

**SSAA ACT Inc**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 12 December 2021**

The meeting was opened by the President David True 1.36.pm It was explained that this year the Executive and Discipline reports have been printed for the members and would not be read out due to the Covid restrictions and the need to keep the meeting to a shorter time frame.

**ATTENDANCE**

Josephine King, Phil Silson, Kym Adams, Craig Oakman, Simon Troeth, Colin O'Mullane, Cranston Wilson, Colin Rees, Kim Kelo, Shane Withers, Doug Robinson, Brent Murphy, Kaye McIntyre, David Thompson, David True, Kym Chiaverini, Joe Thaller, Craig Tregear, Sean Adams, Wayne Brown, Geoff Miller, Miles Kibel, Simon Parbery, Christine Leung, Jim Coghlan, Roger Leach, Garry Duck, W Cameron, D Groves, Iain True, Knobby Clark, Dan Power, Shane Stroud, David Chadwick, Anthony Urbani-Smith, Thomas Ward, Andrew Cumberland, Mario Mikola, Pam Mikola, Paul Bakos, Darren Ould, Michael Le Dinh, Jason Faul, John Bladen, Paul Jenkins, B Miller, S Standing, S Warhurst, Peter Churchill, Matt Bolton, A Amin, Andrew Lockley, Michael Cook, Steve Blacker, Milton Maurice, P Moran, S Sibley, John Starr, Shane Bennett, Joe Boyle, Chris Sutton, Brett Wilesmith, Colin Frost, Ian Jimmieson, Paul O'Connor, Brad Murrell, John Hucknel, Thomas Dukic, Dennis Coombs, Nicole Small, Jess Mayboom, Sam Miller, Bryce Wyndham, Walter Stellason, A Hughes, J Murphy, Ross Scott, Maia Koenig, Tony Brazell, D Letcher, Gary Chalker, Daniel Kovac, Elizabeth Smith, David Learmonth, Rod Thompson, Derek Giucci, Gemma Brown, Lee Petrow, Chris Deacon, Cheyne Fischer, David Whiteman, Dave Shadwell, Mathew Saunders, Julian Young, Jim Burns, Ricky Martin, Wayne Kelly, Andrew Holt, Ross Bills, Luc Debaecker, Phil Black, David Pounds, Bradley Heanes, Craig Furry, Ian Beckingham, Scott Youngs

**APOLOGIES**

Alex Chryss, Bradley Lake, Darius Krivanek, Diana Melham, Chris Melham, A Macintyre, George Papallo, Mark Lovell

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM**

**Motion:** *"That the Minutes of the AGM of 19 September 2020 be accepted as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting".*

**Wayne Brown/David Thompson**

**Motion passed**

**Motions on notice**

**Motion:** *"That SSAA ACT Inc Precision Rifle be formally ratified as a discipline of SSAA ACT Inc as endorsed by the SSAA ACT Council."*

**Wayne Brown/ Colin O'Mullane**

**Motion passed**

**Motion:** *"That the SSAA Inc revised Constitution be presented for endorsement at the 2021 Annual General meeting"*

**Willo Cameron/Peter Moran**

**motion withdrawn**

**Discussion** – A member asked if the version being voted on was the same as the copy sent to members on 8 November. Simon Troeth explained that five members provided comments on both the Constitution and Financial documents, that last minute comments were received from a member who for family reasons could not meet the requested dead line. The revised copy had been provided to the December Council meeting. Simon read the two sections that had changed and noted that some of the numbering had changed.

It was agreed that a Special General meeting or a General meeting be called, with members provided with a final draft copy of the revised SSAA ACT Inc Constitution.

**Reports**

**President – David True**

Another tumultuous year for all of us in SSAA with the C thing that ends with a 9.

We had the range at SSAA ACT Inc closed for some months and most of the members were very supportive of the closures, some said we did not have to close as we are predominantly an outdoor sport but were more understanding when explained to them that the volunteer R/O has to deal with every person that attends the complex. We were also limited that even if we were open a volunteer R/O could only be on site for two and a half hours, which was a logistical nightmare for SSAA ACT Inc. Socially and morally I believe we made the right decision to close the complex and be in line with stay-at-home orders that were put in place by the ACT Government.

