

On Target

December 2024

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Range Officers (RO) are 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.

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

Welcome to all PFA Members to "On Target"

A REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS.

The following rules must be followed when you attend the range:-

* No firearms are to be left unattended in the Registration area. If you need to walk away from your firearms ensure you ask someone to mind your firearms for you.

* All firearms must be cased or bagged

* There is to be no handling of uncased or unbagged firearms in the Registration Area or the car park.

* There is no handling of loose ammunition in the Registration Area.

These rules are in place for your safety and the safety of everyone attending the range. Thank you for complying and assisting in the safe smooth flow of our shooting day.

The Committee of Management

Interesting Comment from A Young Shooter.

Comments from a 14 YO Western Action shooter. April 2024 SSAA Journal.

"This discipline is different to many others. A lot of the other ones shot in Australia can be very repetitive. you can get good and hone it but I love the variety in Single Action". " In other disciplines you come and shoot for the day, they then all leave the range and often don't talk to each other, whereas a Single Action match is like family". (and so, part of why he loves Western Action ED)

Obviously, the need for "a family feel" at the range, even to a 14-year-old, is important and part of what creates the welcoming atmosphere at and around the range/club. It is the encouraging part that makes members and visitors alike, want to return and stay a while. The sociable and friendly atmosphere is what keeps members wanting to be at the club, it is also, along with the range and its facilities, what goes towards encouraging visitors to become new members.

As the young 14-year old said, *"like family"*, sure we don't have to be connected at the hip or share the Sunday roast, but a nice friendly feel is not too hard to achieve and it brightens everyone's day. It was a big part of my decision to join my first shooting club all those many, many years ago.

Derek BT ED.

Editor Signing Off for 2024

Here it is, the last **On Target** for the year and I hope you find it an enjoyable read to finish off the 2024 year.

It takes some effort compiling each and every issue, but it is something I enjoy doing and I trust you find each issue has something of interest to you. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**. I hope you have a safe, relaxing and fun filled break.



Merry Christmas

Christmas is a time when we can spend lots of time with family, friends and loved ones and enjoy the break from work. Be kind to each other, take care of each other and be safe in all you do.

All the best to everyone and see you all in 2025.

Derek BT Editor.

FIREARMS REGISTRY PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CLUB MEMBERS



Persons obtaining a firearms licence with club membership to support their genuine reason must comply with the participation requirements and activities as prescribed by Part 10 of the Firearms Regulation 2017

Participation requirements for Sport/Target Shooters (other than pistol shooters)

The holder of a licence issued for the genuine reason of sport/target shooting (not being category H) must be a member of at least one approved shooting club (other than a pistol club) and must, during each compliance period for the club, participate in not less than 4 shooting activities by an approved shooting club (other than a pistol club)

Hunting Club Members Firearms Registry

Participation requirements for members of an approved Hunting Club

The holder of a licence issued for the genuine reason of recreational hunting/vermin control supported by hunting club membership must be a member of at least one approved hunting club and must, during each compliance period, participate in no less than 2 hunting club events.

Note: This participation requirement only applies if membership of an approved hunting club is the sole reason for which the licensee has established the genuine reason of recreational hunting/vermin control

Collectors Society or Club Members

Participation requirements for members of an approved collectors' society or club

The holder of a firearms collector licence must be a member of at least one approved collectors' society or club and must, during each compliance period for the club, attend at least one meeting of an approved collectors' society or club of which the licensee is a member

What if I am a member of more than one club?

If you are a member of more than one approved club for any one discipline, you must nominate your principal club and notify the Commissioner in writing of your nominated principal club.

This may be done when you make application for your firearms licence. The genuine reason forms provide for nomination of your principal club.

If you participate in any compliance activity at a club that is not your nominated principal club, you must notify your nominated principal club in writing of the details of any such activity within the nominated principal club's compliance period. Your principal club will notify the Firearms Registry of those club members who do not comply with their participation requirements within the club's 12 month reporting period (as prescribed by Part 10 of the Firearms Regulation 2017).

Just once I want a Username and Password prompt to say "CLOSE ENOUGH"

NOTICE TO ALL PFA MEMBERS.

How would you like your own item of PFA club apparel, OK it's not a T-shirt or jacket, but we do have some very classy caps available to all members.

How would you like to be the proud owner (and wearer) of



your own PFA cap. It will help keep the sun from your eyes and shade your face. You can be proudly wearing the PFA club cap while you're out and about, in the yard or at the range having a shoot or range visit. The caps are available now and can be purchased at the book-in desk with your next shoot.

