

# On Target

August 2016

*Special points of interest:*

- 2016 Shot Show
- PFA's new Phone No
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## WE NEED YOU

Range staff are required to assist our busy and committed Range Officers (RO) at the monthly shoots. Join in the fun, its not a job, too much fun for that, and you get an attendance for helping out.

Become an RO and help on a regular, rostered basis, the more RO's we have the less frequently you're required. Its not difficult to become an RO and you'll be helping the club and all your fellow members in their favourite past-time and get an attendance, a **BONUS**. PFA need more RO's, bring a friend along, do it together. Be part of the team, become an RO. Contact the club now and we can arrange it all for you, training is basic safety and common sense.

Contributions for your newsletter are gratefully received and if you have something of interest for your fellow members you can submit it via the website "Editor" or email it to the Secretary or anyone on Committee.

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## Welcome to all PFA Members to "On Target"

Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> June was one of the coldest mornings in living memory, well it felt like it was. 6.30am dawned early for me as I needed to be ready for a 7.30am pick up by my Brother, 1 hour? plenty of time. WELL, 7.15am, "ding-bloody-dong", that'd be right, he's early again. Ray seems to think that being early is a "good thing". The son of a friend, our other travelling companion was meant to be picked up first, but wasn't out of bed, so Ray thought he'd pick me up first instead. Oh sure, why not disrupt my morning schedule, it threw me right out of whack. Oh well not too bad, we did end up getting away at 7.30am as James is only 5 minutes away, so Rosehill here we come, for the 2016 SSAA Shot Show, all keen and very much looking forward to it. We arrived 40 minutes before the gates opened and the area we were all waiting in was out of the early morning sun, in the shade and it was cold, bloody cold, just as well we rugged up for it, still a 44 gallon drum full of blazing firewood would have made it just that much more tolerable, ah the good old days. At 9am on the button our feet started to shuffle forward, we'd need to thaw out a bit before we could walk properly again, **if ever**. A good sized, early crowd moved quickly across the walkways and towards the main buildings. Once inside the first building, nice warm air-conditioned comfort took over and all was forgiven, we were in the lower hall (*my words*) and multiple corridors seemed to stretch out forever, this was going to be good.

Stands, small medium and very large, staffed by people from the respective companies with their rifles, shotguns, ammunition, accessories and paraphernalia on full display.

We saw politicians wandering around (NO Greens) we managed a few photos, there were political information booths, Senator Bridget McKenzie (one of us) was there, FAR was there, with quite a few staff on hand and there was a huge SSAA stand, we allowed a day but could have spent much longer, going over some stands more than once was easy.

There was an outside air rifle booth and there were two air rifle/pistol booths inside, the queues inside were approximately 20+ long (warmer inside), we decided not to show off our skills today, queues were too long so we moved on to the next "must see" and there was plenty. The rifles and shotguns were superb, what craftsmanship, they were beautiful, but oh! way out of my financial reach, well not really, but it would be a bit difficult to justify the purchase when I got home. A couple of "rifles" had scopes on them that could see for "miles", WOW what a package, but what a price. 160 exhibitors, all the known (and some not) brands were there, Tasco, Winchester, Bistoli, Spika, SISC, Tacmed and many, many others too many to mention here. There were stands with ATVs (all-terrain vehicles) on display, even fired a couple up, there was small ones for the little kids (and big kids), there were two seat models, three seat models ranging in price up to \$30k, I need a bigger back yard. Our timing was out-of-wack for the Gun Dog demonstrations, missed the morning session and the afternoon one as well, we saw them last year and were looking forward to watching again this year, brilliant. We wandered around for several hours, taking a break for coffee at ??am, then continued on, we saw stuff we wanted and couldn't have, saw stuff we wanted and couldn't afford and finally saw stuff we wanted and bought, fantastic day. Show Specials aplenty with my Brother making the big decision to buy Australian with the purchase of a beautiful Lithgow Crossover in .308 cal. I could only imagine, hazard a guess at the attendance on Sat (Sunday still yet to happen) but I would put the number, while we were there, and people were still arriving when we left, at about 7k, maybe more, 15k over two days. When we left, ??pm we were certainly satisfied with the day, not wasted and most enjoyable and we managed to catch up with some friends and made some new ones, what a great bunch of people shooters are. Until next year. **Derek BT Ed.**