Many SSAA Nationals postponed/cancelled as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021 for the rest of 2021. Those disciplines lucky enough to host their SSAA National shooting events without lockdowns from various states throughout Australia were very lucky to say the least.

During this year we have updated our SSAA ACT Inc Constitution to modernise this document for the members to vote on during the General Meeting, we have improved a very old and out of date document to what we believe is more up to date document.

Late last year we had NSW Firearms Registry declare that all NSW registered firearms owners could not be a member of an interstate club, this would have affected approximately 1200 of our SSAA ACT Inc members. After numerous phone calls and written correspondence to the NSW Firearms Registry, the NSW FAR finally have agreed that the members can remain members of interstate clubs. For those members that we contacted via email and by postal correspondence who filled out the pro forma to send back to NSW Firearms Registry, I thank you. Some people said we should not poke the bear but, in this case I believe that the extra pressure on the NSW FAR was of help in this matter.

I have said the same thing each year and I would like to take the time and opportunity to thank the SSAA ACT Executive Simon, Colin, Kym and Jo for their tireless work that they have carried out over the past twelve months. I would like thank all of our nominated and elected Members Delegates Luc, Roger and Brad, Chief Range Officer David/Jim, Safety Officer Geoff, Range Officers, Club Armourers and all of our Discipline coordinators, Club Representatives, Instructors.

I would like thank the RMIC for all of the works coordination ranging from grounds keeping, maintenance, storm damage repairs and design and supervision of our new storage shed facilities across the complex.

During July I signed off the paperwork for a Development Application approved for the new sheds which will be a large storage shed and workshop and a storage shed at the Terry O'Brien Range for Junior development.

I cannot stress this enough we are all volunteers for this club and without your selfless donation of time, skills and sometimes financial donation we would not be able to enjoy the facility that we currently attend.

As this year was the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Port Arthur Massacre I was contacted by Lucy Murray from SBS for an interview regarding firearms ownership, which was aired on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April evening news. Prof Phillip Alpers has put out yet another media release regarding firearms ownership and statistics some not overly correct and bit ambiguous.

During the middle of the year, we had questions asked by one of our clubs to the Insurers regarding the liability regarding reloaded ammunition. I contacted the National Board and the response is as follows: -

*"This is in play with SSAA Insurance who are seeking some additional clarity. We will report back with formal responses this week.*

*Some things to note.*

- 1. Reloaded ammunition is acceptable if it is your own ammo. i.e. the reloader is also the shooter. This is covered under insurance.*

2. *Within the insurance space the issue is the 3<sup>rd</sup> party, so supply to another is an insurance problem.*
3. *We cannot afford personal injury insurance claims as our premium is now excessive and insurers don't wish to insure us."*

When SSAA Insurance has finished their review, we will advise options and outcomes.

Due to current television adverts you may have noticed that there is a Permanent National Firearms amnesty announced on the 1<sup>st</sup> July. Assistant Minister Wood announced if you have an unregistered firearm or firearm related item will be able to surrender it to a police station anonymously and without penalty, for registration, sale or destruction.

Licensed firearms dealers can also receive surrendered firearms in most states and territories.

Regarding most states or territories one state in particular has slightly different rules, as if the firearm is handed in for destruction then no questions are asked where it may have come from, however, if you wish to get the firearm registered and you do not provide where it was sourced from I will not be allowed to be registered, I believe that this is a big miss for the government as I believe that this will not reduce the amount of firearms to be handed in which we in SSAA thoroughly support that unregistered firearms should be registered or handed in.

#### Main Range Works

- Surveying and Levels have been carried out, however, it was explained to me that the levels are not working out as expected, Our primary contractor is having an extra engineer provide assistance early in September 2021 to sort out any issues.
- Regarding our (DA) Development Application this cannot be lodged until we have the final plans for the works on the main range.  
Once the (DA) is lodged the normal waiting period for approval is Six to Eight weeks.

I have been contacted by D Group regarding our Development Application and whilst they been in contact with the EPA. The EPA have advised that a DA amendment for the new range would not be signed off until the completion of the current stages. D Group have booked another meeting regarding a few items with this current project and others for the near future.

#### **Vice President – Simon Troeth**

Despite another round of range closures, it has been an active year working on facility improvements, planning and governance.

