

On Target

March 2020

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My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker. Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend yet.

*Men are from earth.
Women are from earth.
Deal with it.*

*Dogs Have Owners ~
Cats Have Staff*

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"

*I read that 4,153,237 people got married last year.
Not to cause any trouble...but shouldn't that be an even number?*

HI ALL, big disappointment for me, the 1Kg honey raffle has been drawn and won, **AND IT WASN'T ME.** A fundraising raffle was held for PFA with the prize being a 1Kg jar of our own honey, with lots of tickets sold, plenty of them being sold at the AGM, anticipation was high, but there can only be one winner.

The lucky winner was PFA member **Steve Haygarth**, and how happy is he, seen here receiving the "spoils" from Tony G. Plenty of very tasty honey on his cereal and toast, should last him for a while, enjoy it Steve. A great effort on fundraising, as in the short run up to the draw 32 tickets were sold and at \$5 each, totalled to a nice \$160 raised for the club. Yes, I am a bit flat that I didn't win, I love honey, but there is still plenty more that can be purchased from the club, so it's not too bad, the 500g jar I got at the AGM is gone now so I need to a top up, it really is very nice.

I wonder how many of those 32 tickets Steve bought? No just kidding. **DBT ED.**



Michael Diamond's 1996 Olympic medal sells for 50k in 2019.

The two-time Olympic shooting champion Michael Diamond has auctioned off his remaining gold medal for \$50,000 to help support his family as he battles serious health issues.

The 47 year old Michael made the difficult decision to sell his Atlanta 1996 Olympic medal, which he won for trap shooting, after being confronted by news he needed a heart transplant and gall bladder surgery. Diamond had already auctioned his second gold medal, won for the same event at the Sydney 2000 Olympics Games, for \$72,000 in 2017. He followed the auction of his remaining medal, which was expected to fetch up to \$70,000, from hospital, where he was recovering from gall bladder surgery he underwent earlier. It went for \$50,000, which will be used to support his three daughters with ex-wife Cathy. Diamond's dreams of competing at a seventh Olympics and possibly picking up another medal in Tokyo next year were dashed when he was rushed to a Newcastle hospital with heart failure late in 2019. With a heart functioning at only 15 per cent, Diamond's goal now is to be around to worry about his kids. "It's a pretty sobering feeling to have your heart fail on you," Diamond said in November. "I do want to hang around, I want to see my kids get older and get married and I want to have grandchildren."



PFA members

Now you can own your own club cap, yes, they're available **now**. It's been a long time coming, but as they say, "if it's worth having its worth waiting for".



A cap complete with club logo to proudly wear as a member of PFA. A cap to keep the sun off your head and shield your eyes while looking stylish when out and about and at the range.

Available in either blue or black with contrasting coloured logo, who wouldn't want one (or two). You can be the owner of your own PFA cap and be proudly wearing it, for the low price of **\$25**, why not buy two, one in each colour.

If you would like to purchase one (or more) of these unique pieces of club apparel you can purchase them from Ray BT at the next club shoot, at the PFA range, the last Sunday of each month or contact Ray BT on 0405686081, or Derek BT on 0481357527 and make arrangements for a pick up or drop off.

Limited numbers in stock for the initial run so don't miss out.

DerekBT ED.

Thanks.

This is to say a big thank you to the following people who took part in the working bee held on the 16th and 17th of February weekend. We achieved a lot, and a lot of jobs got done. They have also been credited with a reduction on their Maintenance Levy Fee.



Graeme T, Michael S, Robert R, Geoff J (2 days) Olivia B, Rob A, Mark R, Tere A (2 days), Tony G (2 days), Ian P, Anthony L, Philip B, (donation of equipment), Michael S, Richard L, Frank D'U, Peter F, Stiaan Le R, Mark L, Albina L.

Our next working bee will be held (or has been) in the second weekend of March, Saturday 14th of March, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday 15th of March, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Once again, thank you to those that participated. Your help is so greatly appreciated.

The Committee of Management

Because they had no reservations at a busy restaurant, my elderly neighbor and his wife were told there would be a 45 minute wait for a table. "Young man, we're both 90 years old," the husband said. "We may not have 45 minutes." They were seated immediately.

Unusual or downright scary.

How would you like to take to the firing line with a firearm which needed only one trigger pull to give you five timed shots with sufficient pause between to adjust your aim? WOW.

An old German manuscript with the date 1445 A.D. describes a similar sort of weapon.

"Several projectiles can be fired from one GUN after it has been ignited only once; the Projectiles are made of Iron or Lead and each goes off in its own turn."

Loading would present some problems and delays. The manuscript goes on to describe this process

"Pour as much powder into the gun, as corresponds to the length of the Projectile, press the projectile on to the powder, then as much Powder again and once again a Projectile until the gun is full." Careful shooters could stop at five. Casual types

could use larger barrels and shoot a complete match without pause. For the

technically minded here's how it worked.