If you would like to own one of these unique and classy pieces of club apparel you can pick one up at the next PFA range shoot, we're sure they will become popular, current stocks are limited so get in early and avoid the disappointment of missing out, and having to wait for the next delivery of stock. Buy yourself (or someone else) a nice Christmas present.

ED DBT

The Sherlock Holmes in me followed a lead provided by an article I read some time ago and took me to a couple of separate but similar websites where I discovered some unique and mega useable paper targets available for download. A large range and variety, too many to list, have a look and see what might suit your needs. When you want to ensure your rifle is shooting where you're aiming prior to a couple of days in the bush and/or need to shoot some groups to test reloads from your rifle, you need something with the correct grid dimensions and scaled measurements to allow you to confidently make the correct adjustments to your sights. Free targets for this purpose can be downloaded from **MyTargets.com** or **Targetz.com** and can be printed on-to standard A4 sized paper.

MyTargets are suggested to be the choice for sighting-in a rifle for out in the bush, hunting.

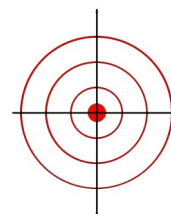
TargetZ, however, with its many gridded options is suggested to be better suited for load development when reloading.

You'll be amazed at the quantity of choice available. The paper targets, once printed can be glued/attached onto cardboard for fixing to a homemade timber or metal stand or convenient tree of fence post at the appropriate distance, job done and for \$0.00's bar the cost of paper, glue and some printer ink.

Derek BT ED (Ctrl-Click below)

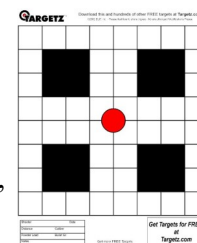
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Editor's Comment.

Well, there it was, gone, another AGM done and dusted, all over with and a whole 12 months to go before we get another crack at it. A quality crowd of members in attendance, not a big crowd but happy smiling faces, (what a good bunch we are) could there have been more? Of course, always room for more members at an AGM, but I suppose with the school holidays still on, some were busy with other things family related. With our constitution allowing for meetings to proceed subject to the vote of those in attendance, proceedings got underway just a little after 10am but not what you'd call late, just delayed slightly. First the usual apologies were given for those unable to attend followed by the proposal that the minutes of the 2023 AGM were accepted which was duly moved, seconded and 100% approved. We then kicked on to the reports, starting with the Chairman, with Tony G highlighting the long, tiring and arduous task of maintaining the range with its many jobs and justifiably, requesting more support (*volunteers*) to lighten the load. The Secretary's report covered many items, specifically some very testing times suffered in the attempt to gain improved times/days of operation for the club also pointing out that we'll not be able to use them without additional range staff (*c'mon, volunteer now*) to manage the ranges, it was also highlighted that our member numbers are settled and remaining at the average 350 mark. The Treasurer's report was very positive with the numbers adding up to a healthy financial position for the club and capable of funding any/all of our expenses. All reports were moved and seconded and approved by a 100% vote from the meeting. Moving then onto the election of the Office Bearers and Committee of Management, "out with the old and in with the new" as they say, so in the absence (unwell) of Robert Brown, I was nominated as Returns Officer and declared all positions vacant and with nominations for all positions filled and no contested seats, requiring a vote, all were declared elected. The outgoing committee were thanked for their service and the new incoming committee were welcomed and wished well for their upcoming time on committee. Most members in attendance stayed on after the official part of the meeting was completed to socialise and have a drink and share in the brunch that was provided, very tasty and there was even a choice of some wine, beer, soft-drinks and coffee, and of course water for those not drinking for whatever their reason. A very good day and a pleasant way to finish off the 2024 PFA AGM.

Derek BT ED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



GET INVOLVED!



THE ONE THAT NEARLY GOT AWAY.

So close, yet thanks to the local Bush Fire Brigade and the availability and access to water from the PFA dam, located to the rear of our mound, control was regained and serious loss or damage to life and property was averted. Thanks to the fire fighters, job well done, and thanks for the water from the PFA dam. **All** were able to sleep well that night, including our nearest neighbour whose property was under threat with the fire up past their fence line, almost to the back door, oh so very close.