The main project for the year has been working with Council delegates and seeking feedback from the broader membership on the revised SSAA ACT Constitution. This has been underway since February and has resulted in a vastly improved document in terms of clarity, simpler language, more contemporary references to transactions and other issues and the addition of new sections on roles and responsibilities for elected and appointed officials and resolving disciplinary issues. I am grateful for all who provided input.

Other achievements for the year include:

- Reconstituting the JMK Range User Discipline group to provide input to D Group in advance of the lodgement of a Development Application amendment in the next two months
- Discussing the process for range approval with the ACT Firearms Registry
- Organising Renovating the Main Clubhouse with new paint, carpet and repairs to doors in conjunction with the Secretary and support from RMIC
- Supporting the orderly closure and reopening of the range complex during the second COVID-19 lockdown
- Liaising with legal counsel to prepare a waiver to ensure SSAA ACT and volunteers are protected from adverse claims resulting from the use by members of reloaded ammunition on the range.

None of this would have been possible without the advice, input and support of Council members and the membership more broadly. It's great that our membership continues to grow despite the challenges of the past year.

I look forward to a well-attended AGM where I will be nominating as President.

#### **Deputy Vice President – Colin O'Mullane**

What a year it has been. First year on the Exec and so much has happened, so little has happened and we are still here. I see this as a positive and shows the strength of all our delegates, disciplines and members.

For me it has been an eye opener on the inside workings of our association at the local level and the national level.

With all the best laid plans I haven't been able to achieve what I had set out to when taking on the DVP position (due to multiple reasons). If I get another go for another term, I'll see what can be progressed, with the aim to make things more transparent, documented and member focused.

Time to get things as back to normal as possible and progress the improvements to the ACT branch as much as we can. Appreciate all the support and want to thank you helping where you have.

#### **Secretary report – Josephine King**

It has been a busy year with Covid-19 creating more administration work than usual with the need for continual updating of documentation and signage across the Range complex.

Safety course numbers from September 2020 to December 2021 – total attended 703, members – 427, non-members – 272 and juniors 83.

#### **Treasurer's report – Kym Adams**

As I'm sure many feel this year has presented many challenges, the positive news is that the association has come through very comfortably from a financial standpoint.

I am pleased to present the audited financial reports, with many thanks to our auditor Warren Turk, who not only completes the audit but also provides advice and support throughout the year.

The association has come through the 2020/2021 financial year with a profit of \$250,387.46. Our key income streams are Capitation from National (ap. \$222,000), Range Hire (ap. \$132,000), Passes (ap. \$90,000) and Safety Courses (ap. \$40,000).

Our expenditure totalled \$305,451.53. It was great to see that, despite the difficult times, we were able to invest into our infrastructure and support clubs and disciplines with the purchase of firearms and target materials. We invested \$48,000 in upgrading the majority of lights across the range to LED, this included the MPGC flood lights, and will give long term returns in regard to saved electricity and maintenance. We also upgraded and extended the security system and made commitments for a new Facilities Shed.

It was also exciting to be involved in the further development of procedures and policies, and the review of the Constitution.

My thanks to my fellow executive, council delegates, club treasurers, range officers and all those who support me in the role of Treasurer. I look forward to further developing and documenting the financial procedures and processes for the association.

#### **Chief Range Officer – Jim Coghlan**

No report was provided

#### **Chief Safety Officer – Geoff Miller**

Another year down during this time we had Ranges close then open when closed and open I do hope this is the end of it, but you never know. There were a few safety issues some were settled within the discipline and some had to go through council, with mixed results. The A&B safety course that I've let Jo and her people do ever since I took over as CSO has been going great guns haha. Maintenance of safety equipment is ongoing.

The issue of speeding on the internal roads are still a big one so if you see anyone doing it tell me ,take the rego and the date that it happened I'll start a wall of shame. The talk of speed dips/water drainage

devices are going to be in the planning stage soon. Just a reminder that there are safety report forms in the RO shed at the JMK range, to be fill out and ring me so I can get on to it ASAP no point when I find out weeks later.

#### **RMIC – Joe Thaller**

No report was provided

#### **Member's delegate – Luc Debaecker**

As a members delegate this year, I have received multiple contacts in regards to information or clarification on SSAA ACT's procedures, processes, and rules. Most general members have been surprised that my position exists and even more surprised that they can have a voice at council. This highlights a need, once again, for better communication to the membership as a whole. I look forward to being a part of finding new and ingenious ways of doing this. A highlight for me this past year was multiple thanks to SSAA ACT for the work to sort out cross border club approvals and the communications around it from executive.

