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President's Report

Quite a lot has happened since the last newsletter and thanks go to those who have been involved in the working bees, the Tri-State competition and other activities happening at the club.

A lot was achieved at the last working bee on 31st May and this was also an opportunity to name the archery field in honour of Ron Wormwell, the person who established archery within our club. It was great to see many of Ron's relatives attend to join us in naming The Ron Wormwell Archery Field and the plaque was revealed by Ron's daughters Veronica and Sandra.



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 were attempting to add an archery section to the club. We had been involved in social shoots with the Northern District Archers for many years but when they lost access to a field they disbanded so we thought we would start a field at our club. We had little idea of what was involved and Ron was the driving force behind the establishment of the archery field 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 convincing our members at a special meeting in 2005 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.

Ron's calm and engaging personality, his knowledge and expertise in archery are missed by the Penfield Pistol Rifle & Archery Club. To acknowledge the great contribution that Ron made to the club and in particular the archery section, the Committee unanimously agreed that the new archery range be named in his honour.



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No doubt others will provide details of the Tri-State elsewhere in this newsletter as I only appeared for a very short time on the Sunday afternoon and in some discomfort as I had undergone surgery just a few days previously. All comments I've heard have been positive and thanks go to all those involved in all aspects of supporting this event. I was going to list those involved, but soon realised that list was huge and it was great to see all those involved in making this event a success. Thanks to all involved in the planning, helping in the shop, the kitchen, food preparation and cooking, range duties, driving the buses, working at the hall etc. etc., and especially to all the juniors who participated.



JD

Secretary's Report

To quote a statement from a character from "Gomer Pyle " for those that are old enough to remember him.... "Thank you , Thank you, Thank you." The last couple of months have been very hectic, and "it ain't finished yet."

I was going to make specific mention of the few members that have made a great deal of difference to the Club and various activities around the Club, but in hindsight there have been quite a few that have helped in one way or another, be it in helping Carl with the Kitchen / Shop renovation, general maintenance around the Club, or at the Tri-State event at the Club. There are a few skilled Tradesmen in our Club, and some of those skills have been put to very good use in the Club room, improving Security lighting around the Club grounds and Ranges. Now at least, we can see what is going on in the carpark at night with the brilliant new lighting. A long overdue project, with brilliant, (pardon the pun), results. Intentions are to use similar, low cost LED Lighting on the Ranges, and in the Clubroom, in an effort to reduce our Electricity usage around the Club.

Although, I was not going to mention any members specifically, I am going to mention that all the Club owes Carl tooth a special debt of gratitude for his work in the kitchen and then for Tri-State. I know that he has worked his butt off, on so many days, sometimes alone, on that Kitchen, trying his best to get it finished for Tri-State weekend. As I have said before, it was necessary to get it functional for the weekend as the facilities in the A E Martin Hall where the Competitors slept were of non-functional use now, unlike years gone by. Carl and a few others worked day after day to do the renovations, which proved so necessary for that weekend. We all need to show a lot of gratitude to Carl for his efforts, and over the next month, the aim will be to get it finished.



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For those that have been to the Club recently, most would agree the renovation to the Kitchen / Shop area has opened up the whole Club room dramatically, and is a vast improvement over the dated area before. However, it is not yet finished, with another cupboard to be installed near the Stove, Tiling splash-bask to be installed, and a partition to restrict only shop staff to the area. Additional refinements are also to be made to the cupboards and Hand towel dispenser to be added. For those that have ventured or helped out in the shop, you would have noticed that there are now two sinks, and one is labelled “for hand washing only” and is provided as per Regulations for use by Shop staff whom are working with food. Please do not use this option just because it is convenient, as I said it is for those working in the kitchen about to prepare food. Thank you in advance.

Tri-State

I could say a lot about the Tri-State event itself, but I am sure Morgan and Brooke will have a lot to say in a separate article, so I will leave it in their very capable hands. However, in addition to mentioning Carl’s efforts, without the Buses provided by XMRC and Ron Hoad’s



efforts, the competitors would not have got there, and to the recreation event on Saturday Night. Without the efforts of Chris and Henry Czyzewski, Peter and Mary Hoffmann, and their many food helpers, all attending would not have been fed and looked after to the high standard that the Club has always provided for this event. I am sorry to those that I have not specifically mentioned, as the list is extensive, but rest assured, those that did help, your efforts are appreciated and recognised and all deserve the gratitude of the Club and Junior Shooting sport.

