

On Target

June 2023

Special points of interest:

- Aussie World No1
- Reporting Period
- Range Volunteers
- Day at the range
- PFOS in Canberra

Welcome to all PFA Members to “On Target”

A big thank you to **Bill Miller from Mr Drains** who has saved our club thousands of dollars by helping out with the rectification of the drainage at the 100m targets. He not only supplied his labour and the labour of his plumbers, but also supplied the materials and equipment and now all we want is some rain to test it all out. So, please take note and support those that support your club. Below is a **special offer** to our members. *Please take advantage of it.*



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Husband: For the last 30 years, all you've done is find mistakes in anything I say.

Wife: 31 years

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.

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

(Story by Dominic Giannini, 3rd April 2023)

Police Heads Look Down Sights For National Gun Register Australia's first legal officer is bringing together the nation's police ministers to urgently progress the national firearms register. Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus will convene the roundtable on Monday as the federal government works to expedite the development of the register after high-profile shootings. National cabinet ordered police ministers to report back by the middle of the year after the shooting of two police officers and a third person in Wieambilla, Queensland in December. Mr Dreyfus said Australia already had some of the world's strongest gun laws but there was room for improvement. "The Albanese government is committed to working closely with jurisdictions on this initiative, which is vital to preserve the safety of the community and police," he said. "A national firearms register will ensure police across all Australian jurisdictions have timely and accurate information to assess any firearms risk posed and protect the community from harm." Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said it was a necessary measure after state and territory leaders were briefed by Australia's top spy about the rise of right-wing extremism and so-called "sovereign citizens". **END.**

For your information, you decide, good or bad, but once again it will only likely affect legal gun owners who will comply with whatever new or modified laws are introduced, because that's what we do, BUT will it have any effect on the "people" that carry out these shootings, personally, I think not. **ED DBT.**

I don't trust coffee that requires 10 or more words to order.

The Institute of Unfinished Research has concluded that 6 out of 10 people.....

Sun 2nd April 2023 Shooting Australia Report.

WORLD NUMBER ONE PENNY SMITH WINS WORLD CUP BRONZE

Women's Trap World number one **Penny Smith** has won the bronze medal at the Larnaca, Cyprus ISSF Shotgun World Cup overnight.

Smith finished as second top qualifier in the Women's Trap event after shooting a score of 115 out of 125 targets in some tough conditions that seemed to

worsen as she progressed through to the finals. Of the Larnaca shooting range Smith said "It was a challenge the last couple of days and the weather has been quite cold, the sun's in, the sun's out, windy and it looked like we were going to get a bit of rain, a challenging range to say the least."

Of her semi-finals performance that advanced her to the medal match as the top contender Smith said "The semi-final was really good and I was really happy with it the conditions were getting quite challenging but I shot a 22 (out of 25) which was quite solid". Smith shot a further 20 out of 25 targets in the medal match securing the bronze medal with Lucy Hall from Great Britain winning her first World Cup gold medal and Cuicui Wu from China securing the silver medal.



Smith (centre) with fellow Australian team members (Left to Right) Kiara Dean, Milad Nasr, James Willett, Deserie Baynes (support coach), Catherine Skinner and Richard Sammon (National Coach)

Three weeks earlier her gold medal win at the Doha, Qatar World Cup secured her the world number one ranking, Smith was very pleased to come away with two World Cups and two medals and (**world number one**). Something she had always dreamed of at some stage in her shooting career and obviously world number one after Doha is a really special thing. Shooting Australia's High Performance Manager reflected on Smith's bronze medal performance by saying "Penny has been consistently strong and has had a great start to international competition in 2023. She has an ability to maintain composure in challenging conditions while focussing on the next target."

END.

EDITOR'S COMMENT.

30th April 2023 was a great weather day, sun was shining brightly and just a few small clouds with little to no wind, great to be alive. It was a Club shoot day, so I thought to drop in to the range for a poke around and see if there was anything I could do, well more to the point I was going to have a chat with Tony and Tere to see what projects/jobs needed to be done so I could work out which ones I could do (just had a double hip replacement, all good, and much better now) to help out BUT it was as busy as a \$2 shop on 50% discount day, you could hardly move (great to see such activity at the club) and to say that TnT and the team were busy was an understatement, crikey it was obvious that we could do with a few more helpers on shoot days. I didn't get the opportunity to talk to TnT during my visit, so I decided that I'll contact Tere/Tony later to discuss when next they'd be at the range so I could meet up with them and see what jobs were "**On the List**" so I could see which ones I could/would volunteer for and get done, maybe a regular or repeat type of job that I could do.