Unfortunately, there have been more complaints than praise this year but I feel that those have been addressed thus far with beneficial outcomes for general members and the council in the vast majority of cases.

#### **Member's delegate – Wayne Brown**

Members are very happy to be back shooting again, attendance has been positive to the way restrictions have been handled. Still concern at the calibre restriction, number of members have these longarms sitting in their safes gathering dust, allowed to go hunting with the calibres but can't zero or experiment with reloads. A number of interstate (Sydney) attendees have remarked the JMK is superior to NSW range at Hill top. At Hill top benches aren't as solid and can only shoot at two distances on either range. No mixed distance shooting and RO management is more relaxed and safe in JMK.

#### **Air Field Target – Darius Krivanek**

Air Rifle Field Target World Championships, Nationals, state & Summer Series all cancelled. Just the locals in attendance for the remaining club shoots in low numbers.

#### **ACT Blackpowder Firearms Club – Kim Kelo**

For those who do not know who the ACT Blackpowder Firearms Club Inc are, we are a club who has been around for a long time and we are situated past the shotgun template at the top of the complex. We like to keep things exciting by shooting a variety of competitions using both Blackpowder and .22 pistols and would welcome anyone who would like to come see what we do.

Just like all the other disciplines, 2021 has been yet another topsy-turvy year. COVID has hung around for another year and as you all know, saw the entire SSAA ACT range complex shut down again. Our club was one of the lucky ones and we were able to hold our AGM face-to-face. This was just before the ACT mandatory shut down period and saw no change to our Executive office holders. Soon after our AGM, the ACT Public Health Orders ramped up and we saw our entire shooting complex shut.

As soon the SSAA ACT Complex was able to reopen, we at the ACT Blackpowder Firearms Club Inc were keen to start shooting again. There is nothing like the smell of black powder and the sound of a deafening boom when you pull the trigger! Since being able to recommence shooting, our club has seen great turn-outs and I am pleased to report all members have been fantastic with abided by by all the COVID safe rules.

Just as we were all getting back in the swing of normality again, the wet and unseasonal wild and windy weather has arrived. For those of you who are familiar with Blackpowder shooting, it can be a tad challenging loading your pistol with a flask of Blackpowder in windy weather or keeping powder dry when it is pouring cats and dogs. Although the weather may have hampered our shooting ability for the last couple of weeks, it has not dampened our enthusiasm for our sport and we are looking forward to fitting in more exciting competitions in 2022.

#### **Air Rifle – 10m Scoped – Jim Coghlan**

No report was provided

#### **APS Gun Club – Lawrie Whiley**

The APSGC has had a quiet year with our regular National matches either cancelled or postponed. As a club we have managed to run our club matches and maintain a regular schedule in between lockdowns and COVID compliance.

#### **Big Game Rifle – Russell Cooper**

Big Game Rifle has continued to have a small following, with recent Covid 19 border restrictions not helping with attendance. We are currently involved in regular meetings with all the other state coordinators to go over the current rule book before any changes are ratified at the national level. There will be a few changes to the rules that will open some events up to a greater range of cartridges which may help with participation levels. As always, we welcome anyone to come out and have a go, regardless of what calibres/cartridges you have.

#### **Benchrest – Alex Chryst**

Annual reports are traditionally about advising members of the year that has passed, that portion of our report is non-existent because we are more concerned about the coming year.

In 2021 we held a few monthly shoots as permitted. Benchrest is looking forward to our first National match with the Australia Day titles in January.

The objectives for the future are all about the redevelopment of the Jim McKinley range, dependent upon the timing of works the Fly discipline will also be able to hold the ACT titles in March.

The membership of the discipline has been stable throughout the year and it is hoped the redevelopment and range requirements aid rather than restrict the operation of disciplines into the future.

#### **Black Powder Section – Cranston Wilson**

No report was provided

#### **Canberra Air Rifle Club – Wayne Kelly**

CARC started back after the break on Monday 8th of November to a small beginning with the regulars in attendance. Everyone will be getting back to training ready for the return of competitions at the NSW Champs later this year & the ARAA Australian Champs at Cooma in the New Year. We will continue with the Monday & Thursday evenings, except Public Holidays.

