



Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (NSW) Sydney Branch

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October Newsletter

Outcome of 2013 Branch AGM.

The focus of the AGM was the election of officebearers. James Walsh was elected President, Pam Reeves continues as Secretary, Mark Godwin was returned unopposed as Treasurer. Pauline Smith and Peter Thomson were elected to the two ordinary Committee positions. In General Business the meeting requested the Committee to investigate the feasibility of developing a system of pre-purchasing multiple range visits, and to review the benefits available to volunteer Range Officers across all ranges.

SSAA Sydney Branch Strategic Plan

One of the projects that our new Executive Officer, Greg Bondar, is working on is the development of a Strategic Plan for the Branch. *This is an opportunity for you to have an input into the direction of the Branch.* Please start by completing the questionnaire that Greg has put together, and return it asap to the Executive Officer. You will find the questionnaire on our website, www.ssaasydney.net – look for a link or button on the front page.

New look website

The Branch website is undergoing a total revamp, and hopefully by the time you receive this it will be up and running. Keep your eye on www.ssaasydney.net – it will be well worth a look.

Volunteer Range Officers needed:

SSAA Sydney encourages members to volunteer as a Range Officer at their local range. Volunteers must have a current firearms licence for target shooting, be experienced range users, and available to be rostered on once a month and reliably turn up. Hornsby and Silverdale ranges in particular need extra volunteers.

If you are interested, please email your details and contact number to the Executive Officer.

Branch Contact Details have changed: Please note the change of contact details in the header.
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Range News and Upcoming events:

Silverdale

The metallic silhouette targets at Silverdale are now repaired and in use. You are welcome to bring your .22lr rimfire rifle out to try this addictive pastime, on the fourth Sunday of each month, starting at 9am.

The Range at Silverdale is looking very trim and ready for the World Benchrest Championships which will be held there in October. A backup generator for the Silverdale Range has been installed prior to the World Benchrest Championships to allow this and future events to proceed whatever the vagaries of the mains power supply.

Competitors from across the globe will be gathering at the range to acclimatize and practice from 16th October, **and the Silverdale range will be closed to general shooting for ten days, from 16th to 26th October.** You are welcome to come along and observe, the high tech windflags are quite a sight, let alone the firearms and the small group sizes we expect to see.

Silverdale Range hopes to offer another deer-caping and butchering course later this year. This course offers complete instruction on caping of trophy deer heads, and butchering of carcasses, skills that are easily transferable to other species. Cost is \$50 and includes a barbecue lunch. Contact Silverdale Rifle Range on silverdale@ssaasydney.net or (02)46531440 to put your name on the list of those interested so we can contact you by email when the date is determined. The holding of further courses after this one will depend on the fate of the educational functions of the Game Council.

SSAA (NSW) Sydney Branch Committee

President: James Walsh

Senior Vice President: Carl Smith

Junior Vice President: Barry Warwick

Secretary: Pam Reeves

Treasurer: Mark Godwin

Ordinary Committee members

Pauline Smith

Peter Thomson

Mitch Radomir

Nick Diakos

Stan Baranski

Anthony Foate

Simon Taranto

Executive Officer: Greg Bondar

Hurstville Smallbore Range, 100 Roberts Avenue Mortdale, is open for rimfire shooting each Monday and Thursday nights, 6pm to 10pm. Note – this range now opens at 6pm – an hour earlier than previously. Rimfire .22 long rifle standard velocity only. Club rifles and Safe Shooting courses available.

Ph. 0488 772 751

Silverdale Rifle Range, Avoca Road Silverdale, is open 9am to 3.45 pm, 7 days a week. Closed every 3rd Sun, public holidays, Easter and Christmas. Calibres with retained energy of no more than 3000 ft lbs at 200m. First Sunday @ month Competition Shooting only. Club rifles and Safe Shooting courses available.

Ph. 02 4653 1440

Sydney Rifle Ranges Contact Information:

Holroyd Rifle Range and Pigeon Club, Hylands Road Greystanes, is open Fridays 7pm – 10 pm. .22 long rifle standard velocity only. Club rifles and Safe Shooting courses available.

Ph. 0417 428 412

Hornsby Rifle Range, adjacent to Mt Wilga Hospital, Rosamund Road, Hornsby Heights, is open most Sundays. Four 1/2 hour details are held, commencing at 1pm. Please arrive prior to 3.30pm if you wish to shoot. Calibres up to 8mm. Targets at 50m and 100m only, expect when we have the use of 300 yds on the main range. **The next main range dates are: 15 September and 13 October.** This range is run concurrently with the 100m range. Shooters on the main range should ensure that your rifle is sighted in at some known distance (such as 100m) first, to make it quick and easy to get you on target at 300.

Safe Shooting courses available. Ph. 02 8230 2574 to check range is open.

St Marys Indoor Shooting Centre, 30 Power Street St Marys, is open 7 days a week, 10am - 10pm Mon-Fri, 12pm - 10 pm Sat and 10am - 6pm Sun. Club rifles, and Safe Shooting courses available.

Ph. 02 8889 0406

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