

SHOOTING WEST

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From the President...

Since our last Shooting West the Association has continued to flourish and we are showing solid growth however we do need to keep getting more members on board. Our numbers determine our influence and those on the hill take notice of how many of us are out there. It also gives us the ability to support legal defenses of the sport such as the ongoing sagas stemming from Ella Valla who have one of our clubs as part of its setup. The proposed conditions being placed on them were way over the top and it brought into question WAPOLs legal ability to even impose conditions. Its been an ongoing fight with Ross Williamson at the forefront and the State Administrative Tribunal ruled in our favor as a pure legal argument, however this has now been appealed by WAPOL so it looks like we are off to the supreme court, watch this space as they say.

After much lobbying by ourselves, Sifa and some others, Australia Post are finally coming back on board allowing firearms to be moved within the state safely between licensed dealers, its still only a part solution but I need to commend the Senior staff at Aus Post you have taken a common sense approach to finding a fix.

The WA Auditor General handed down yet another



report that once again has brought to light the inefficiencies of the Licensing of firearms in WA. I and others have met with Senior Police as well as those in government. No one appears surprised by the report and none are seemingly prepared to do anything about it with a State Government that doesn't care that you are suffering high fees, poor service and long wait times, it's time for those on the hill to wake up.

The SSAA WA Mobile Shooting Range has had a bit of use introducing newcomers to the sport and its been seen at Wagin Field Days as well as Guildford Grammar school camps which is exactly why we built it. Its next major outing will be the Dowerin Field days so if you are in the area come by and say hello.

Ron Bryant

*L-R Ross, Williamson,
Karrie Loudon, Shane
Aylmore & Ron Bryant*



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Red Card Success - \$20,000 for Regional Men's Health

The partnership between the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (WA) and the Red Card for Rabbits and Foxes program has again provided benefits to the Regional Men's Health Initiative (RMHI).

Based on a \$5 donation per pest culled in community events across the south west the Sporting Shooters Association has presented a cheque for \$20,000 to the Men's Health Initiative to support their work in raising awareness of men's health and wellbeing in regional WA.

Red Card for Rabbits and Foxes is a community based feral animal control program with over 1000 people across south west WA participating in autumn 2019 culling over 7000 pest animals.

Debra Rule said, "This is the third year the Sporting Shooters Association has supported Red Card and Regional Men's Health. Our community really appreciate that by being part of this they not only are tackling pests but they are also contributing to an important regional health program. Living in the regions we know full well the devastating impact feral animals and mental health challenges can have on our community."

The Sporting Shooters Association President Ron Bryant said,

"Our Association identifies the importance of men's health and across Australia we are strong supporters of tackling the issue of feral animals. To us it is just a great fit and we are really pleased to have donated more than \$50,000 over the last three years.

Ron confirmed that the Sporting Shooters Association had committed to this partnership for another four years. "We are looking forward to maximising our impact, not just on pests but for our regional "Warriors".

Find out how you can be part of this important program at www.redcard.org.au.



Disabled Shooting Open Day

On a beautiful Saturday, the First of June, SSAAWA's newest branch, Western Australia Accessible Sport Shooting (WAASS) held their inauguration shoot and Open Day at the Field Rifle Range of Jarrahdale Sporting Shooters Inc. In true WAASS form, the day was an informal get together attended by 22 prospective members and several important dignitaries.

Ian Goodenough MP, Rick Mazza MLC and Aaron Stonehouse MLC provided much appreciated, enthusiastic and valuable representation for political parties both State and National.

Our major sponsors Claremont Firearms and Downrange Firearms Perth came and supported our club with more than simple financial support. The President and Secretary of Jarrahdale Sporting Shooters were present and helped out in a generous fashion as we've come to expect from Jarrahdale. WAASS would like to express their deep gratitude and admiration for the enthusiastic attendance and valuable advice offered freely by these wonderful people.

The day consisted of a modified Field Rifle match with three challenges, a close group challenge, a high score challenge and a "lucky shot" which required participants to get the closest to a hidden mark.

Attendees participated with various abilities, some paraplegic, some quadriplegic, some ASD and many others. Everybody was excited and appreciative for the opportunity to try out shooting and several signed up to join the club on the day.

