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From the President...

The Issues with transportation of Firearms in and out of WA continues for Dealers and along with the WA Firearms Traders Association and SIFA we have continued to lobby Government and Police to try and get some sort of common sense resolve.

It's a complex issue that has seen two dealers being charged, these charges are being challenged through legal channels.

This issue affects all shooters in the state. It has already had devastating effects on the WA Firearms trade and will affect every single shooter in WA through the increased difficulty in buying or selling firearms and accessories interstate without massive transport fees being added to the cost of sale, if dealers can indeed secure transport at all.

At the time of writing its RED Card Community Fox Shoot time, I had the opportunity to attend and speak to the Boyup Brook red card shoot. The figures were staggering for just two nights of shooting, with over 700 foxes, a brace of pigs and feral cats and 180 odd Rabbits. The obvious benefits of the two night's ef-

forts to the environment cannot be understated and the work put in by the coordinators and over 100 volunteers deserves special mention.

The Breakfast weigh in count had many stories but one that literally takes the cake was a fox shot coming up out of a dam that was shot with a wood duck in its mouth, lockjaw instantly set in so the two were forever intertwined.

For some time now we have as an association been involved by covering a bounty on the foxes shot with the funds being donated to Regional Mens Health Initiative who do great work in rural WA.



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2017 WA Sports Star Awards

A very special event in the Shooting community calendar is always the WA Shooting Association Sports Star of the Year Awards. This year SSAA (WA) was proud to have three nominees:

Barry Wilmot (Service to Sport)

Barry (*pictured*) was born and has lived in Perth all his life, where his interest in Firearms and Militaria began at an early age. He was among a small group of members who founded SSAA in WA many years ago and he is a life member. Barry also helped to establish the Perth Muzzle Loading Club in WA. From 1980 to 1999 he owned and operated several firearm stores in Perth, holding a gunsmiths licence providing a needy service to the shooters. He is also still actively involved in feral pest management Barry has spent most of his life reloading, which is quite significant given his more than 60 years experience with the shooting sports. His interest in cartridge ballistics prompted him to write *Reloading for Rifles and Pistols*, a manual which is still sold in firearm outlets in Australia and New Zealand. Barry says that there's no reason why experienced handgun or rifle shooters shouldn't be reloading. "Once they start, they realise how much money they can save and how gratifying experimenting can be," he said. He has also written the reloading column in the *Australian Shooter* magazine on a regular basis for the past 15 years.

Now, continuing to pass on his extensive knowledge to other shooters, Barry has just taken up a position as one of our new "Top Shots" panel of experts at the Australian Shooter where he will be available to answer SSAA member questions on a wide range of topics, his specialties being reloading, optics and scopes.

Keigan Williams (Junior & International)

Keigan began shooting a number of years ago and has developed into a fine young athlete. His high scores at State and National level saw him represent Australia as the youngest member of the Senior SSAA team for the 2016 Pacific Regional Shooting Competition. Keigan achieved four silver medals (two individual and two team) and two bronze medals (one individual and one team) at the competition and also broke an Australian junior record for the NRA 3P kneeling position.

At the 2017 Field Rifle & 3-Positional National Championships Keigan dominated in the Junior ranks winning the Australian National Junior Championship and smashing a number of National Junior & Australian junior re-

ords in the process. He also qualified for selection as part of the Australian team to compete in the NRA National Smallbore Championships in USA in July 2018. Keigan holds a large number of WA State Junior records in the Field Rifle/ 3-P discipline and also holds the Open records for Scoped 10m Air Rifle in prone position, standing position and overall score.

Matthew Boots (Senior)

Matthew continued to dominate the SSAA Scoped 3-Positional, Field Rifle, and NRA & Air Rifle discipline in 2016/17, he won his 7th straight National Title and his 10th straight WA State Title in 2017 with some tough competition.

No other SSAA shooter has won the WA State Championships more than 3 in a row and 4 times in total and no shooter has ever won the National Championships more than twice in a row and 5 times in total. He also holds too many National and State records to list here!

In an administrative capacity he continues in the positions of State Discipline Delegate and National Discipline Chairman in the Field Rifle/ 3-P Discipline where he has brought both State and National Competitions to regions that have not previously held them or back to areas that haven't held them for a number of years. As a State Discipline Delegate, he advises shooters on all matters relating to protocol as described by the discipline whilst in his National role he oversees the discipline Australia wide.

We are proud to have had three outstanding nominee's representing our association, as always only one person can be the overall winner in each of the four divisions.

Congratulations to Matthew Boots for taking out the overall Senior Division and Keigan Williams for the overall Junior division.

