



ON TARGET

NEWSLETTER OF THE BUFFALO RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA 89 NOVEMBER 2022

Bugger Again

As I write this we are in the last few days of October with not a shot fired at a BRAA competition or weekend since August at Nioka. Some wouldn't have shot with BRAA since June, while for others, the gap is greater again. We all have commitments of one kind or another but if one starts the year knowing there are eleven scheduled shoots and commits in January, to getting to at least six or more of those the odds are much greater that one will actually get there. Planning for August in July, especially going on the last few years is hardly a recipe for success. Enough on that.

As Bill reported in our last newsletter with some pretty clear photos, our Billy Dixon at Nioka was not to be. Sadly while there was no road access to and from the range to Gunnedah and Manilla, the weather was perfect that weekend. Alas, BRAA can't stretch to a helicopter yet. Perhaps in a year or two? Our subsequent scheduled weekend in October was hampered again by saturated conditions and the Mudgee/ Cooyal area had over 100 mm up to and through that weekend. Our secretary, spoke at length with the landowner and he granted us the option of the weekend of the 28-30th if the rains abated. They did and we were given the all clear for a second chance. Unfortunately the response to attend was disappointing and we had to cancel this opportunity also. We really need a minimum of four people to run a shoot and of course more again if we want to shoot the framed corflute targets. It's also a hell of a lot more fun and sociable to have a larger group. We can tell far more tall stories with more people present.

Behind the scenes, your new Secretary has been running the paper trail with the Registry as you would be aware. We appear to be in the spotlight currently and Dan and his wife Sharon have been working hard to get some fairly vague records back in order and acceptable.

What was accepted by the powers that be some years back is clearly, no longer the case and they are asking and expecting more. So your club is asking and expecting the same. It's not really any more than before, it's just now they appear to be wanting to see it rather than taking it on faith.

Your editor and recently retired, second time secretary Bill Sherman is still in negotiations with the Cooyal licensee and Registry with regard clarifying some calibre and match allowances for the range. Here's hoping we get a positive and constructive result. Watch this space!

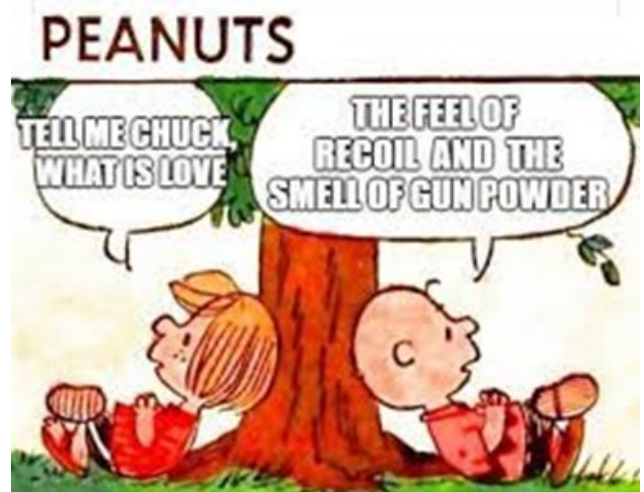
Bill has also indicated his wish to desist from producing the Newsletter, figuring that five years in the job is enough. The Newsletter is our main avenue to pass information on matches, results, technical tips etc.. And we would really appreciate it if someone is able to step up to the plate and carry on the job.

Finally, weather permitting, we have our last scheduled shoot coming up on the 26th & 27th of November. We'll need people on the ground on Friday the 25th to do some clean up, mowing, trimming, weed spraying and go over both the mower and generator that haven't been touched in five months. This along with target set up will go a long way towards a good weekend.

I'll leave it to our Club Captain to submit a shoot format for the weekend. Our last shoot for 2022. Let's make it a good one. Bring your partners, stay in town if you need too. Get around a table and have your uninterrupted five mins of air time. Participate, contribute, have fun.

Take care and hope to see you when my sights are down.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Dixon".



BRAA Program for end 2022 and 2023

2022

26/27 November Cooyal

December no match

2023

18/29 January	Cooyal
25/26 February	Cooyal
25/26 March	Cooyal
22/23 April	Cooyal (Mini Quigley)
27/28 May	Nioka
24/25 June	Cooyal
22/23 July	Cooyal
26/27 August	Nioka
23/24 September	Nioka (Billy Dixon and AGM)
28/29 October	Cooyal
25/26 November	Cooyal

The dates are all the 4th weekend in the month

Easter is 7-10 April

Anzac Day is 25 April

While these shoots are promulgated and planned to go ahead, there are likely to be adjustments from time to time.

Every effort will be made to contact members should there be a change but Members are asked to be vigilant with regard to monitoring their emails and SMS messages.

.....And from Dan Mac

Firstly, I would like to thank Bill Sherman for stepping in and resuming the role of Secretary/ Treasurer and holding the fort since Paul's passing. Thank you Bill for collating all the paperwork and bits and bobs so I could have a walk up start.

Some of our members are currently having some health challenges so our thoughts go out to them and we hope to see you all back on the line soon.

Thank you to all our existing and new members for their prompt replies on membership and attendances.

We currently have 24 full members, 4 associate members and 1 junior. I have been able to submit our membership return to Registry within their grace period. Everyone had achieved their attendance requirements for that reporting period so hopefully they are satisfied.

We now need to concentrate on the current reporting period which ends 31 March 2023. So may I remind everyone that we are back to full attendance requirements of 4 per reporting year for rifle and 6 for pistol. While minimum personal requirements can be met by attending 2 or 3 shoots per year, **as a club**, we need more members to attend more often.

Registry are looking very closely at our active member status so I can't urge you all strongly enough that we are in a "use it or lose it" scenario. The following was received from Registry as a header on the reporting form.

Each Club Approval must have 10 or more Active Members

Active member is defined as a NSW licence holder who nominates the club as their principal club, completes their mandatory participation requirements with the club and holds the relevant category and genuine reason on their licence.

There are many elements behind the scenes to hold a club approval with Registry and we must remain compliant. If you attend another club you are required to report that to your principal club in writing, so please keep a diary note or attendance slips so I can compile the report next year. Even if BRAA is not your principal club, your attendances at BRAA help our numbers and the viability of our club.

BRAA Shooters at the first Nioka Shoot 2011



Announcing an exciting new Award for BRAA Members
sponsored by Club Secretary Dan MacDonald

BRAA Annual

Clubmans Award

To foster club spirit, participation and competitive shooting, I propose to run a Clubman Award based on the following:

Club Attendance	5 points
Working Bee Participation	5 points (up to)
Get a new member to sign up	5 points
Bring a shooting friend	2 points

Shooting Competitions:

1st place	3 points
2nd place	2 points
3rd place	1 point

To commence with the first shoot after the AGM and prizes will be awarded at the following AGM. You must be financial to receive points.

Prizes to be donated by DMac Custom Knives and Blacksmithing

As prize donor Dan reserves the right to award points at my discretion

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