



The cut off date for the March issue of the Penfield Perenti's newsletter is February 23rd. Information to smithpg@chariot.net.au.

From Steve S.; Secretary.

Happy New Year and all that dribble..... We shall all hope for the best, some will pray for the best, but the outcome is all in the hands of the powers that may be.

Sounds cynical or maybe not very inspiring..... We really do not know what the year will bring. BUT, we can influence the future to some degree. We can make our lives better by what we do, and with the expected activities planned at the Club this year, we can make it one of the better years, or just ordinary. Each Club financial year, the Club has asked all of us to contribute to the "well being " of the Club by participating in Working Bees. It is well known that if we as a Club had to employ Contractors to attend to improvements and maintenance, our fees would be so high there would not be a Club. No One could afford to be a member, let alone shoot at the Club. Last year, we had some extensive damage to our Air Range, and this is being repaired, but this is minor compared to the work that is required to prepare for the Master's Games Shooting events that will be held in October. We intend to conduct competitions on all days for a week for these Games, and wish to provide a venue second to none in this state. It is achievable. The completion of the 25 metre Range is of high priority, and will complement the Air range that we have always touted as the centre piece of our Club. There is a need for new Target Frames for the 90 metre Range. There is much work to be done in the Club rooms; inside and out; to the Range buildings, inside and out; to the grounds surrounding about the Club. We are still fighting for the existence of the Club, and we have the best opportunity to present the best case for our existence in our current location. In the past, we have hosted mainly the Air Pistol events, but this year we have the opportunity to do more. Our Club will be on display, so let's make it a great one.

Where is all this leading to..... Another Working bee on the 30th of January, 2011. The first of many for this year, but the best time to make a great start. All of us have some skills, some handy, some not. Some professional, some amateurish. But it is time to put some efforts in and make the Club look like something much more than a group of abandoned old Government buildings. Help spruce them up with a good paint job, a new gutter, some new fixtures.

So come and help out the standard old crew, and a few new ones, and be there on Sunday, 30th, starting about 9am. There is plenty to do. Work for a couple of hours or a few more.

On another note, please be aware that toilets have been provided at the Clubrooms for the intended use. I will implore the male members to make proper use of the facilities, and not attempt to establish "bush Toilets" next to the outdoor Ranges..... For Obvious Reasons. Ideally, we could have a Range toilet... but unless we can build or buy one, (and find some miracle worker to regularly clean it,) the Club room toilets are the only presentable option. I have noticed that there is nearly always Toilet breaks held during matches lately.....

From Paul S.; Rifle Captain

Hello and Happy New Year. This years shooting went into full swing from Day 1. We started with the first of the Vin shoots with all the bench's full. Before the shoot a quick shooters meeting was held an some matters were openly addressed. We discussed the need to keep the range clean, toileting and the weight of rifles. On the latter it was decided that we maintain the current weight restriction of 3.51 kg the only exception being a "grandfather exemption" for Kevin H. The weigh-in will continue until all shooters in this Championship have had their rifles weighed and recorded. It is also worthy of note that scopes were checked to be 6x and that rifles were not clamped into stands. This, of course, only applies to the Hunter Class of rifles.

February brings to us the Dead Eye Dick practice. This is a great fun shoot and those members who do not shoot any rifle would find this shoot a whole lot of fun. We see some really fantastic results in this competition and some of the targets shot at are returned, unshot, free from holes, to the cupboard. Even our suicidal magpie keeps away on this shoot.

Our club is going to host the Masters Games, and I think that's great! OK, so its going to be a pistol only event but it will be recognition to our Club. Recognition I feel that we need. I am asking you to participate in the working bee's. I am asking that if you have a skill, offer it, not just the once, but as many times as its needed. Ask Darrin P or JD what they want, what you can offer. Overall it is for the benefit of the Club and in turn benefit to you; and never forget you save \$40 for each working bee you participate in. That only should be stimulus enough to offer. Oh dear. I have had a bit of a rant, but its important, isn't it!

Now in its 5th year

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From Darrin P.; Minor Works

Some painters are needed for the next working bee to do the Canteen over for Mary. Its been some time since work was done in this area and a good freshening up couldn't, wouldn't, go astray. There is also work to be done on the air range as well.

The carpet for the air range has been purchased at some very good mates rates. If anyone is looking for carpet, a trip to Floors Plus, Richmond Road would help show our appreciation. You can alternatively call Trevor on 83526388

From Kym S.; Treasurer

Welcome folks, welcome rain, think Summer is still coming, maybe not. Little to report from the financials; a couple of hefty cheques are to be drawn this month with significant ammunition stocks arriving & the yearly SARPA dues to be drawn, this shall see our working account in a good position & I'd expect such to hover similarly till year end.

