



SALE PISTOL CLUB NEWS LETTER 04/04/2010

Welcome to what I think is probably the first news-letter for the year. As most of you are aware there has been a bit on over the last few months and I thought I'd take this opportunity to bring everyone up to date with the progress we've been making with some of our projects:

Liquor Licence:

The long running saga with our liquor licence continues. The most current issues that we need to resolve have been in relation to our 'Liquor Management Plan'. We do however, appear to be making some progress at this stage and hopefully we'll get a reasonable outcome in the not too distant future. The matter was last listed for administrative mention at VCAT on 19/03/10. The Government Solicitors, who are representing Liquor Licensing Victoria, were in possession of our updated plan prior to this hearing and have indicated that they are happy with it. The solicitors have forwarded the plan, with their recommendation, to Sue McClellan, the Director of Liquor Licensing and we are waiting to hear back from her.

It is also worth noting that during this long involved process there have been many changes to the liquor licensing legislation, including significant increases in licence fees. The local Field and Game Association club had their fees increased from \$58 to approximately \$450. We've run the sums on this one and whilst it would reduce our profits a little it isn't going to make that much difference over the course of a year and the licence will pay for itself.

With a little bit of luck we'll have our licence in time for some of the bigger shoots that we run later in the year, which will add to the social side of the events.

Air Pistol Range:

Significant progress has been made on the club's new Air Pistol Range. The shed (14 X 6 Metres) has been purchased; the slab and foundations will be laid over the next week or two and arrangements have been made to have the shed erected once the slab cures.

We are currently exploring the available options for setting up target returns and other range facilities. Once the range is completed it will comply with the current

ISSF range standards. It will be a great facility for our members and will hopefully attract some of our local air pistol shooters who are regularly travelling to Traralgon to shoot. For those interested it will also allow club members to participate in the Pistol Australia postal shoots.

The range will be self reliant with an independent power supply which will enable members to attend and practise at any time. If there is sufficient interest we may even set up a few mid week after hours competitions.

Service Match Open:

The service match open is to take place over the ANZAC Day weekend. (24-25/04/10). Joe and I had some discussion in relation to the match on Saturday and preparation for the match is progressing well. Unfortunately entries are a bit down at this stage which is disappointing considering the effort that goes into running a match of this nature.

It is important for us to remember that we need to support all of the disciplines that our club members participate in. As such I encourage all of our members, including those that are not regular service shooters or otherwise engaged over the weekend, to blow the dust and cobwebs off their service match gear and get involved.

It's a great opportunity to have a bit of fun, meet members from other clubs and find out what's going on in the broader shooting community.

P.R.Murphy Memorial Shot:

The annual P.R.Murphy Memorial Shoot will be run on 22/05/10. It will be a traditional back to basic practical style shooting match. No bells and whistles just a heap of fun. I encourage everyone to get along and have a go. All are welcome and if you don't have the equipment to shoot the practical style matches you are more than welcome to use the clubs.

Publicity:

The club was recently contacted by Marcus Stone, who is the 'Lifestyle Activities Coordinator' for Wellington Shire. The Shire is currently putting together its 'Futures Plan' and is looking to highlight sporting clubs and activities that assist in attracting people to Wellington Shire. Our club has been nominated as fitting into this category and will feature in the plan. I spoke to Marcus last week and received some very positive feedback from him in relation to how we are perceived by the Shire. It was pleasing to get the feedback and I believe that the publicity we receive via the Council plan can only assist in building our club.

Committee for the Future:

Now on to business! The year seems to be slipping away very quickly and it won't be long before it's AGM time again. It is very pleasing to see a number of new

members joining the club and that our attendances are remaining high. As everyone is aware the club doesn't run itself and it takes a bit of effort and commitment to keep things going. However, the old adage of 'Many hands make light work.' holds very true. There are many members in the club who have great skills and a lot to offer to the administrative side of keeping things on track.

I would encourage you all to have a think about what you have to offer and where you might be able to assist in the day to day business of running the club. Nomination forms, for the various committee positions, will be forwarded to all members approximately 6 weeks prior to the AGM. If you think you have something to offer and would like to help put your hat in the ring.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mick McGinn', written in a cursive style.

Mick McGinn
President: Sale Pistol Club Inc.