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TO ALL QUEENSLAND BRANCHES

**SUBJECT: COMBINED SERVICES EVENTS.**

Greetings All,

Another year has passed, and so quickly: time flies when you're having fun. However, I'll take this opportunity to wish you all a merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year for 2010.

1. 2009 STATE TITLES:

The 2009 State Titles were held in Zone 3 by the Eidsvold Branch, last May (May Day Weekend), where fifty-one competitors took part in the rifle events, thirty-nine in Class 1 Pistol, forty-three in Class 2 Pistol and a combined rifle / pistol event. It was a good programme and well organised. Many thanks to the members of the Eidsvold Branch.

2. STATE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

RULE BOOK – A print-out of the proposed additions and amendments was circulated for feedback. The proposed reduced time for lever action rifles in rapid fire "A" was discussed and the Delegates were opposed to the time change. Their decision will be submitted at the National Sub-Committee Meeting.

The reduced trigger weight for hand guns was discussed as the S & W factory-set K frame revolvers are below our minimum standard trigger weight. To be submitted at the National Sub-Committee Meeting.

3. 2010 STATE TITLES:

The 2010 State Titles will be held in Zone 4, conducted by the Mackay Branch at the SSAA George Range, from Saturday 1st May to Monday 3rd May (May Day Weekend). As a result of a motion passed at the State Conference at Captains Mountain, all three-day State Championships held over a public holiday weekend will take place on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Please send me any Agenda Items for the State Sub-committee Meeting as early as possible so that there is sufficient time to circulate them. Agenda items can only be accepted from Branches and must be forwarded via the Branch Secretary.

4. 2009 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The National Championships last October were held by the Northern Rivers Branch at Casino, where 78 plus shooters competed from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, ACT, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania. 35 were from Queensland. It was a good and well organised competition.

5. NATIONAL SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Stephen Heidrich has been elected unopposed as NDC.

The proposed additions and amendments to the Rule Book were accepted. The reduced time from 15 seconds to 10 seconds for lever action rifles in rapid fire "A" was discussed and accepted with 11 for and 3 against.

The addition of button nose wad cutters to the approved list was discussed and rejected with 2 for and 11 against.

The reduced trigger weight for hand guns was discussed. The Motion was rejected with 2 for and 11 against.

The outcome is; Rapid fire "A", lever action rifles. 10 seconds. Button nose wad cutters projectiles not allowed. Handgun trigger weight to remain the same.

Date and venue for 2010 Nationals 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> October – SSAA Eagle Park Range at Little River Vic.

#### 6. STATE POSTAL:

The State Postal shoot is still well supported. This year 79 participants competed with the standard rifle, 25 with the .310 Cadet and 22 with the .22 Trainer rifle. The pistol has attracted more interest this year with 63 Class 1 and 66 Class 2 pistols - a combined total of 251 competitors. It is encouraging to see this continuing interest. I thank all the Branches that participated. Queensland CS medals were awarded for both rifle and pistol, this being funded from donations by members at major shoots. Many thanks to Steve Knight for organising these medals.

The .310 Martini Cadet and the .22 Trainer is shot in conjunction with the standard rifle. Medals for the .310 and .22 trainer were kindly donated by Phil Oakford and Bob Luther.

The 2010 State Postals for both rifle and pistol are due to be shot in February and March. State Certificates will be awarded for all grades as well as our special Discipline Medal. All competitors must be current SSAA members. Only the standard issue rifle and Classes 1 and 2 pistol are eligible for these competitions. Competitors may shoot both Class 1 and Class 2 pistol. If shooting both classes, Class 1 is to be shot first. The rifle and pistol events are the 3 Position Core. The pistol targets to use are the S.S.A.A. 16P Target (LEE E 1), or the S.S.A.A. MILITARY PISTOL TARGET 2001. If you use the S.S.A.A. 16P target it will be necessary to stick a 88mm x 44mm white envelope label in the centre of the 10 ring: this is to be scored 10.1. The standard rifle target is the 120mm x 120mm core target and the .310 / .22 target is the 600mm x 600mm mini core target.

Forward a copy of the original score sheets with the shooter's name, grade, branch, date of shoot, and pistol class printed clearly. Score sheets should be signed by the Range Officer and Branch Secretary to verify the shooter's grade. This also includes Juniors. Please show their grading: Junior is a status, not a grade. ***(Please print competitors' names clearly)***.

Please have all score sheets to me by Friday 10th April - no late entries. If for some uncontrollable reason you can't meet this deadline, please let me know. It is not my intention to have anybody's score excluded.

Looking forward to seeing you at Mackay in May and in the meantime, good shooting.

Yours faithfully,



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**STATE CHAIRMAN**  
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