

On Target

March 2022

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Is This Right?

I heard that a rumour circulating in political circles recently is not true. The Liberal Employment Minister Michaelia Cash does not have a sister named Petty.

My wife says I only have **two faults**

One I don't listen and something else



Duct Tape

It can't fix stupid but it can muffle the sound



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.

Welcome to all PFA Members to "On Target"

Editor's Comment

I would first like to wish everyone a happy and healthy 2022, wishing and hoping for a marked improvement over our 2020 and 2021. In December last year, the Committee made the decision, for the safety of all concerned, based on NSW Government Health advice that only those people who had been double vaccinated or had a medical exemption, were able to attend club premises.

The committee has, due to the relaxing of these requirements by the Health Experts, made the decision to discontinue with that procedure and let members make their own determinations on what's best for them. I know this change/decision is not made in an ad-hoc manner and it's made with everyone's best interests at heart and made based on the best advice provided by the NSW Government Health.

It is common knowledge that there are those out there, some even in our club that may not agree with vaccinations it is their/your right to not be vaccinated, your choice, I guess you have your reasons. I am no longer considered a young man and I am fully vaxxed, my family are all fully vaxxed, our choice, it's like wearing a seatbelt, we may never need it but thanks to all that's holy that it's on, if and when the need arises.

Wearing a face mask, (big deal) QR code check in and QR code check out, (big deal) (no longer required) and being vaccinated, in my opinion, all contribute to the safety of self, family, friends and others nearby. Me, I'm all for it, how could I not be.

Sure, the argument is there that being vaxxed won't stop you from getting C19



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or passing it on, maybe not, but with me not being a health expert I must believe what the experts tell me and this is the crux of it all, we are advised that it will in most reduce the chance of catching it, reduce the severity of it if you do get it and minimise the possibility of hospitalisation if after all this you do get a dose of C19, me, I know what I'd rather do, what about you?

Soon, and I hope and pray it will be very soon that we will all be back to "normal" and we can put all of this uncertainty behind us and get on with what we enjoy most.

Friends, please keep one thing in mind, we are none of us experts in much of what we do and are guided by those that we accept as being more knowledgeable and we act accordingly, but always with everyone's best interest at the heart of every decision made.

I wear a mask, QR check in to the newsagent twice a week the process takes at most 5 minutes, I do the same at the bread shop, once again the most 5 mins, damn it takes me longer than that to drive up to the shops, too easy, where's the problem. (not anymore) Please, please, if you are not happy with this decision, or any made by our volunteers (Committee) let them know in a cordial and civil manner, not with any nastiness or threats. This type of behaviour is unacceptable, unnecessary, cannot and should not be tolerated.

The club (PFA, Committee) is doing all it can to make our shoots possible and to comply with all recommended NSW Government Health advice. Sometimes a bit of a balancing act I'm sure.

We should be thanking them for the work, time and effort they put in to keep the club rolling on, they have my thanks. Thanks for "listening"

Derek BT ED.

Ps. We've had our 3rd job as well.



COVID-RELIEF INFORMATION FOR FIREARMS LICENCE HOLDERS. (March 2022, FAR Website.)

Due to the ongoing health situation in NSW, the NSW Firearms Registry advises the following: With the latest COVID-19 health advice to stay home, Service NSW strongly advises you to use their website or call 13 77 88, rather than visit a service centre. Visit their COVID-19 page for information and advice on the assistance available for NSW residents and businesses. Please consider this advice when considering attending a Service NSW centre to have your photo taken for your licence.



Club Participation

The Firearms Registry is aware that due to the ongoing pandemic and evolving circumstances, some licence holders may find it difficult to comply with their participation requirements given stay-at-home orders, self-isolation, quarantine or even due to a reluctance to congregate.

Any club member, whether a sports target (pistol or longarm), hunting or collecting, needing to undertake participation activities do not have to do so while clubs and ranges are closed due to the health situation in NSW.

To support this:

The Firearms Registry does not propose to revoke a licence on the basis that a licence holder cannot fulfil their participation requirements due to self-isolation, lockdown, quarantine, concerns about congregating due to COVID or club/range closure due to the health situation in NSW.

Licence holders in this situation do not need to notify the Firearms Registry on this matter.

Expiry of photographic advice letters

Under the current health orders, it is a reasonable excuse for a NSW resident to leave the house in order to fulfil a legal obligation. The taking of a photo for a licence card is fulfilling a legal obligation and Service NSW centres remain open and accessible for you to do this. However, if you cannot complete this before your photographic advice letter expires, please contact the Firearms Registry to seek an extension. Please ensure you do this before the expiration of the letter.