Our sincere congratulations go to Barry Wilmot, founding member of SSAA (WA), for his well deserved nomination to Service to Sport.



Mandar and Revolver



Photo: Mandar match in action

The Mandar and Revolver handgun matches were introduced into WA in the early 1980's and quickly took off. The intent was to enable shooters from a variety of disciplines and clubs to compete on a relatively level basis; it is now a mainstay discipline at many SSAA (WA) Clubs and growing in popularity.

Mandar is a static discipline which tests a competitor's ability to perform highly accurate shots in a rapid-fire event. The match procedure in Mandar is consistent and therefore it allows new shooters an easy introduction to handgun shooting within a tightly controlled, safe and familiar environment. Mandar is also commonly seen as a "stepping stone" for those moving up to Action and Prac Pistol matches.

Don't be fooled into thinking Mandar is only for beginners, it is very mentally challenging and precise at the higher levels, requiring a cool head under pressure.

Mandar is extremely family friendly, all participants (men, women, children, the disabled and the elderly) compete together with the same rules and scoring procedures. A grading system is used, so if competing in competitions, you will be competing against people of similar ability.

The Mandar match is divided up into 5 stages for a total of 48 rounds. They are fired at distances from 10 metres out to 25 metres using different rates of fire.

The Revolver match is divided up into 6 stages for a total of 60 rounds. They are fired at distances from 10 metres out to 50 metres using a variety of targets and different rates of fire.

After each stage all targets are scored and then patched ready for the next stage.

The course of fire in Mandar is always the same, giving competitors ample opportunities to really hone their skills. Tied

Mandar matches do not utilise a count back to identify a winner, rather the competitors are required to simultaneously repeat the last course of fire under a reducing time until one competitor posts a winning score, this is known as a "shoot off". Mandar shoot offs are intense and challenging demonstrations of absolute precision under extreme stress, they are great to watch as well as compete in.

In Mandar, you can use a standard revolver or pistol with or without optical aids or you can go all out and use a fully customised handgun. Experienced Mandar shooters will typically tune their equipment to produce pinpoint accuracy. Electro-Optical sighting systems, modified semi-orthopaedic grips professional trigger modification and specialised ammunition loads are all par-for-the-course in Mandar. Your budget and imagination are the only limitations on the firearm you choose to use.

Mandar competition is conducted using a standard service pistol target. The 10 ring measures 100mm x 150mm and the target is sized approximately 420mm x 650mm. All shots fired in competition will be scored onto the same target with patching used to obscure shots taken in preceding stages. Any shot which contacts a line will be awarded the higher score.



If you would like to try pistol shooting, or are more experienced and want to improve your accuracy and challenge yourself, then Mandar could be for you.

For more information and to find a club near you please contact the SSAA (WA) State Discipline Delegate

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Upcoming Competitions

March– June 2018

2018 SSAA (WA) Cowboy Lever Action State Championships

30th March– 2nd April 2018

Dave Brougham Ph 9577 2133 clas@iinet.net.au

2018 SSAA (WA) RF Fly Shoot State Championships

31st March 2018

Jon Hawkins Ph 0418 918 378

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2018 SSAA (WA) Target Pistol State Championships

14-15th April 2018

Gary Paterson Ph 0437 387 452

ronniep576@gmail.com

2018 SSAA (WA) Steel Challenge State Championships

14th April 2018

Ian Pittick Ph 9725 7779

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2018 SSAA Shotgun 5-Stand National Championships

14th-15th April 2018

Gary Turley Ph 0428 888 075

2018 SSAA Air Rifle Field Target National Championships

31st May– 3rd June 2018

Lewis Knight Ph 0439 994 391 knighttime@iinet.net.au

2018 SSAA Fly Shoot National Championships

2nd-4th June 2018

Jon Hawkins Ph 0418 918 378

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2018 SSAA (WA) Lever Action State Championships

2nd– 3rd June 2018

Keith Mills Ph 0417 177 189 keith_mills@bigpond.com

2018 SSAA (WA) Single Action State Championships

2nd June 2018

William Dickson Ph 0407 980 955

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2018 SSAA (WA) 10m Air Rifle & NRA State Championships

9-10th June 2018

Matthew Boots Ph 0439 092 686

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2018 SSAA (WA) Skeet State Championships

6th May 2018

Neil Cobb Ph 0404 040 357 neilcobb@bigpond.com

2018 SSAA (WA) Benchrest IRB State Championships

Sunday 24th June 2018

Matthew Lovell Ph 0432 864 465 m.r.lovell@hotmail.com

2018 SSAA (WA) Rifle Metallic Silhouette State Championships

5th– 6th May 2018

Lewis Knight Ph 0439 994 391 knighttime@iinet.net.au

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