Plenty of stuff to do and with so many members we surely shouldn't have any difficulty getting them done, volunteers coming out of the woodwork, you'd think, but NO, well we do have some, a small group of regulars (our thanks to you) but many more are needed, many hands make light work as the saying goes. My Mum, when she was feeling a little overworked used to say "wear the old 'ens out first", let's not allow this to be the PFA catch cry, the volunteers we already have need assistance, old or young let's get in and ensure we don't lose them when they find themselves "wearing out", so come on, put your hand up and volunteer for any of the jobs that need to be done, (see the list on the next page ED) join the few we have and become a more involved member, join the team and help YOUR club.

You can arrange with the club (the Secretary, Tere) what you can do and even when you can do it, TnT are at the club doing club work some days through the week so it doesn't even have to be done on the weekend, give the club a call, 0431581259, drop them an email, secretary@pfainc.org.au you won't be sorry, nor will the club, we'll all thank you for it.

Do you have a couple of spare hours through the week, donate them to the club and help with a job that needs to be done, very satisfying and fulfilling, plus it will save you money from your maintenance levy, a **WIN, WIN**, c'mon, do it now.

Derek BT Editor.



A Roman walks into a bar, holds up two fingers and says, "five beers please".

Dear PFA Member,

Firstly, we'd like to remind you that all the work done for the administration, range running, repairs and most of the grounds maintenance is carried out by unpaid volunteers.

Without the help of these people, the club would simply not function or exist. Please make sure next time you see any of them that you say thank you.

They are the unsung heroes of our club.

As you are all aware, we are constantly looking for volunteers to help out with the huge number of jobs that need attention at the club. We have 3.8 hectares of beautiful grounds, and the maintenance is quite demanding.

Below is a list of some of the jobs:-

1. Reattaching the polycarbonate strips to the north side wall (south side has been done) on the shooting range. This involves concrete drilling for plugs and screws, and climbing up and down a ladder. All tools and hardware will be provided.
2. Grinding slots on the angle iron lugs on the lift off sleepers on the 25m targets. This involves angle grinding at ground level and lifting 1 metre lengths of sleepers off and on the targets.
3. Repairing and testing Whipper Snippers. This involves some repair work and making sure all five (5) of them are working.
4. Weed spraying on our National Park boundary, with the mobile power sprayer. This involves some spraying and some driving of the tractor.
5. Painting the side of the top carpark wall facing the clubhouse to match the side facing the cars (green). This involves some climbing of ladders where we can't reach with extension rollers
6. Whipper snipping and weeding of special areas for new planting. This involves gardening skills, whipper snipping and spraying weeds.
7. Oiling of the external office window and upstairs bathroom window. This involves getting up a 6m ladder, and brushing on the linseed oil mix.
8. Painting of part of the internal ceiling of the clubhouse where we've experienced a rain leak.
9. We have ordered 100 star pickets to upgrade the existing electric fencing, and for more areas. These will need to be installed and the fence re-attached to the new posts.
10. Painting of the beams in the registration area.
11. Moving pavers in the side passage to allow for the painting of the side wall.
12. Clearing the overgrown grass at the bases of the trees that have had the cages removed, as well as clearing the overgrown grass where the cages are still in place.

If any of these jobs are up your alley, please email the secretary (secretary@pfainc.org.au) or call Tere or Tony on the club mobile (0431 581 259), and let us know when you are available, and we will pencil in the dates and confirm.

*Sometimes when you cry nobody sees your tears
Sometimes when you're hurt nobody sees your pain
Sometimes when you're sad nobody sees your sorrow
BUT fart, just one time!!!*

Parliamentary Friends of Shooting group back in

action. (by Rachael Oxborrow) 14th March 2023

The Parliamentary Friends of Shooting (PFOS) group was launched in Federal Parliament last month, bringing together different sides of politics, members of the shooting community and wider industry. The PFOS initiative began in 2015 and the group has been reborn several times following federal elections and has resulted in useful conversations, relationships and social occasions at the range.



New South Wales Labor Member for Hunter, Dan Repacholi and Victorian Nationals Senator Bridget McKenzie will be

co-convening the group, with both reiterating the benefits of having a vehicle for our community to jointly advocate and increase the

understanding of our sport among members of parliament, staff and the general public. "Now we're here, we're really going to have to put a shoulder to the wheel," Senator McKenzie said. "For many years now the purpose of PFOS has been to demystify who we are as law-abiding firearm owners to ensure the broader community understands who we are, what we do and that it's nothing to be afraid of. We also aim to make clear the broader economic and socio-economic contribution our community makes to this country."

