

# On Target

August 2015

*Special points of interest:*

- Gun Show
- Feb Committee Meet
- Range Shoot, Feb 2015

## Safe Storage

The firearms legislation sets out your responsibilities as a firearms owner in relation to safe storage.

Different categories of licence require different levels of safe storage. However, across all licences and permit categories, the legislation provides that any person who possesses a firearm must take all reasonable precautions to ensure that the firearm:

- Is kept safe;
- Is not lost or stolen; and
- Does not come into the possession of a person who is not authorised to possess the firearm.

## Important Notice.

**Club communication is quicker and more easily distributed if your club has your EMAIL ADDRESS. We need YOURS so we can keep in touch and update you with the latest news. PLEASE contact the club and update your details with your email address, a more reliable way to contact you.**

## Welcome to all PFA Members to “On Target”

### *Antique & Modern Arms and Collectables Expo. Penrith Gun Show*

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February. It's early, the sun is up and at 'em already, looks like it's going to be a nice day, it will be hot that's for sure, especially where we're going.

My brother, Ray and I left home at 7.15am and after an incident free trip arrived at Penrith Gun Show about 70 minutes later, a bit too early maybe, the show opens at 9am so we had some spare time to spend doing other things. We went looking for a cup of coffee and noticed a coffee shop upstairs at the **Indoor Sky Diving Centre**, perfect, so in we went, coffee was good, but the entertainment was better, watching the “visitors” and the “instructors” go through their paces inside that giant wind tunnel, UNBELIEVABLE, what a sight, we stayed too long but it didn't matter, we had all day, take a trip to this place, have a go yourself, even just watching was fun. We walked back through the carpark and into the huge display hall, to call it a tent would be insulting, this thing was huge.



Security was in attendance as you can imagine, but they just went about doing their job and seemed like part of the team, very friendly. **Cont.**

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Well laid out, tables, adjoined all around the outer edge, interrupted in the far right corner with a coffee and food outlet (smells were fabulous) and then nice easy accessible rows up and down the middle, we missed nothing (I don't think we did) and what a lot there was to see.



Rifles, old and new, shotguns old and new, handguns old and new including a wide range of target handguns also, historical items, books and much, much more.

Most of what was on the tables was for sale at very reasonable prices also with trade stall owners prepared to negotiate. Accessories aplenty, knives, especially handmade knives, things of real beauty, if I owned just some of them, they'd never do any work, just great to look at, the people who make them are true artists. We spent over 4 hours wandering around, looking, touching and in some cases holding the guns and equipment, talking to everyone, some say that my brother and I are “chatterboxes” but we didn't have to be, everyone was so cheerful and talkative, it was like everyone knew each other, great atmosphere. Did we buy anything? Well, yes we did, but with so much on display it was impossible not to find something you absolutely need and must have, can't wait for the next one, don't miss it, you will enjoy it, I'm sure. **Derek BT**

***If you keep people at arm's length for long enough you may find when you lower your arm, there is no-one there.***

### **An enjoyable day at the PFA range shoot.**

22<sup>nd</sup> February started damp with a few showers, but fortunately didn't remain that way, it cleared early (before most were out of bed) and remained that way for the majority of the day, certainly long enough for a few PFA members to gather down at the SIPC range for an eagerly anticipated shoot. A good roll up for the first shoot of the 2015 year with many known and quite a few new faces at the shoot.



A welcome sight to the range staff who are there to ensure a good time is had by all, they like to be busy as it means the members are enjoying the facilities. Gary Hokke was a Range Officer on the

day with Steve (no pix) Range Director and Richard Byrne and Michael Inch working tirelessly on the front desk, thank you guys



for a job well done, your time is appreciated by all who can shoot because you are there. Why not join these volunteers and help on the shoot days, its

easy, get in touch with the club/committee and nominate yourself for the range officers course or just volunteer to help on the shoot days, it's not hard, you'll find it very satisfying and enjoyable, while meeting new friends and you'll get an attendance as a bonus. The shoot went well, all members had a great time, no problems and lots of smiles, a good sign when someone is happy. All went away looking forward to the next opportunity to come back and "have another go" Thanks to all who participated, you make the effort worthwhile and thanks to all the range staff, you make it happen. See ya, Derek BT, Editor.

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### **COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28/2/2015**

The meeting was well attended, with a quorum easily achieved with our dedicated and hard working volunteers on committee. The meeting was brisk with an interesting flow of discussion from all in attendance. Some items listed for discussion were:

#### **1. Range Update**

The required Biodiversity Report preparation is in it's final stage and should be with Private Certifier by the end of next week (First week of March, all going to plan, ED).

All going well, we (PFA Inc) may have our Construction Certificate by the end of March. (This is excellent news for all of us. ED)

#### **2. Membership Update**

The club has 593 financial members as at end February. (A very healthy number, with still more new members coming every week. ED)

#### **3. Club shoots**

All shoots held in 2014 and the first of 2015 have been well patronised. (Many members are regularly taking advantage of the opportunity to shoot and also catch up with other members on the day. ED).

#### **3. PFA Club Financial**

The clubs financials are very healthy as of the end of Feb 2015 and the club is in a good position for the future ahead.

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### **On Target, PFA Inc. newsletter. Distribution**

#### **Schedule and Format.**

Our aim is to provide you the member with at least three (3) issues per year, our target is April, one by the end of August, and one towards the end of the year after the AGM. Each issue being two to four pages depending on available content. We would like as much member input as possible, so if you have something that may be of interest to your fellow members, PLEASE share it with us. We are expecting a regular range development update from Tony G which I'm confident will interest and quite possibly excite you all. Some information on our range shoots, etiquette, and their running etc. as well as the dates for the rest of the year. Maybe some input from individuals on committee who will have something to contribute.

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### ***Shoot Dates for PFA Inc in 2015, Last Sunday of each Month.***

***22nd February, 29th March, 26th April, 24th May  
28th June, 26th July, 30th August, 27th September  
25th October and 29th November.***

*Check www.pfainc.org.au for any updates or changes. Shooting is set to start at 12,15pm with the last detail commencing at 3.30pm*

***NO SHOOTS IN JANUARY AND DECEMBER***