Annual General Meeting. Wednesday, 8th July, 7pm

With the coming Annual General Meeting, reminders have been sent out concerning Nominations and Notices of Motion, and at this time, most positions have members nominated, but that should not stop any member from asking others to nominate them for a position. It is all part of Volunteering for the Club. Again if you have an issue to raise that should be discussed as Notice of Motion, or if you have an issue of concern, now is the best time to speak up.

Membership accounts.

Despite all the extra work to be done by Carl, Membership Accounts have been sent out either by email, as established last year, or to a few without email, by “snail Mail”, so if you



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have not received yours by now, or know of a member that has not received theirs, contact me or Carl to get a copy.

Range RO Roster

Just a reminder that there is a White Board on the Air Range to allow any member to add their name to the Roster for Range Officer duty or Firearms Duty. All duties count towards Working Bees, but only if you mark it in the Sign in book.

Scout Night Friday 26th June, 2015

There is a Scout Night scheduled for this coming Friday, 26th, starting at 7pm, and members will be required to supervise at this event.

Firearms Purchase.

As per the Firearms Act, members are reminded that Handguns cannot be purchased until the member has had their Licence for a minimum of 6 months, and the first firearms purchased should be either an Air Pistol or a 0.22LR pistol, and requests to be able to purchase a centre Fire Pistol as the first pistol, whether you have agreed to purchase it or not, may be refused by Firearms. A Club chit is required for purchase of any handgun, and for any Rim-Fire and Black Powder Rifle purchased for Club use. For those that have a Hunting Licence, Club Chits are not necessary for purchase, and these rifles (Rim-Fire and Black Powder) may be used on our Ranges for "Sighting in" and checking for hunting use. **However..... NO CENTRE FIRE RIFLES ARE PERMITTED TO BE SHOT ON OUR RANGES...** except for designated members for Scout Nights.

See you all at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, July 8th, at 7pm. Supper provided after meeting, and if you want to get an Air Pistol or Air Rifle shoot in that night, Range will be closed at 6:55pm.

Archery Report

We held Round 2 of the PPRAC Archery Championships on Sunday 21st June. The weather was cold but clear with a mild breeze blowing behind the shooting line towards the targets – this made for almost perfect competition weather, well, apart from the temperature. In fact, it didn't really matter what that actual climatic temperature was due to the heat of competition that builds on the archery range. All alliances and allegiances are forgotten as everyone strives to shoot their best to obtain the coveted award – The Ron Wormwell Championship trophy.



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Tension builds, excitement mounts and a hush comes over the range. None of the usual banter is heard as every archer has an absolute focus on the gold ring in the centre of the target face. *Captain's note: There have been times in the past when we were all content to merely hit the target and not have to chase our arrows. Now, if an arrow dares to lodge anywhere outside of the gold ring, a sense of disappointment is tangible. How we have all progressed over the years!*

In reality, despite everyone trying the absolute hardest to outshoot everyone else, there still exists the congratulations and support – even if it might be a little less enthusiastic and of a somewhat muted volume during the Championship rounds.

Well then you might ask, “How did everyone shoot on this momentous occasion?” I’m glad that you asked, as I was going to tell you anyway.

The chilly weather and the odd injury certainly kept many archers away, but the resolute few carried on regardless – after all, championship points are at stake. Top 6 placings at present look like this:

Archer	Round 1	Round 2	Total to date
Callum Marlow	858	858	1716
Pete Hobbs	849	834	1683
Jonathan Ryall	813	814	1627
Phil Castaldini	810	850	1660
Brad Ryall	806	817	1623
Ian Marlow	779	820	1599

As you can see from the table, Callum Marlow retains the overall lead, increasing the margin to Pete Hobbs from 9 points in Round 1 to 33 points in Round 2 – that just goes to show that consistent shooting pays off.