After the official match, speeches and presentations, the enthusiastic ones kicked on at the range to try out some of the toys provided by experienced shooters and members of the club. More than one recoil junkie was unearthed! WAASS is a SSAAWA Branch, dedicated to specifically supporting Disabled Shooters in enjoying our sport. Membership is open to everyone who is supportive of this concept, both disabled and able bodied. If you would like more information about WAASS, please visit our website <http://waass.org.au> or call President John Davidson 0431 301 181.



Mobile Air Range has a Field Day at Wagin Woolarama

The SSAA (WA) Mobile Air Range recently completed its inaugural WA Regional Agricultural Show, attending the Wagin Woolarama held on Friday the 8th and Saturday the 9th March 2019.



With the Air Range set up on the main oval, strategically located alongside our local regional partner Steelo's Guns and Outdoors Narrogin, the

Woolarama proved to be a fantastic opportunity for the SSAA (WA) to promote the exciting challenges involved in the ballistic sports.

The line-up for a chance to try out the air pistols was never empty and a huge thank you must go to all the state and regional club volunteers that helped to showcase the broad range of benefits available to our rural cousins and regional members, by being a part of the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia.

The Woolarama attracts a huge crowd each year, and the Mobile Air Range, quickly proved to be a hit with organisers, exhibitors and attendees alike. Over the course of two days, our qualified Range Officers successfully instructed over 700 people of all ages, excited to test their abilities on the air pistols.



The Air Range Team had the pleasure to host Members of Parliament the **Hon. Mr. Rick Mazza MLC** and the **Hon. Mr. Vince Catania MLA**, who were in attendance at the show and both tested their skills at the Air Range.

The smiles say it all, and we are so grateful for the unwavering support of our friends in Parliament who like us, share our healthy passion for the opportunity to educate, promote and enjoy the Shooting Sports.

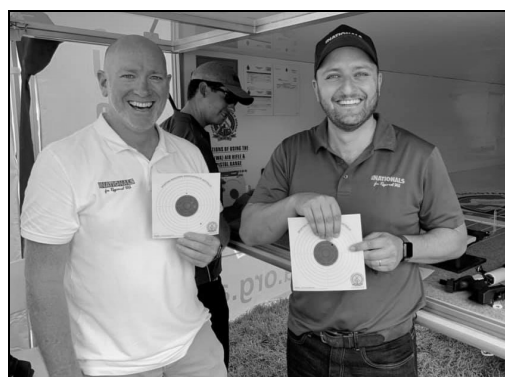
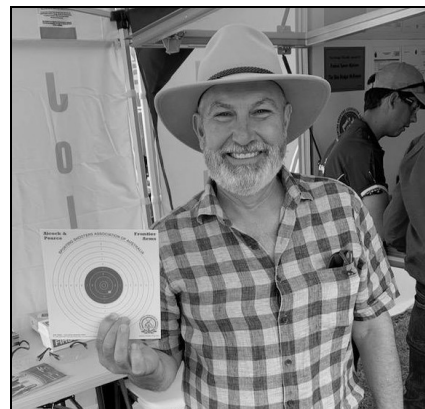
The Air Range performed flawlessly and is a magnificent platform and investment for the future to safely introduce people of all ages to the *Sporting Shooters Association of Australia*, our family friendly clubs and welcoming membership, as well as introducing all those with a keen eye to the simple pleasures and challenges of safely and legally scoring the paper targets.

The SSAA (WA) State Executive Team would also like to convey our sincere thanks to the organising committee of the Wagin Woolarama and WAPOL for their assistance in the success of the Mobile Air Range at this event.

With the Dowerin Field Days just around the corner in August the Air Range is booked for another fantastic showing at the biggest Field day on the WA Rural Calendar.

Some exciting technology upgrades have just been completed to the Air Range and we are extremely excited to have secured a surprise Local WA Sporting Legend to help us promote the SSAA and the Air Range at Dowerin!

Paul Fitzgerald SSAA(WA) Committe



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July - September 2019

2019 SSAA(WA) CLAS State Championships

12th, 13th & 14th July Port Hedland SSAA

Contact: Peter Nicholls secretary@hedlandssa.org.au

2019 SSAA (WA) Sporting Clays Championships

Sun 4th Aug Perth Field Rifle club, Pinjar WA

Contact: Neil Cobb neilcobb@bigpond.com

Dowerin Agricultural Field Days

August 28th & 29th 2019

Mobile Shooting Range in attendance

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 Email: benchrest@ssaawa.org.au

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