Expiry of permits to acquire

Under the current health orders, it is a reasonable excuse for a NSW resident to leave the house to obtain goods. Most firearms dealers across NSW remain open. However, if you cannot attend a firearms dealer before your permit to acquire expires please contact the Firearms Registry to seek an extension.

Firearms Registry - business as usual

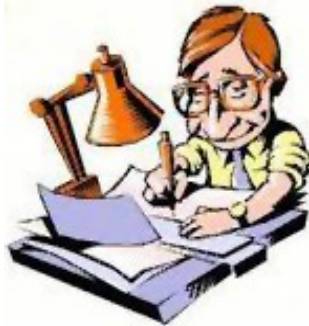
The Firearms Registry continues to operate as business as usual and is providing our whole suite of services to the NSW firearms and weapons community. To help us continue to do this, please be considerate of our need to support all our customers and limit your email and telephone queries to urgent matters only.

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. **Derek BT ED**



A Reminder to ALL PFA Members and Visitors On Shoot Days.

Please leave your firearms safely secured in your vehicle until you have completed the booking-in process and are preparing for your detail.

Arrive 15min/20min prior to your booked shoot time to ensure on-time commencement of scheduled details.

Make sure you have your current and valid shooters licence with you.

Thank you all for complying and assisting in the safe smooth flow of our shooting day.



It is with great sadness that I have to mention the loss of a few local businesses as a result of COVID19. A local bra manufacturer has gone bust, a submarine company has gone under, a manufacturer of food blenders has gone into liquidation, a dog kennel has had to call in the retrievers and a company supplying paper for Origami enthusiasts, has folded. The local strip club has gone tits up, Inter-flora is pruning its business and the saddest one though is the ice cream van man found covered in nuts and raspberry sauce. He couldn't take it anymore and topped himself.



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Thales Australia kicks off 2022 expanding Advanced Manufacturing in Lithgow.

Thales Australia has received Development Approval and have commenced construction (February 2022) on the first phase of an ambitious industrial plan to transform its Lithgow Arms facility in regional New South Wales. The new development will deliver an advanced manufacturing and integration hub for the precision manufacture of next generation Australian designed weapon systems, integrating both traditional precision manufacturing and digital technologies, including 3D printing, and the installation of automated electro-plating and other metal treatment capabilities.



The new development will also include a new purpose built live firing test and evaluation capability to support systems qualification and integration, and the acceleration of research and technology development of digitized small-arms and weapon system platforms. Late last year, Thales Australia announced over \$12 million of investments in new infrastructure and advanced manufacturing capability at the company's Lithgow and Mulwala facilities, supporting the Governments' sovereign munitions and small arms research, design, development and manufacture priority. The new development at Lithgow will expand the world-leading precision-manufacturing capability of Lithgow Arms to support new sovereign manufacturing partnerships for strategic ADF programs, including the company's partnership with Rheinmetall Defence

Australia to manufacture key components for Rheinmetall in support of the Australian Defence Force Land 400 program.



The purpose-built facility will also support collaboration across research institutions, SME partners, and key Industrial partners to create the soldier systems and small arms of the future, as well as train the next generation of skilled advanced manufacturing workers in the central west. (example of Rheinmetall products shown above)



A woman came home, screeching her car into the driveway, and ran into the house. She slammed the door and shouted at the top of her lungs, "Honey, pack your bags. I won the lottery!" The husband said, "Oh my God! What should I pack, beach stuff or mountain stuff?" "Doesn't matter," she said. "Just get out."

Two priests decided to go to Hawaii on vacation. They were determined to make this a real vacation by not wearing anything that would identify them as clergy. As soon as the plane landed, they headed for a store and bought some really outrageous shorts, shirts, sandals, sunglasses.

The next morning, they went to the beach dressed in their 'tourist' garb. They were sitting on beach chairs, enjoying a drink, the sunshine and the scenery when a 'drop dead gorgeous' topless blonde came walking straight towards them.

They couldn't help but stare.

As the blonde passed them, she smiled and said, 'Good Morning, Father, Good, Morning Father,' nodding and addressing each of them individually, then she passed on by, they were both stunned.

How in the world did she know they were priests? So, the next day, they went back to the store and bought even more outrageous outfits.

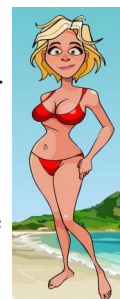
Once again, in their new attire, they settled down in their chairs to enjoy the sunshine.

After a little while, the same gorgeous topless blonde came walking toward them, again she nodded at each of them and said, 'Good morning, Father, Good morning, Father,' and started to walk away.

One of the priests couldn't stand it any longer and said, 'Just a minute, young lady.' 'Yes, Father?'

'We are priests and proud of it, but I have to know, how in the world did you know we are priests, dressed as we are?'

She replied, 'Father, it's me, Sister Kathleen.'