The latest big news is Scotty Brydon has made the Paralympic Air Rifle squad in the 10m Prone. He is also in training to make the 50m Prone selection criteria & is ready to do some serious training. All winter he has been training in Brisbane, so it is a good sign that his performance will improve with enough time to make a strong finals score as he is only 15 - 20 points off top 3 with current PB of 628, so he is in the mix.

Scotty also returned with a Meyton electronic target system, which has been setup in the Air Shed just to the left of target #1, so it does not interfere with the existing layout and allows him to train on international level equipment. This combined with the training required will give him the best chance to compete at the highest level.

Our former top junior, Eamon Waters has left us for greener pastures to fish & shoot... I mean work on his farm hand skills in the Riverina.

More work is required to get the HIK security system working as we would like it. It is a waiting game, as everyone is just so busy... but the system probably just needs some tweeks, as it is a good system. Not much else has been happening during the lockdown/lockout, so looking forward to catching up with everyone as we return to normal operation.

#### **Collectors Section – Josephine King**

There have been a few enquiries about the section this year but no Open Day to promote the section.

#### **Field Rifle – Doug Robinson**

Over the last year Field Rifle has been attended by a combination of regulars and new shooters alike. Like every other discipline, we have been affected by Covid 19 and the subsequent lockdowns and restrictions. We were scheduled to hold the 2021 Field Rifle and 3P Nationals this year over the Easter Long weekend, however given the travel restrictions and unpredictability of lockdowns the decision was made to cancel the event. The same choice was made for our State Titles normally held in November. SSAA ACT was offered the 2022 Field Rifle and 3P Nationals, however we passed on this so it will now be offered to Tasmania who were next on the roster. Looking forward we intend to hold our Rim Fire Challenge in May and the state titles in November. As always, we will shoot these on our normal scheduled third Saturday. We are getting a regular amount of interest from people new to the shooting sports which is great to see.

### **Hunting and Conservation – Kaye McIntyre**

I continue to receive enquiries from people wanting to get access to private properties for hunting. I give them information about the NSW DPI R licence and explain how this can give them an opportunity to hunt in selected NSW State forests. I also refer them to the SSAA Farmer Assist Program.

### **Gundogs – Kaye McIntyre**

I have received a few enquiries about training gun dogs and I have referred these to the SSAA National Discipline Chairman for working Gun dogs as he has contacts in some of the states.

### **Junior Development Section - Miles Kibel**

This year we have seen competitions cancelled, interstate nationals cancelled and also our own days along with everyone else both here and across Australia shelved whilst we worked from home or gardened like crazy people.

Some of our Juniors are finishing with us but we have extended an invitation for them to stay with us for another year and shoot as a mentor 18 to 21 age group junior.

We look forward to next year, hope Nationals will be on in QLD third time lucky and they will let us in. Thanks to SSAA ACT and all the team for helping with the new shed, rifles and equipment over this year. A huge shout out to all our volunteers, range officers and the team behind the scenes of Juniors for coming out, putting on a great day when we could and providing a safe enjoyable experience for our shooters. Here to 2022 being a year that brings us happy shooting and a return to some kind of normality.

### **Lever Action – Col Rees**

The Lever Action Section has had a quiet couple of years due to the Covid 19 restrictions, our regular members have continued to shoot monthly matches except when the range was closed. State and National Championships of course have also been affected by the restrictions, all being cancelled last year, this year some state championships were able to be held this year and a number of our members were able to attend the NSW state shoot at Coonabarabran, and even with the mouse plague, a good time was had by all. We are looking forward to next year and the chance to travel interstate again.

### **Majura Park Gun Club -Willo Cameron**

Shotgun clubs like all sporting organisations have had disruptions during 2021. Majura Park was no exception.

There has been good support from members and visitors for our monthly shoots in all disciplines. An increase in shooters joining the club with an interest in shooting the sporting disciplines. Overall member numbers increasing on last year.

Wednesday afternoon skeet shooting has become very popular particularly with our more senior members, requiring earlier starts for this very enthusiastic group.

The number of target only shooters has been restricted due to the health requirements in force. We have moved to online bookings which has improved the system considerably. Particularly with the management of number of persons attending the club at any one time.