The 2023 PFOS launch attendees included political staff members and a range of firearms industry and special interest groups including the Shooting Industry Foundation of Australia, Field and Game Australia, Australian Deer Association and Shooting Australia. Members of parliament in attendance included Western Australian Member for Moore, Ian Goodenough; WA Member for Brand, Madeleine King; Member for Eden-Monaro, Kristy McBain; Queensland Member for Kennedy, Bob Katter; Qld Senator Pauline Hanson; NSW Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce and Qld Member for Bonner, Ross Vasta.

(SSAA National) Chief Executive Officer Tim Bannister addressed the gathering at the launch. "It's good to see PFOS up and running," he said. "Firstly I'd like to thank Ian Goodenough, Ross Vasta and Bridget McKenzie for what you've done in the past. It has been a useful way of trying to get what we're about into conversation. We may all talk about shooting in different ways but the message is the same – we're licensed shooters and we're law-abiding. **END.**"



NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The possibility of changing the reporting date for clubs has been bandied around for a considerable period of time, and the Firearms Registry (FAR) has decided this year is the time to do it.

They (FAR) have simplified the reporting process for the clubs, and requested that clubs



switch to a new reporting date, in line with the financial year. What this means is that our membership year and our reporting year will be the same. The report for the Registry will only show those members that have not complied, have not renewed their membership, have died or have changed their personal details.

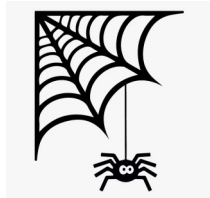
This notice is to inform you that our reporting year now finishes on the 30th of June. Your attendances will be reported from 1st November 2022 through to 30th June 2023, and from then on from 1st July to 30th June of the following year.

This means that we still have 3 more PFA shoots this reporting year to assist with your compliance requirements, and we have already had 5 shoots in the reporting year. This should be ample for all of you to ensure you have met your compliance requirements, as most of you only need 6 attendances if you have a target & hunting licence.

Please make sure that you have informed the club of any away shoots, so they can be added to your records. You can do this by going to the PFA website and using the reporting facility, or by sending an email with the details to registrar@pfainc.org.au

Finally, if PFA is not your reporting club, make sure you inform your reporting club of your attendances. Please do not send them through to PFA as if you are shown on the database as reporting through a different club, then your attendances will not be recorded on the database. The only attendances recorded against your name will be the ones done through our club shoots, however, these are not shared with your reporting club. As the 30th of June is fast approaching, we will be sending out the membership renewals shortly, together with any other relevant paperwork.

The Committee of Management 30th March 2023



*I JUST DID A WEEKS
WORTH OF CARDIO
AFTER WALKING INTO
A SPIDERS WEB.*

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OR SCOTCH PERHAPS?

On the first day of school, the children brought gifts for their teacher.

The supermarket manager's daughter brought the teacher a basket of assorted fruit.

The florist's son brought the teacher a bouquet of flowers.

The candy-store owner's daughter gave the teacher a pretty box of candy.

Then the liquor-store owner's son brought up a big, heavy box. The teacher lifted it up and noticed that it was leaking a little bit, she touched a drop of the liquid with her finger and tasted it. "Is it wine?" she guessed. "No," the boy replied. She tasted another drop and asked, "Champagne then?"

"No," said the little boy, "It's a puppy!"

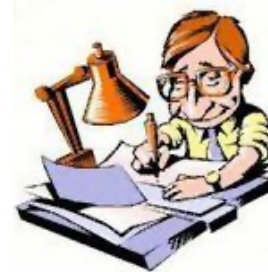
In general, I don't believe in child labour, but sometimes they're the only ones who can figure out what's wrong with my computer.

Items for On Target (Contributions)

Members, this is your newsletter and the content of each issue is included in the expectation that it will provide you with information, notifications and hopefully some entertainment.

We, your Committee, and myself work hard collecting bits and pieces for your reading enjoyment, but we must be sure that we don't get too much of an imbalance, such as too much of the "don't do this or that" or too much of one person's ideas, writings and opinions (*I'll try to hold back on this one, DBT*). To achieve a nice balance, we need input from various sources and I think we can achieve this, but to ensure the standards are maintained we would like you to think about what you have seen, done or are planning to do and let us know about it, "contribute" to **On Target**.

To be part of the newsletter just submit your article to me at derekb@tpg.com.au, in MS Word and I'll do the rest. I can't guarantee it will get in un-edited (we do have standards to uphold) or in the next issue, but we will do our best to fit it in.



DBT (On Target Editor)

Shoot Dates for PFA Inc. in 2023.

Last Sunday of each Month.

30th July, 27th Aug, 24th Sept, 29th Oct, 26th Nov, 17th 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 (AEST) (6.00pm AEDT)

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