

On Target

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Range Update

The lease has been signed and is now in place for the next 20 years, the official ground breaking function has been held and now it's off to work we GO. We need to do some paperwork for FAR before we can proceed to the next stage of our range development and as FAR are booked out and unavailable until May 2008 we have been asked to do the overlay (shoot overlay) ourselves and submit it to FAR for checking and approval, this is almost complete now and should be submitted before the end of Jan. At the BBQ held on our land we had many offers of help and assistance with the building of the range, all was well received and thanked personally, we look forward to calling on these members very soon. One member has offered free fill and the labour and machinery to move it around, another has offered concreting and block laying expertise with others putting their hand up for carpentry, plumbing and landscaping, we appear to be underway at last.

See ya Derek BT



Welcome to all PFA Members to “On Target”

Never be afraid to try something new.
Remember that a lone amateur built the Ark.
A large group of professionals built the Titanic.

Happy New Year to all PFA Members and your Families, we wish you good health, success and happiness in 2008.

Chairmans Message

2007 is now history, every event and every victory now all simply memories: good times at the monthly shoots; running the R Licence courses to accredit Shooters to hunt in State Forests; DoL granting the lease for our own Range; and of course the 'drive the peg BBQ'. 2008 is full of promise: Federal and State governments of the same party, hopefully making all levels of government easier to work with; more good times at the monthly shoots and in the field; and of course, commencing development of our Range.

To me, and I know the entire Committee of Management, it has been a privilege and a pleasure to continue involvement with PFA.

To have voiced the support of members at different events, to be told how much they enjoy coming to the monthly shoots, and just to enjoy the camaraderie makes it all worthwhile. 2008 is full of promise – but also full of new and interesting challenges.

As a club we will continue to move forward together – to consolidate our gains – improve on our operating skills – and to enjoy our sport and time together.

The old Chinese saying: 'May you live in interesting times', can be either a blessing or a curse, dependant not upon your circumstances but upon your attitude to them.

Let us keep our eye upon the goal, our attitudes positive, and make every post in 2008 a winner.

John Pashley



“Ground Breaking Day”

What an absolutely fantastic day, it could have poured with rain (which it didn't) and it would still have been a top day.

The number of members that turned out on the day of our official “ground breaking” was fantastic, what a bunch of top people we shooters are. Of the large attendance on the day, quite a few put their names down for volunteer work for the Club, fantastic to see the enthusiasm in the PFA membership. A couple of superb Pentax binoculars were donated by myself to be raffled on the day and we raised \$375.00 for the club and it's development. The BBQ was great and everyone ate well, talked with each other and stayed late, a very enjoyable day, everyone had a great time.

See ya Derek BT



Never mind the Redback on the toilet seat, what about this Sucker on the toilet roll?? “Oh S*#T I'm 'outta 'ere, I didn't need to go after all”.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

NOVEMBER 2006 – OCTOBER 2007

To comply with the requirements of your Firearms Licence, and the Firearms Act, you must complete a certain number of attendances depending on the reason you gave for having your licence. Check the back of your current licence to find out what type of licence you have.

If you have a

Target Licence – you require FOUR (4) attendances at a shooting range

Hunting Licence – you require TWO (2) attendances or other suitable activities

Multiple Licence (both Target and Hunting) you require SIX (6) activities in total.

The Club must notify the Firearms Registry if a person fails to comply with their attendance requirements. To avoid being reported, please make sure that your attendances have been recorded by the Club.

Just a reminder, that for the purposes of both your licence and insurance, you need to inform the club before you undertake any hunting activities. This can be done on the Club's information line (02 9990 5771), by email to enquiries@pfainc.org.au, or by filling in the form located at The Stockade.

If you are shooting your target activities at a club other than PFA, then you must retain the appropriate records, it is your responsibility to notify your reporting club, in writing, of any activities undertaken to satisfy your licence requirements which you perform away from the Club, that is, hunting on property or attending other target ranges.

You have until 30 October to comply with your attendance requirements.

RANGE OFFICERS

Your sport needs Range Officers (RO), and we (PFA) need ROs to assist in the running of the PFA range shoots.

As the saying goes, "many hands make light work", and the more ROs we have the easier it will be for everyone.

Fulfilling the duties of an RO is fun, you're with your friends and fellow club members doing what we all love and it also complies as an attendance/shoot for your licence requirements, so it's a good thing all round. Contact your club NOW, [9990-5771](tel:0299905771), leave your details and take the next step towards a better club for all of it's members.

Our thanks to the members who have already volunteered, but we can still do with more.

See you at the next shoot, **Steve L**

Be careful!!!!

Warn all your friends and family about this, I just had a very lucky escape!

Walked into Bunning's the other afternoon, and some old bastard dressed in Red and Green asked me if I wanted decking.

Fortunately, I got the first punch in, so that was the end of that.

WHY????

Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle?

Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Shoot Dates, Last Sunday of each Month

PFA Contact Details PO Box 574 Narrabeen 2101, www.pfainc.org.au

Gun Theft Rate Falls

Australia's annual firearm theft rate has dropped more than 70 per cent in a decade and almost half of the stolen weapons were not stored safely.

There were 1470 guns stolen nationwide in 2004-05 compared with 5170 stolen 10 years earlier, the Australian Institute of Criminology has found. About 200 guns, or 13 per cent, were taken from vehicles.

The report also noted that stolen firearms were recovered in just one in every eight incidents,

At the same time, guns from at least three thefts were later used to murder or commit suicide.

In total, eight stolen rifles, two shotguns and four handguns later turned up in another crime.

The study, the first since the institute set up its National Firearms Theft Monitoring Program last year, found about 60 per cent of thefts were rifles.

STATISTICS

Interesting facts about the reduction in gun thefts over the past years. This came from the Sun Herald April 2007. The fact that 60% of stolen guns are rifles means that we still have room for improvement, as SSAA say, "store it or lose it".

PFA Shooting Competition 2008

Yes, the return of the competition with something for everyone!

Duration: Feb 2008 to Oct 2008.

Winners: Trophies presented at the AGM in Nov 2008.

Divisions: Ladies & Gents, and 3 age groupings; Scope or iron sights.

Competitions: Benchrest target; Field position target; Field position field target.

Full information will be available at the Jan Range Shoot on Sun 27 Jan 08. Join in – hone your skills – maybe even surprise yourself.

Caption Contest

OK, here is your chance for fame and fortune, well maybe not "fortune", well maybe not even "fame", but at least a chance to get your name in the PFA club newsletter as the winner of the caption competition. Put your thinking caps on and send in your best caption for this picture and you could win a great prize, well maybe not great, but something, we don't know what, we'll have to see what's in the back of the Ute.