Bookings for Corporate Shoot events have gone berserk since 'lockdown' was lifted, keeping our instructors very busy.

Financially the club saw a reduced turnover this last financial year, however, we were in a position to apply for a government financial support grant which helped considerably (effectively negating our loss of income due to Covid shutdown). A new Canterbury 'Down the Line' trap was purchased and some of the older sporting traps replaced during the year.

On a sad note, we lost to cancer a former Vice President, popular and hardworking member Neville Betts. Neville was well known around Canberra and missed by many.

### **Majura Pistol Club – Phil Silson**

The Club has continued to grow with many enquiries during the lock down period. We were unable to host the Service Pistol State Titles and the SSAA ACT Target Pistol Titles due to the closures and uncertainty of border closures. We have spent some time working on maintenance of our turning targets.

### **Military Firearms Club – Ian Jimmieson**

Interest in Combined Services in the ACT has continued to increase at a rapid rate – MFC's membership now exceeds 250. Although we lost a lot of shooting days due to COVID-19 lockdowns, we have still achieved a lot this year, including:

- Approval of new Club Rules that introduce a collector's section within MFC,
- Introduction of an extremely popular "Retiree's Invitational" match to engage elder members in a more social competition setting,
- Completion of our Territorials competition (annual State Titles) despite some pretty wild weather,

Interest in H Class training remains very high. This high demand and delays in 2021 courses due to COVID has resulted in course waiting lists stretching to late 2022 already. Despite the increased trainee throughput, safe handling and proficiency remains our highest priority and a large percentage of attendees have been finishing up their probationary period with marksmanship skills well above average thanks to the high quality of instructors. Sunday pistol shoots regularly see 70 to 80 people competing (when COVID restrictions allow).

We continue to see good attendances for service rifle, tactical and trainer sub-disciplines. We have introduced a .22 Tactical match that is growing rapidly in popularity as it provides an extremely challenging format, but without significant expense. Our annual Carbine Challenge was very successful - the number of members attending with genuine military carbine rifles is continuing to grow, while the other categories of both older and modern short-barrelled rifles are also well represented.

Our members continue to engage with the wider community where travel restrictions permit – most recently MFC members made up the majority of competitors (and place getters) at the Canberra Rifle Club Remembrance Day Match. Disappointingly, our annual National competition was cancelled - like many others - due to COVID, as were most of the NSW matches. We are looking forward to competing next year, with a team of 11 serious competitors practicing regularly in preparation. We are also turning our attention to planning for next year's Territorials, which will be held in March and April on the normal sub-discipline afternoons.

MFC members have also developed some new and challenging courses of fire in both pistol and rifle events for consideration to be adopted into the combined services rule book at our next National committee meeting.

Despite COVID-19 disruptions, it has been pleasing to see the membership group developing their proficiency in the different sub-disciplines, with a number of members receiving Pistol and/or Rifle awards from our national co-ordinator.

Overall, the year is considered a successful one and the Club maintains a healthy and happy membership.

#### Precision Rifle – Steve Blacker

Twelve months ago, Precision Rifle did not exist, it was an idea, with a multitude of administrative, logistic, financial and physical challenges ahead of it. It is with great pride that as the Discipline Co-ordinator for Precision Rifle ACT I can reflect on the current position of the discipline.

Throughout 2021 with all of the challenges encountered by Covid, Precision Rifle ACT has:

- Created a culture of competitive spirit, but more importantly one of assisting each other and ensuring the safety and enjoyment of shooters from all backgrounds and skill sets.
- Hosted 16 matches, catering for both Rimfire (RF) and Centrefire (CF) drawing competitors from interstate on a regular basis.
- Established our targets and barricades and continually improved the design to maximise safety, life, and enjoyment.
- Welcomed and introduced numerous new shooters into the shooting sports.
- Generated sufficient funds to reimburse discipline members who have personally funded the establishment of necessary infrastructure, its maintenance and growth into the future.

In 2022 the focuses for Precision Rifle ACT are likely to be:

- Routine matches that cater to new and experienced shooters alike.
- Securing full day range bookings to facilitate extended duration competitions.
- Refining our administrative processes and practices.
- Improvements to the functionality of our storage space.
- Getting members onto Range Officer Courses.
- Nominating members for Instructors Courses.
- Securing our own discipline firearms (on the SSAA entity licence) so that members with a licence but without a firearm can come and try matches and guide them into suitable firearms selection.