Our Championship Rounds are comprised of 30 arrows at 60m, 30 at 50m and 30 at 40m for Seniors with the same number of arrows but at 50m, 40m and 30m for Veterans, Intermediate and Juniors.



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Round 3 will be shot on Sunday 20th September and Round 4 on Sunday 18th October. All Championship rounds commence at 9:00 sharp.

I shall be away for all of July, so it is unlikely that there will be any Archery Report for the July newsletter.

Collector's Report

The AGM held Friday 19th went smoothly as expected, the official business taking a mere 20 minutes. Incoming committee being:

- President Chris Biddle
- Vice-President John Davies
- Treasurer Steve Simmons
- Secretary Peter Hoffmann

Vin's excellent soup followed by chicken & salads consumed before the meeting proper helped make the evening well worth attending. To round off the night J.D., had another interesting 6 cylinder toy to display, this confirming that our small but interesting club has much to offer. As usual we will support the Scout night on Friday 26th. Our next monthly meeting is on Friday 21st July & should any PPR&A member wish to attend they are most welcome.

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Cheers & beers, Hoffers

Shop Report

Although I was only at the Club shop at night during the Tri-State championships I really appreciated the amount of people that helped Chris & Vin in particular plus others spent long hours both prior to & during the long weekend.

Now that the shop is nearing completion normal services can resume during the cold winter nights with hot-dogs, toasted sandwiches etc.

-- Love from the OLDE GRANNY



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TRISTATE 2K15

HELLO LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ONCE AGAIN I AM BACK WITH ANOTHER INCREDIBLE INSTALLMENT OF JUNIOR TRISTATE MAYHEM!!!

As all of you know, there is a competition held every year between junior pistol teams from South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria known as the Junior Tristate competition. This year, we had the opportunity to host the Tristate here at Penfield, and from a participant's point of view, it was a blast.

The SA team assembled at the range early on Saturday June 6th, where we eagerly awaited our interstate friends. Shortly prior to lunch, the Victorians arrived, and you could practically taste the excitement of reuniting with our almost-foreign cohort (or maybe that was just the banana cake, the icing was pretty good, just saying). After lunch, the two teams mingled for a while, before dividing into groups to train for a while. The NSW team arrived after the rest of us had finished training, but it wasn't a huge deal – I'm *pretty* sure we forgave them, at least.

After a little bit of socialising and catching up and greeting new compadres, there was dinner, which I must say was done very well. After tea, we all went ice skating together down at Thebarton – some people had a hard time skating, some found it easy, but that's always the way when you're balancing on tiny metal blades on a slippery surface. I personally achieved a goal that night (worked out how to skate backwards – I'm not super good at it but at least I can do it now), and I know a few others learned a little. Brooke and myself also kicked some major Heinrich butt in a sled race (no offense intended of course – we love you guys <3).

Once we returned from our icy adventure, we helped ourselves to some dessert before going to sleep, ready for the next day. What a day it turned out to be – some personal bests were achieved, some challenges made (see: bets that Brooke won), 'decorations' hung up and tables napped on. South Australia did not manage to retain the Tri-State Trophy (aww), however we did pretty well considering we were short by one shooter compared to the other teams. Naturally, as a way of reconciling with our eastern accomplices, we all sat around playing card games and watching Monty Python. All is well again. Of course, we all know we're going to meet again in Victoria next year so we can all try to outshoot each other (and of course, ourselves) all over again, but eh, technicalities.

Big thanks to everyone who helped over the course of the weekend – none of this event would have been possible without support from the club. And thanks also to those who help support myself and the other juniors (though to be fair, next year will be the last Tristate for *three members of our team, I'm gonna cry*) in our journey to become better shooters – every bit of advice and encouragement helps, even if it isn't apparent right away!

TUNE IN EVERY JUNE FOR MORE TALES OF TRISTATE SHENANIGANS!!! IN THE NEXT EDITION WE'RE TOTALLY GONNA WIN. CALLING IT NOW. THE TROPHY WILL BE OURS AGAIN I FEEL IT IN MY BONES



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