Covid-19

As you are all aware, we have been living in very interesting and trying times. Your committee would like to assure every single one of our members that any decisions taken in regard to Covid-19 restrictions were taken in strict adherence to the Government Health Orders and Guidelines. We will continue to do so in the future. Let's hope that we will not go back into lockdown or restrictive practices, but should this happen, PFA will continue to co-operate with what is required from a responsible sporting organisation.



The Committee of Management

I recently read an interesting review in the February 2022 issue of **Australian Shooter** the author of the original article was Rod Pascoe (*thanks to Rod P for his time, efforts and expertise*) and it made for a great very interesting read. I have edited it to fit in with our other articles and to introduce a new brand of ammo for you to discover, maybe test and try for yourself. The subject is **AGUILA** and while not well known in Australia they claim to be one of the world's largest producers of rimfire ammunition and have been manufacturing product since 1961.

Aguila is manufactured by **INDUSTRIAS TECNOS** in Cuernavaca, Mexico and in 2011 they partnered with industrial giant **TEXAS ARMAMENT & TECHNOLOGY (TXAT)** as exclusive US and International distributor of their products. Aguila is Spanish for eagle, hence the brand's logo.

In 2016 Aguila launched its first US branding and marketing campaign and, with TXAT began production at a second manufacturing plant in Texas.

Aguila has now made it to Australia and is offering a wide range of 20+ rimfire cartridges for target shooting and hunting as well as a range of 'special products'.

Aguila is represented in Australia by Melbourne-based **RAYTRADE** and apart from the rimfire range, Raytrade will be releasing centrefire handgun, rifle and shotshell ammunition later this year.

The subjects of the article are three of Aguila's .22 Long Rifle (LR) target specialists rounds.

Rifle Match, Pistol Match and Target Competition

Advertising material states 'Aguila Prime technology is engineered and tested to Olympic shooting standards' and up until about 2016 the boxes were marked Eley Prime, the change is likely to be due to ditching the Eley priming formulation for one of its own.

Each example has a brass case topped with a 40gn solid lead round-nose projectile. There are no marks that would identify the three types apart.

Rifle Match and Target Competition rounds each have an advertised muzzle velocity of 1080fps and Pistol Match 925fps, with all three described as 'standard velocity'. The ammo test was done using a pistol, revolver, lever action and bolt action rifles. Rifles fired from a rest at 50m and the handguns at 25m.

To summarise: The Pistol Competition ammo worked best in the pistol and revolver 34mm, followed by Rifle 52mm then Target 56mm, group sizes when fired from a Hammerli Model 208.

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In a CZ 452 rifle topped with a scope and fired from a rest at 50m a group of 15mm was the best outcome using the Rifle Match product, 18mm with Pistol Match and 20mm with Target Competition.

In a Marlin 39A lever-action with open sights a group of 51mm was achieved with the Rifle Match ammo (including one unfortunate flyer) and 60mm with both the Pistol and Target products. (*I have not included the results of the Anschutz rifle as the test day was extremely windy and not suitable, however the test target is shown to the right which was shot in very blustery conditions.*(DBT ED))

All ammo functioned faultlessly in every firearm and most

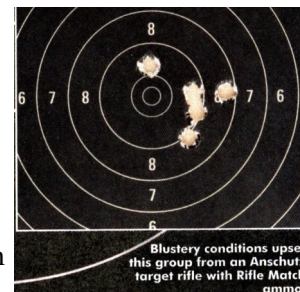
importantly all rounds fed, fired, extracted and ejected without a hitch in the self-loading pistol and lever-action rifle.

In Summary: Pricing is expected to be between \$12 and \$15 for a 50 pack (less in bulk) and as a general rule most .22LR ammunition pricing is proportional to its quality or, more to the point, its quality control.

The Aguila samples used in this review fit a price range and quality scale and would be ideal and economical for most rifle and pistol club applications.

In these tests the Pistol Match did perform better in the pistol and revolver, with all three rifles preferring the Rifle Match. The Target Competition didn't feel outstanding in any of the firearms but as suggested it shouldn't be dismissed from your own/personal load development routine. Sometimes the label doesn't necessarily match the type of firearm for which it's best suited and often ammunition labelled 'pistol' can perform exceptionally well in a rifle and vice-versa.

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"Water is the coal of the future. Tomorrow's energy will be water that has been broken down by electric current. The elements of water – hydrogen and oxygen – broken down in this way, will secure the earth's energy supply for the unforeseeable, future." **Jules Verne, 1874.**

Shoot Dates for PFA Inc. in 2022.

Last Sunday of each Month.

27th March, 24th April, 29th May, 26th June, 31st July, 28th Aug, 25th Sept, 30th Oct, 27th Nov, 25th Dec, TBC.

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.

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