

On Target

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Special points of interest:

- Remington going
- Goodbye Registrar
- Good News TnT
- Gun Boom

The Editor of **On Target**, your newsletter, is always on the lookout for newsworthy stories and photos (including captions), these can be individual, club or just shooting related activities, away shoots, hunts or just something that celebrates shooting. As well as any interesting stories to share with the members, please email to derekb@tpg.com.au or to the committee person of your choice and they will forward it on to the Editor.

Range Officers (RO) needed to assist in the running of our shoot days. The more qualified RO's we have the fewer times ROs need to attend, simple.

Have you some time to spare? Take up the RO's course and assist at our regular shoots, the more the merrier and the lighter the load. Volunteer now, contact the club and nominate, put your name down to become an RO.

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

Remington Outdoor Co.

America's oldest firearms manufacturer has filed for bankruptcy after tumbling gun sales forced it to offload \$US700 million (\$882 million) worth of debt. Remington Outdoor Co. informed the market it was intending to file for a Chapter 11 bankruptcy in order to restructure the company's debt. The rifle, shotgun and handgun manufacturer had accrued \$950 million worth of debt as American consumers shied away from buying new guns. Remington Outdoor Co. has been manufacturing firearms since 1816, making it the oldest gunmaker in the US. Two of Remington's shotguns, the model 870 and the model 700, quickly became some of the countries' highest ever selling firearms. Remington Outdoor's CEO Anthony Acitelli told Reuters he was confident the firearms manufacturer would survive. "We have an outstanding collection of brands and products, the unqualified support of a vibrant community across the industry, and a deep and powerful culture," said Acitelli. "We will emerge from this process with a deleveraged balance sheet and ample liquidity, positioning Remington to compete more aggressively and to seize future growth opportunities." Market experts in the US have labelled declining gun sales as the "Trump Slump", because the pro-firearm president presents little threat to ownership regulations. Under Barack Obama, gun sales in the US soared as gun enthusiasts attempted to "stock up" before Democrats could introduce more thorough background checks and limit overall sales. Fortune reports in the heat of the Trump v Clinton election campaign, fears of a Hillary win led gun background checks (an indicator of sales) to reach their highest number ever. **Cont.**



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After Trump's victory in November 2016, Remington's sales slowly slumped by more than 25 percent leaving the company with a \$28 million operating loss.

(Who said politics don't have an effect? ED)

With Thanks

After a long and committed period, working in a voluntary capacity, as all at PFA Inc do, on the 16th June 2018 our own Anthony (Tony) Mathews made the decision to resign his position as the Registrar of our club. Tony, over the past 15 years has served as Registrar, Treasurer, Licence Holder and Public Officer well done and our thanks Tony, you've done well, time for a rest break now. Many of you will know Tony, some very well and some only by sight, but I



expect to see his big, blue, four, wheel drive parked at PFA range more often in the future enjoying his well earned break. Tony is not leaving the club, just backing away from the long hours and hard work he was doing for the club, so expect to see Tony at our club shoots with a smile on his face enjoying a regular shoot. (*We look forward to seeing you there Tony. ED*) Your Committee, on behalf of all members has sent Tony a letter of appreciation in acknowledgment of his time, work and many services to the club.

DBT Editor.

*** No one ever says "It's only a game" when their team is winning.**

*** Every family has one weird relative. If you don't know who it is, then it's probably YOU.**

GOOD NEWS STORY.

At long last, it's official, "IT" has come to an end, over, finished, concluded, done and dusted.

The long and tiresome fight for Tony and Tere (The Stockade) in our courts has come to an end resulting in a total vindication.

For Tony and Tere (The Stockade) their "day in court" which turned out to be many of them, has finally come to a successful (*for them and everyone ED*) conclusion. The time has at last arrived for the truth, like cream in bottled milk, to rise to the top and show through. The long and tiresome fight for Tony and Tere in our courts has come to an end and in a total and almost 100% vindication for them.

A brief summary is that of the 397 original charges, all but two (2) were completely dismissed. (*meaning 395 were found to be baseless and without substance ED*) The remaining two (2) were dealt with under Section 10, which means that no convictions are recorded, no record and no fines, with the only penalty, for want of a better word, imposed, being a short (token) six month good behaviour bond for Tony. (*two charges of such minor significance, they barely warranted a "slap on the wrist" penalty and probably only imposed to save some face for the Prosecution. ED*)

In Tere's words "Not as good as we would have wanted but could have also been a lot worse. Onwards and upwards".

Tere A has already applied for the required paperwork to initiate the return of her licence which Tony will be doing as soon as possible, after the good behaviour bond has run its course. (*six months will fly by now that all the rubbish is over. ED*)

This end result has been a long time coming, a huge amount of valuable time spent in defending the ridiculous and unfounded accusations, simply a waste of everyone's time including the time of the courts that could be better spent on real cases.

All that for a section 10 on two minor counts, "they" should be ashamed of "themselves" (*whoever they are ED*) and held to account for their fabrications.

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FYI.

The expression "section10" refers to section 10 of the Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999.

Section 10 Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999 enables a court, upon a plea or finding of guilt, to order the dismissal of charges without proceeding to record a conviction. The order can be made with or without conditions. Because there is no conviction, there is no criminal record.

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NOTICE TO ALL PFA MEMBERS.

Don't get "caught short" with your shoot attendances, OCTOBER is the end of our shooting calendar and you have until then (2+ months) to complete your required number of attendances, SEE YOU AT THE RANGE.

Guns galore. Registration boom following national amnesty, 6th March 2018

Almost 60 per cent of firearms handed in during the national amnesty have since been registered and are now in the possession of licensed shooters. A federal government report into the three-month amnesty, which ran from July 1 to September 30 last year, also revealed that the vast majority of the 57,324 firearms recovered were rifles. The report, released by the Department of Home Affairs on March 1, showed that 2417 self-loading and 80 automatic firearms were handed in during the amnesty, counting 10 machine-guns in South Australia and a Spandau MG08 machine-gun in New South Wales. Interestingly, 154 firearms were identified as stolen, including a Brno CZ 527 rifle that was taken from a Tasmanian home more than 20 years ago. It has since been returned to its rightful owner. A homemade machine-gun contained in a briefcase was among the stranger items submitted in South Australia, while a Buffalo Arms M1919A4 Browning machine-gun was said to have been found in a Western Australia cave. Making headlines was the discovery of an inoperable rocket launcher in Queensland, allegedly found at a rubbish dump. Along with firearms, firearm parts such as sound moderators, magazines, stocks, barrels and around 80,000 rounds of ammunition were collected. For legitimate shooters, the nationwide amnesty provided the chance to sell or register firearms. The promise to consider the sentimental or historical value of firearms, instead of simply sending them to the scrapheap, led to the recovery of a number of significant pieces, a Russian PPSH submachine-gun has since been donated to a Victorian RSL, a Swiss Army issue revolver, two swords and a uniform to a local museum and a German Maxim machine-gun to the Australian War Memorial. In a refreshing change of rhetoric, Law Enforcement Minister Angus Taylor, the new Minister responsible for federal firearm matters, acknowledged that firearms could be registered as part of the amnesty, instead of simply destroyed.

(A second amnesty has since been announced for 2018 ED)

Shoot Dates for PFA Inc. in 2018. Last Sunday of each Month.

26th August, 30th September, 28th October and 25th November.

*Check 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 **DON'T FORGET THE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT EACH SHOOT.***