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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 2009.

1. 2008 STATE TITLES:

The 2008 State Titles were held in Zone 2 by the Millmerran Branch, last May (May Day Weekend), where fifty two competitors took part in the rifle events and thirty seven in class 1 pistol and forty in class 2 pistol, and a combined rifle / pistol event.

2. STATE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

A Motion was moved, that the PEL (Projectile Energy Level) List for Rifle and Pistol be included in the Rule Book when it is next revised.

Recommendation: That it is desirable that Range Practice is made available the day before the shoot. This has been added as a recommendation to the list of requirements to host a Combined Services Championship.

3. 2009 STATE TITLES:

The 2009 State Titles will be held in Zone 3, conducted by the Eidsvold Branch at the Eidsvold Range, from Saturday 2nd May to Monday 4th 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 must be forwarded via the Branch Secretary.

4. 2008 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The National Championships last October were held in The ACT at Canberra, where 90 plus shooters competed from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, ACT, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania. It was a good and well organized competition.

5. NATIONAL SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Stephen Heidrich has been elected unopposed as NDC.

The Approved Rifle and Class 1 Pistol Lists have been posted on the National Web Site.

The Rule Book is due for an update in 2009. Any changes and alterations need to be circulated before the next Sub Committee Meeting. Any suggestions must come from our State Sub-committee Meeting.

.223 Remington 76.15 Rifle, used by Police – without pistol grip, in standard configuration, consensus from delegates is that it can be added to the Rifle List.

Shepparton (submission) – The branch proposes that the time allowed for competitors using lever action and pump action firearms (with integral or detachable magazines) in the Rapid Fire “A” event be reduced to ten (10) seconds. This time reduction would reflect the higher cyclic rate and lower recoil of lever action and pump action firearms, as compared to bolt action and single shot firearms. There was discussion on 32.20 and the spirit of the competition; look at changing timings, reduced to 10 seconds: - **I would like feedback from the Branches regarding this. Please brief your Delegates for the 2009 State Sub-committee Meeting.**

Victorian Delegate suggested that solid base button nose wad-cutter projectiles should be allowed in the Combined Services Discipline. Discussion regarding the use of solid base button nose wad-cutters. They have never been a military projectile. Discussion revealed that the wad-cutter is a Target projectile and makes a clear hole, very easily seen. Would give an advantage – able to sight fall of shot. Most were not in favour: - **I would like your thoughts on this also.**

PEL List for Rifle and Pistol to be added to the next Rule Book.

Norinco JW25 – added to the .22 Trainer List.

Date and venue for 2009 Nationals 16th, 17th, 18th October - Casino, NSW

6. STATE POSTAL:

The State Postal shoot is still well supported. This year 81 rifle participants competed and 47 class 1 and 79 class 2 pistol - a combined total of 207 shooters. 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 organizing these medals.

The .310 Martini Cadet and the .22 Trainer rifles Core Event, has been added to the Postal Competition for Open and Junior and is proving to be quite popular. It is shot in conjunction with the standard rifle. Medals for the .310 and .22 trainer kindly donated by Phil Oakford and Bob Luther

The 2009 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 Eidsvold in May and in the meantime, good shooting.

Yours faithfully,



Max Vella.

**STATE CHAIRMAN
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