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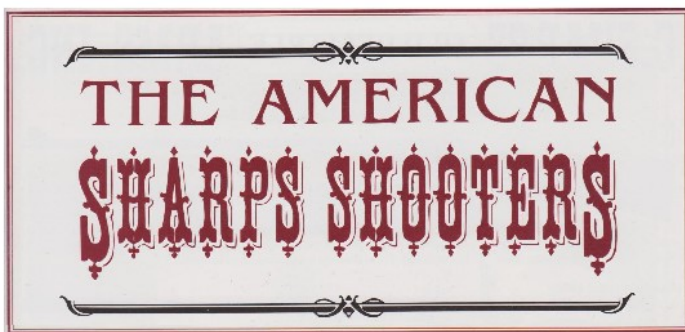
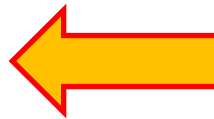
Members will have received the following from President Gavin.

Our Cooyal shoot is planned for 21, 22, 23 January, pending approval from the land holder and no last minute restrictions from the State Government and/or the S.S.A.A. Hopefully a mixture of mowing, weed spraying, lever action silhouette, some load/ group testing at 300 yds and three or four longer ranges to blow out some cobwebs.

If you have a pistol calibre lever gun...ie. 357, 44 etc.. bring it with you. If you only have rifle calibre..ie. 30/30 or 45/70...then bring those too..but don't have them loaded to the hilt...as they only need to make it 200 yds and hit the plates. Lead bullets please.

... Once we know things are a 'goer', our secretary will send out the usual " who's coming to play" email, the requirements...and who might like to dine at the pub.

And that is still the Plan.....



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BRAA members are advised to email the Editor Mike Nesbitt on mikens54@aol.com and ask to be put on the (computer) mailing list. It is well worth the trouble.

Jail time if you have a plan of one of your Guns

The WA Government has proposed strict new laws that will make it illegal to carry out repairs to a gun you legally own! Even being in possession of instructions or plans that could show you how to make one could earn a maximum jail penalty of 10 years. It seems that if you own a book that includes schematics of guns you would be a criminal.

It is not clear but it seems that reloading of your ammunition could be seen as breaking the new laws. There has been no industry input as yet but it is hoped that there will be before the legislation is passed. Apparently the new laws are necessary to stop bikies getting guns?



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Thomas Jefferson, one of the US founding fathers, talking about laws against the carrying of arms said "They disarm only those who are neither inclined or determined to commit crime. Such Laws make it easier for the assaulted and better for the assailants". Hard to argue with .

Presidents Report to 2021 BRAA Annual General Meeting

... Welcome. Apologies ? That's a good way to start, I'd like to apologize for the last two years actually and if it had been within BRAA's control, I certainly would feel guilty for the indecision, division and confusion that has accompanied this phenomena we've all been living through.

I believe we'd all hoped that some degree of normalcy would have returned after the first twelve months of covid but the abnormal has been maintained and the goal posts appear to be on castors judging by the directions and speed of change. Make no mistake there is no 'new normal' ...just normal and abnormal. The love of the powers that be and media to euphemise the language at will.

So to BRAA and the year that has been and the year to come. With our 2020 Billy Dixon and AGM delayed until last Oct/Nov last year, our '21 year virtually started from then. Sounding familiar isn't it ? We still managed to squeeze in a shoot at Cooyal on the 28th and 29th of November. This was followed by a fairly promising start to the year which was no doubt assisted by a Premier who, at the time at least, was not prone to knee jerk reactions, or didn't appear so until June. Six successful shoots held in the first half of this year and in a much improved clubhouse.

Thanks again to Peter Tooley and indeed everyone who lent a hand with the improvements. Here's hoping we can enjoy the fruits of our labours a little more in the coming year. I'd also like to thank Dan MacDonald for his efforts in getting a silhouette match up and running at Rankins Springs in August. The attendance was carved off a slice at a time by covid and state restrictions but they still managed one day before closure. Hopefully that option will avail itself again down the line. Keep in mind this range also has target pits for lowering targets much the same as Cooyal but the Registry apparently took umbrage at them and disallowed their use. Remember 'use it or lose it'.

Two more Bisalloy diamond targets have been purchased and my son Luke has commenced construction of the frames to support them on star pickets. This is a duplication of the two diamonds we now have stored at Cooyal and will allow a similar set up to be utilised at Nioka without the hassle of freighting steel half way across the country every time. Luke has also constructed two large 'A' frames to support hanging targets at a height better suited to the 500-700 areas at Nioka. Yet to be trialed but hopefully in the New Year.

Our last successful shoot this year to date was in June when we re-introduced the scored paper (corflute) targets. This by all accounts was well received by those that attended and I would hope to revisit this at least once if not twice a year at Cooyal. I appreciate some get to shoot (when you can get to shoot) paper at Kariong each month but a great many do not. It is after all, true Creedmoor/ BPTR shooting.

We have spent some money in the last two years on target steel, club house improvements and of course our new generator. I believe its money well spent but it did make a dent. According to our secretary our club strength now is hovering around twenty four (24) or so members and some of those rarely if ever shoot. New members are welcome so ensure they are made to feel welcome. We can at times be flippant with each other like well worn family members but that isn't always seen in the same light by spectators. I know I'm probably one of the worse offenders but we can't survive without numbers .

Gavin Dignam November 2021