

On Target

Dec 2018, Jan 2019

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To make the distribution of club information, news and the newsletter easier, quicker and to save on costs (your money), we are requesting that, if you have a new email address that you contact the club secretary at secretary@pfainc.org.au and provide your e-mail address, PLEASE. You will not receive junk mail or anything relating to things other than the club and shooting from PFA. Derek BT, 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, nominate and put your name down to become an RO.

Disclaimer: Please note that the items and views expressed are not necessarily those of PFA Inc.

Welcome to all PFA Members to "On Target"

Saturday, August 4th 2018

Rifles, pistols seized in gun raid MORE than 20 illegal guns were allegedly found on the northern beaches in a raid by federal agents and police. Australian Border Force officers and detectives from the N SW Police Force's Drug and Firearms Squad allegedly seized the firearms on Thursday 2nd August 2018 at a house in Frenchs Forest. The raid came after ABF officers at Sydney's main international mail exchange allegedly identified consignments of firearm parts being imported Without a permit. Officers allegedly found twenty one unregistered rifles, four unregistered prohibited firearms, including an old SKK

rifle

and a

crudely manufactured rifle and an unregistered air pistol. They also

allegedly found eight registered firearms and three registered pistols as well as a quantity of ammunition. A man, 57, was charged with 22 counts of possess unregistered firearm; four counts of possess unauthorised prohibited firearms; three counts of possess prohibited weapon and unauthorised possession of prohibited firearms. Police said they suspended his firearms licence and seized the guns for forensic and ballistic examination. He was refused bail to appear via audio visual link at Parramatta Bail Court yesterday. Police said inquiries were continuing and further charges were expected.



How would you like a new look? Look smart, while keeping the sun off your head and out of your eyes all the while displaying your club's identity.

LAST PFA SHOOT AT SIPC was held on the 25th of Nov 2018. Tony G fired up the BBQ for the gourmet sausage & kebab sizzle, and there were cold drinks available also, all the more reason to be there. This was anticipated to be the last time at SIPC on Sunday the 25th. We (PFA Inc.) have now received our Range Approval from the Firearms Registry. However, we do not at present have our Interim Occupation Certificate from Council This means we cannot occupy the premises until that is received. As soon as we have that all members will be notified and we will advise everyone what plans we have for December 2018 and January 2019. We were pleased to see so many of you at what must have been our farewell shoot at SIPC.

Committee of Management

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS.

It is important to remember that to shoot on any range you must be in possession of your shooter's licence and must produce it on request to a range officer or club official before being permitted to shoot. When you visit the range and intend to shoot, you **must** have your licence and be able to produce it, you will NOT be able to shoot without it.

Do not put the PFA range staff in the awkward position of having to decline your shoot. Keep your licence with you at all times when you are in possession of your guns and intend to shoot. Don't blame the PFA range staff for your mistake, don't ask them to overlook the law, even if they know you, they are not allowed to ignore the law. Shooting on a range without a licence in your possession is against the law and penalties apply, it also puts the range licence in jeopardy and could cause restrictions to be imposed on the range and its operation. Carry your licence, produce it when asked for it and enjoy your shoot with all your mates. **Editor DBT.**

Our 2018 PFA AGM

The AGM went off well this year and it was conducted at and in our new range facilities.

Preparation started for the meeting well in advance of the scheduled start time, tables, chairs, papers, pens and even tidy bins were all in place and ready to go.

A good size water dispenser now takes pride of place as you enter the main area, we had juice and coffee also available, PFA, at last we have arrived.

This was the first look at the new clubhouse and range for some of the members and the comments were all very positive. Hard wearing timber look flooring, stone surround fireplace and the etched "PFA" glass doors and windows, all very impressive.



Registering your attendance at the meeting was again made easy by way of our individual membership card and our club barcode scanner, no need to fill in the attendance sheets anymore, brilliant.

A sizeable group of members trickled in the door and in a short time easily made up the quorum required for our meeting and well before the scheduled start time.

The outgoing committee (and incoming) filled the top table and most of the chairs setup in the clubhouse were filled with members, it would be tough to fill them all, the clubhouse is of very generous proportions.

The meeting got underway with several reports and comments presented, questions from the floor (not too many) were fielded and answered with most if not all in attendance satisfied with the progress and current position of the club, how could you not, PFA is set to be the club of choice for may and for many years to come.



"Vegetarian" is an old Indian word for bad hunter.

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When the meeting ended close of business was called and everyone circulated catching up with fellow members, some we hadn't seen for a while, with our liquid refreshments and sandwiches "a-plenty" in hand. A few members were provided with a walk around the facilities and given a short tour which to say was appreciated would be an understatement. We have our FAR approval and all that we are in need of before we can commence our own shoots at our own range is our Interim Occupation Certificate. It was mentioned that the last PFA shoot at SIPC (a huge thank you to SIPC), was the Nov shoot with our next and possibly first shoot at the new PFA range being in an/Feb 2019, wait for the official update. **DON'T FORGET** we will need range staff even more now and into the future, put your hand up and become a range officer, contact the committee and become part of the team. The more volunteers, the less each one has to do, more time for everyone to shoot. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and wonderful 2019. **DerekBT Ed.**

MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASES

At our AGM held on Saturday 8 December, the members present voted unanimously to increase the PFA membership fees in line with the schedule circulated with the Call to AGM. This means that from 1 January 2019, membership for 1 year will increase to \$100.00, and from 1 January 2020, membership for 1 year will increase to \$150.00. The club's membership year remains 1 July to 30 June (financial year). Those of you whose membership expires in 2020 and wish to take advantage of the lower fees to the end of 2019, may do so. Please ring Tere A (PFA Secretary) on the club phone to make arrangements to do this. The 10% discount on multiple year membership renewals will continue to be offered to renewing members. **Committee of Management**

Shoot Dates for PFA Inc. in 2019.

Last Sunday of each Month. 24th February, 31st March, 28th April, 26th May, 30th June, 28th July, 25th August, 29th September, 27th October and 24th 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 SHOTS IN JANUARY AND DECEMBER