Club has been closed over xmas & little effort had been consolidated so far as repairs or working bees are concerned, thus the place remains a mess & the 25 & 90m ranges are exactly what they were on the last day of October. The only change to note is my fingernail has exited.

This should be of the greatest concern to us all, as Penfield, that is us, we, you & me, have volunteered to host the Masters Games in October, we are far from the reality of being able to achieve this, think I may have mentioned in October that this would be the case in March, sure enough it's here We need to pool our skills & manpower to see fit the modifications to both ranges, much work is required & all in someway can be of assistance.

February typically will be too hot, March is too busy, April is school holidays & Nationals, May June & July will be too cold, too wet & too many Open comps are on. Some may be too old, some too young, some too busy & the others couldn't give a rats rant, well, August is coming & guess what?? Major embarrassment and an alternate venue pending **because we couldn't get our Club organized.**

Step up people, its your chosen club, the management of which has put up the offer to give back to our sport what so many others do for us also have the club a chance to make a few dollars from the canteen & catering.

The club house shop & air range needs lick of paint, not hard for most, floors need detailing also not hard for someone with a floor buff, the 25m needs a bunch of welding, digging, concreting, drilling & painting, this will need some co-ordination. A bunch of stuff needs to be done & many man hours are needed here. The 90m needs the room knocked out of it, benches moved, power box moved, a new target line established, target backings constructed. None of this is hard but will require organization.

Think this is by far more important than a treasurers report at this date. Sad to be, but every member needs to understand the urgency required. Many extra working bees are to be scheduled in the coming months & when the penny drops & reality sinks in we will realize that if these things are not complete by August end, it isn't going to happen. May be a little out of line here, but we won't know until asked, could you all nominate one day each month i.e. Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday for each of the next 3 months to offer service to the Club in an effort to achieve some of the above. That is 1 day in March, 1 in April & 1 in May, the day of your choice when you could assist with something, this should allow the flexibility to allocate a task to each & you never know your day may suit 3 or 4 others.

You may email me your intention (tacklebox@ozemail.com.au) or add to the calendar that I shall put in the Club on the pinup board.

Here's hoping.....



Mary

From the Shopkeeper, Mary.

The shop is trading well again after a quiet time over the holidays. Peter S. has indicated his monthly pistol coaching sessions will resume in February. The date has not been advised as yet but please ask me and I will keep you informed.

For Sale, rifle scope.

Leupold VX1 rifle scope, 3-9x40mm. Near new, in box, with papers, s/n 283001U, used, maybe 5 or 6 times only at club shoots on a CZ American .22. No visible mount marks. One inch tube. Leupold Neoprene cover. The price is \$250 firm. Selling because this model Leupold has no clicks on U/D or L/R adjusters. Optics are great, adjustment infinite but I need those clicks. Call me on 82522507, email smithpg@chariot.net.au.

Paul S.

From Carl T.; President

Greetings to all of you who survived the festive season.

The club is back in action again after the Christmas break , and this news letter is coming out a little earlier than normal .

First item to mention is the Working Bee at the end of this month, there are quite a few things that need attention at this one.

The ceiling in the Air Range that came down in the storms just before Xmas is being repaired and will need painting,

New carpet tiles have been obtained and will need laying in there, as well as a cleanup of the whole range area.

Repairs to the gutters to prevent the recurrence of the water into the range,

the modifications on the 25m. range, painting, cleaning, new target backers, tidying up Bld. 29 (which also was flooded in the storms), fencing and a whole lot of other things need doing.

There will be a list on the White Board in the club rooms of things to be done, so come along and help if you can. Talk to me or JD. (Vice Pres.) Steve S. (sec.) Darren P. (minor works) Ray D. (major works) before the day if you can help with a certain job or just turn up on the day and some thing will be organized for you to do.

The 2011 club program will shortly be on our website (www.penfield.org.au) this can be updated or amended as need be during the year, you can print it or just check or any changes whenever you want to.

See you at the club soon .



Vale Ron Wormwell

Most members would be aware that we lost a well respected long-serving member in December. Ron joined our club for pistol and rifle shooting but with his wealth of archery knowledge and experience became our clubs first Archery Captain and Archery Instructor when we added an archery section to the club. We had little idea of what archery involved and Ron was the driving force behind the establishment of the archery field/range and the equipment that was required. He was responsible for convincing the club to change our name from the pistol & rifle club to include archery in the name and also for altering our mascot to add a bow to our Perentie, no small feat considering the original caricature holding a rifle and revolver was drawn for us by Len Beadell.

He did so many different designs for consideration over many months and was so passionate that the archery section within the club should be recognized and clearly visible. Ron's experience, knowledge, passion, determination and calm friendly nature will be sadly missed by the Penfield Pistol Rifle & Archery Club. To acknowledge the contribution that Ron has made to the club and in particular the archery section, the Committee unanimously agreed that the new archery range will be named in his honor.

JD