14th March 2024, Hazard reduction was underway in and around the area and in this section of bushland, the burn got out of control and started up towards Mona Vale Rd, not what anyone wanted, but in its path was a local residence, so extra efforts had to be made, which included the need for a firefighting helicopter and water bucket. As luck (*good planning ED*) should have it, we had put in a water retention dam behind our mound which was to double as water for all the local wildlife, which there are many, and access to water for the fire-fighting helicopters if/when needed. The dam's original location, apparently encroached 600mm to the west, and just over our boundary line, a complaint was lodged so we had to relocate it, (*better than just filling it in ED*) a lot of extra work for the team but not impossible, as we try to be compliant, especially when any complaint is made. The dam certainly helped the fire-fighters save the bush plus all and any property in the fire's path, a good thing the PFA dam was there and full at the time, ultimately ended up being so very useful. The firefighting helicopters that carry, I'm told, 60+ gallon water buckets, on the day made fourteen passes to the fire front from our dam, in excess of 3000+ litres of water, not a bad effort. In the deafening silence from the "outside" and in the absence of anything near approaching a thank you from "anyone", I would like to voice our heartfelt thanks to the RFS, the helicopter crew and PFA for the use of the dam and the heavens for having it full of water.

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Thank You one and all.

Derek BT ED

A POEM TO READ AND PONDER.

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast

And he sat around the Legion telling stories of the past.
Of a war that he once fought in and the deeds that he had done

In his exploits with his buddies they were heroes,
everyone.

'tho sometimes to his neighbors his tales became a joke
All his buddies listened quietly for they knew whereof he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer for ol' Joe passed away
And the world's a little poorer for a Soldier died today.
When politicians leave this earth their bodies lie in state
While thousands note their passing and proclaim that they were great

Papers tell of their life stories from the time that they were young

But the passing of a Soldier goes unnoticed, and unsung.
Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land
Some jerk who breaks his promise and cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow who in times of war and strife
Goes off to serve his country and offers up his life ?
The politician's stipend and the style in which he lives,
are often inconsistent to the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Soldier who offered up his all is paid
off with a medal and perhaps a pension, small.

It is not the politicians with their compromise and ploys
who won for us the freedom that our country now enjoys.
Should you find yourself in danger with your enemies at hand

Would you really want some cop-out with his ever
waffling stand ?

Or would you want a Soldier who would battle to defend?
his kin and home and country a common Soldier 'til the end.

He is just a common Soldier and his ranks are growing thin
But his presence should remind us we may need his likes
again.

For when countries are in conflict we find the Soldier's part

Is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start.
If we cannot do him honor while he's here to hear the praise

Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline in the paper that might say
**"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING A SOLDIER
DIED TODAY"**

(author unknown)



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AT SOME TIME, we all need a little assistance with the things we've been doing most of our life, not to say we have forgotten them, but just assistance to confirm we "got it right" and the same goes for when our shooting is involved.

Scope turret screws are there to assist us with fine tuning point of impact, hitting the X



spot but this is after we are "on target" which requires a careful process of bore sighting first to ensure that we are in the "ballpark" so to speak, actually on target.

After fitting a new scope to your rifle, setting it up for best position, mounted square and eye relief, it needs to be bore sighted, if you are unsure of exactly what is required, mention this at the range and one of the ROs will assist you with the process and help get you onto "paper". This process is very important so as to save you time, ammo and eliminate the risk of damaging the target mechanisms (costly repairs).

Once "on paper" the fine tuning of the scope is a matter of ups & downs, lefts & rights to achieve the X spot you are looking for.

As our state of the art target system was expensive to start with and is difficult and expensive to repair it is essential that we do our best to minimise the exposure it has to damage by "off target" hits.

Another process that is required to assist in this safeguard is what is required before shooting at the "standing" position. Not many but some of the members would like to shoot from one of our two standing positions P1 and P20, but prior to taking up this position it is a **PFA club requirement** to demonstrate to the RO from a seated position that the rifle is first and foremost on target, this can take a couple of minutes but it is a safeguard for the targets. If you require extra time on the standing position due to time spent at the seated position it can be extended, without any problems. All this goes towards ensuring long term reliability and lower maintenance costs of our Target system.

Enjoy your shooting and utilise the facilities and staff (volunteers) at the range to maximise yours and others pleasure. **Derek BT ED.**



Shoot Dates for PFA Inc. in 2024 and 2025-TBC.

Last Sunday of each Month.

**15th Dec, 19th Jan, 23rd Feb, 30th Mar, 27th April,
25th May, 29th June, 27th July, 31st Aug, 28th Sept,
26th Oct, 30th Nov, 14th Dec.**

Check www.pfainc.org.au for any updates or changes.

Shooting is scheduled to start at 10.00 am and finish on the day at 5.00pm.

To ensure "on-time" detail start times please arrive 15min to 20min prior to your scheduled start time.