Reading my latest SSAA newsletter I came across an interesting and what appears to be a useful piece of information for all shooters. SSAA have opened a new website for the buying and selling of new and used firearms and accessories. They said that you can buy/sell firearm parts and optics, knives, hunting products, ammo, reloading gear, camping gear and even vehicles, boats and property. It's free to register, it is mobile and tablet friendly, safe, secure and simple to use (*we'll see if it is. Ed*). It also has (*they claim. Ed*) comprehensive search functions. There is a fee to use the site, \$10 per listing for SSAA members and \$20 per listing for non SSAA members. On my first inspection the site looked good, well laid out and simple to use, unsure how the selling or buying would be, but I suspect it would be a similar simple, easy path. The website address is: <https://ssaagunsales.com/>



This article shouldn't be taken as a recommendation of the site, it's merely to inform you of a site that may be of use and benefit to you. You should investigate and make your own decisions based on your own, personal findings.  
**Derek BT Ed.**

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PFA's monthly shoot is great fun with good company, managed by a few dedicated PFA volunteers, however some things should not to be overlooked or forgotten. The SIPC range we use belongs to another club and the rules must be strictly observed, nasty consequences could result from any non compliance, we could lose the use of the facility and worse, they could also lose their range licence and approval and all due to our neglect of the rules. FIRST and foremost ALL red warning flags MUST be raised and on display, NO shooting can commence before the flags are raised and on display. Two main range flags and one at the entrance to the range being used, its LAW.

**1 - You must be a current member of PFA (or approved club) and display your membership card.**

**2 - You must be the holder of a current shooters licence. and display your licence on request**

Failure to comply will disqualify you from shooting on the day. These are all FAR enforceable rules and as "spot inspections" DO happen, no excuses can be accepted. Don't blame range staff or put them on the spot by asking them to break the rules, COMPLY and everyone wins.

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"Why be saddled with this thing called life expectancy? Of what relevance to an individual is such a statistic? Am I to concern myself with an allotment of days I never had and was never promised? Must I check off each day of my life as if I am subtracting from this imaginary hoard? No, on the contrary, I will add each day of my life to my treasure of days lived. And with each day, my treasure will grow, not diminish."

**Robert Brault**

The club (PFA Inc) has now organised a club mobile telephone, which is now up and running. A message bank has been set up for the phone and the Telstra land line has been cancelled. This is by far a more convenient and cost effective means of communicating with the club and far more flexible as to where it can be used, and for those that need to use it, an overall improvement in club communications.

Tony Mathews, the Registrar has sent out an email to all the membership informing them of the new phone number for the club. If you haven't yet registered your email address with the club, PLEASE do it now. All club communications are on email, especially last minute updates, stay connected, register your email address ASAP.

The new phone number has also been listed on our website as a 2<sup>nd</sup> point of contact, email, always being the first and best. It must be known that the new phone is to be used only to contact the club for information, and not to record shoots. The number is **0431 581 259**.

Another minor but necessary change is to update all the PFA Inc stationary which will be done immediately, more work for the Secretary, but should be straightforward. The changes have been made also to the newsletter as you will see from this issue onwards.

Another very exciting "new thing" for the club is the introduction of an Eftpos terminal. This device will be transportable and will be used at the club shoots as well, making it all that much easier (and quicker) for the range staff and members to make financial transactions on the day, such as renewals, shoot fees etc.

At SIPC on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016 the PFA shoot with John Webeck, chief range officer on the day commented that they had a good roll up with lots of members taking advantage of the weather and by reports from all in attendance, they had a lot of fun as well as registering another shoot towards their attendance compliance. All things important are underway and lots of smaller things are starting to get sorted, with some very exciting projects in progress, more information and reports will come soon.

For any and all club and or shoot questions, please drop the Secretary an email or call. Please understand that the Secretary will not be taking the club mobile everywhere with her. If you really need to contact her, her personal mobile or Tony G's are the best numbers to call on.

**Tere, Secretary, PFA Inc**

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**Shoot Dates for PFA Inc. in 2016. Last Sunday of each Month. 28th August, 25th September, 30th October and 27th November. Check [www.pfainc.org.au](http://www.pfainc.org.au) for any updates or changes. Shooting is scheduled to start at 12,15pm with the last detail commencing at 3.30pm**  
**NO SHOOTS IN JANUARY AND DECEMBER**

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