"A hole passes through each Projectile, so that Fire can communicate from one to another. The holes are as big as the point of a Distaff (a stick or spindle ED) and are filled with powder and contain a Sulphur match, when one lights this, each shot goes off one after another."



The projectiles were cylindrical or drum shaped with a hole drilled through their centres, this prevented them being turned during loading. Round projectiles were found to turn and the hole could line up with the barrel wall and spoil the Roman Candle effect.

The old illustration from the manuscript makes them look like a cross between king size wad cutters and Lifesavers.

Known as "FEVERWERKEBUCH" these ancient "autos" are described in the early chapters of **Superimposed Load Firearms 1360 — 1860** by Captain D.R. Baxter.

A superposed load or stacked charge or superimposed load is a method used by various muzzleloading firearms, from matchlocks to caplocks, as well as newer Metal Storm weapons, to fire multiple shots from a single barrel without reloading. In a sense, superposed load guns were the first automatic firearms, as they fired multiple shots per pull of the trigger.

** Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of cheques.*

** How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?*

All PFA Members

As you know at the last AGM, the membership approved the introduction of a Maintenance Levy to enable us to carry out maintenance of our new range. There are many jobs that need to be undertaken, and if they cannot be done by way of a working bee, then a contractor needs to complete the work, and of course be paid. The Maintenance Levy is \$100 / financial year, payable on renewal of your membership. Those of you who have multiple year memberships, will receive an invoice for \$100.00. If you choose not to pay the amount, then the amount will be deducted from your remaining years of membership.

Those over 70 years of age and under 18 are exempt from the levy. There is of course of way of avoiding payment of the Maintenance Levy, and that is by taking part in a Working Bee (4 to be exact, as each one is worth \$25 towards the Levy). Those of you who have already attended working bees will receive credits for those working bees.

The dates for the working bees are as follows:-

Saturday, 15th February	10.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.	done
Sunday, 16th February	10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.	done
Saturday, 14th March	10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.	
Sunday, 15th March	10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.	
Saturday, 18th April	10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.	
Sunday, 19th April	10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.	
Saturday, 16th May	10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.	
Sunday, 17th May	10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.	
Saturday, 13th June	10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.	
Sunday, 14th June	10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.	

The dates for the second half of the year will be issued in June, once we establish what is the preferred day and time for the working bees. If you wish, you may also pay the Levy in advance during our scheduled working bees or scheduled club shoots.

Some of the jobs required to be completed:-

Build lean-to at poly tank to collect rain water, Clean drains as required, Clip overgrowth on range grass – use a spotter, Collect dead weeds and place in compost pile, Cut thistles too big to spray, Empty cabinet @ SIPC – ute or trailer required, Inventory dead plantings, Mowing, external areas of range, walking strip inside range, Plant tube stock, Re-stack corrugated tin, Remove dirt from rubble drain behind 50m and 25m targets, Repair BBQ table, Seal valve to poly tank, Signs to be wire tied to fencing and/or attached to walls, Spray weeds – farmers' friends; wild tobacco, solanum, thistles
Spray weeds in access way between main building & car park wall, Spray weeds in car park areas – or by hand



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Spread sand to level poly tank, Waterproofing of flag pole on mound, Weed cages and check if plants still alive, Weed garden beds, Weed swamp area – by hand, Whipper snipping of all perimeter mounds. Please ensure you wear appropriate clothing, long trousers (snakes!), enclosed shoes, a hat for sun protection and sturdy gloves depending on what you are going to be volunteering to do. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible. *(Many hands make light work. ED)*

Regards, **The Committee of Management**

PFA Australia Day 26th January 2020

Firstly, let me thank and congratulate all involved at the range on Australia Day that made it such an enjoyable and pleasant experience, I had a great time and by the look of everyone else, I wasn't the only one.

From booking my shooting bay and time, buying a coffee (real coffee) and buying my lunch, very gourmet, all this and more, made so easy, I might try the online booking next time and see how that works.

The range staff (volunteers) were efficient, friendly and looked to be enjoying their time as well as those of us there for a shoot.

It was busy, really busy, but everything ran nice and smooth, one could say casual, but timely.

I had all good intentions of doing some fine adjustments on my scope but once I started sending a couple down range, I got greedy and decided to just manage the holdover and enjoy the results, bugger, maybe next time.

I would like to apologise to the range staff for not cleaning up my brass and empty ammo box from the bench when I finished, I had all good intentions, as when I arrived I cleared all the empty cases from the previous shooter and thought to do the same when I finished, sorry guys, good intentions, just got carried away, I'll do better next time. Tidying up behind yourself may seem like a small thing but if everyone does it, the load is lightened for the range officers, let's all just help out.

Looking forward to my next shoot now, maybe even adjust the scope, I need to stay focussed.

DBT ED

Shoot Dates for PFA Inc. in 2020.

Last Sunday of each Month.

29th March, 26th April, (post Anzac Day Shoot)

31st May, 28th June, 26th July, 30th August, 27th

September, 25th October and 29th Nov, 27th Dec

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

Shooting is set to start at 12.00 noon with the last detail commencing at 3.30pm

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