loading Club  
Contact: Rick Denniston [dennistonr@iinet.net.au](mailto:dennistonr@iinet.net.au)

2019 SSAA (WA) Steel Challenge State Championships  
Sat 30th March Kukerin Prac Pistol Club  
Contact: [practicalshooting@ssaawa.org.au](mailto:practicalshooting@ssaawa.org.au)

2019 SSAA(WA) Target Pistol State Championships  
Sat 6th & Sun th April Port Bouvard Pistol & Smallbore Club  
Contact: [secretary@portbouvardpc.com.au](mailto:secretary@portbouvardpc.com.au)

2019 SSAA(WA) 5 Stand State Championships  
Sun 5th May Jarrahdale Sporting Shooters  
Contact: Nigel Youens [nigel.youens@iinet.net.au](mailto:nigel.youens@iinet.net.au)

2019 SSAA (WA) Practical Shooting Interclub 'Bullet Bowl'  
Sun 12th May Jarrahdale Sporting Shooters  
Contact: Derek B 0413 045 353

2019 SSAA(WA) NRA & Scoped Air Rifle State Championships  
8th & 9th June Port Bouvard Pistol & Rifle Club  
Contact: Matthew Boots [fieldrifle@ssaawa.org.au](mailto:fieldrifle@ssaawa.org.au)

2019 SSAA (WA) Mandar/ Revolver Interclub 'Bullet Bowl'  
Sun 16th June Canning Sporting Shooters  
Contact: Derek B 0413 045 353

SSAA(WA) Benchrest Rimfire State Championships  
Sun 23rd June Mundaring Marksmen  
Contact: Will Barrett [williambarrett@optusnet.com.au](mailto:williambarrett@optusnet.com.au)

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