To everyone that has played a part in establishing Precision Rifle ACT, simply, Thank you.

#### **R Licence – Kaye McIntyre**

R Licence Accreditation Sessions were held throughout the year.

Then, due to the Covid-19 restrictions, we had to cancel the sessions scheduled for August 2021 and were not able to resume the sessions until November 2021, when I held a number of sessions to cater for the people wanting to do their Accreditation Test and apply for their R licence.

I work with the SSAA ACT Covid policy and requirements for all the R licence sessions held on behalf of SSAA ACT.

We continue to gain members through the R Licence accreditation testing as a number of people join SSAA ACT specifically so they can get their R Licence.

#### **Rifle Metallic Silhouette – Mark Lovell**

With COVID lockdowns the RMS Club was still able to conduct at least half of the 20/21 club calendar. The only major shoot conducted this year was the June Snowball competition, all other State and National competitions were cancelled. Travel restrictions have also impacted monthly club shoot attendances. We are looking forward to the time when all borders are opened, travel restrictions end and all things shooting get back to normal.

#### **Single Action – Craig Tregear**

It's been another big year for Single Action with several new members completing their probation and several more starting with the discipline.

Despite the various lockdowns, throughout the year we had members attend State Titles matches in Victoria, NSW and South Australia. Our members performed quite well at each of these matches taking home some medals and making lots of new friends. We ran a very successful Wild Bunch state titles at the start of this year with shooters attending from all over Australia. The club is already in the process of organizing some big matches for next year and we expect good attendance. With the support of SSAA ACT the club purchased two new competition shotguns to replace some of our existing firearms.

Our AGM this year saw one of our members granted life membership within the discipline for the amazing contribution he has made to the club (and continues to make), truly embodying the cowboy spirit. We are all looking forward to another great year of shooting in 2022!

### **SPORTING SHOOTERS PISTOL CLUB ACT – Shane Stroud**

Membership & Disciplines: SSPCACT currently maintains 462 members across 9 Disciplines. Active disciplines are; Action Match, Air Pistol, Black Powder, Field Pistol, Practical Pistol / IPSC, ISSF, International Service 1500, Service Pistol, 25 Yard Service Pistol, Senior's Half-Match, and Metallic Silhouette.

Outgoing President: At the SSPCACT Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 15 September 2021, Roger Barson stepped down from the role of President and was replaced by Shane Stroud. The incoming President formalised an effusive vote of appreciation to Roger Barson for his outstanding leadership as President during which time he:

- Presided over a major capital works and facilities upgrade - including access control and CCTV coverage;
- Finalised and formalised a review and update of the SSPCACT Constitution, started by the previous President, Mark Bush;
- Oversaw a comprehensive review and update of Range Standing Orders;
- Diligently represented SSPCACT to SSAA and building the reputation and relationship between the clubs; and
- Guided SSPCACT through first Pandemic Response of the century

The incoming President noted that the club was in good shape with respect to facilities, finances and membership, and that his initial focus will be to review and update the SSPCACT governance framework.

Overview: Like all other ACT Clubs, activities have been significantly truncated during 2021 by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated lockdowns, both in the ACT and interstate. Activities are slowly returning to normal since the easing of the recent lockdown and the club is looking forward to returning to the status quo ante.

Reporting: SSPCACT has submitted the annual Financial Report, Audit Report and Office Holders reports to SSAA ACT, in accordance with reporting obligations under the SSAA Constitution. SSPCACT has submitted annual membership and attendance reports to the ACT & NSW Firearms registries, as required under applicable legislation. Following completion of the annual renewals the annual report was forwarded to the AFP on 16 August 2021. The annual reports to NSW Police Firearms Registry were sent on 20 September following the AGM (their report includes any recently elected office bearers). An update of Office bearers was also sent to ORS on 1 October.

Major Activities: Governance Review & Update. SSPCACT is embarking upon a major review and update of club governance, as per Attachment A.

Metallic Silhouette Range Refurbishment: SSPCACT is currently developing a submission to the Range Management Improvement Committee (RMIC) to fund earthworks required to bring the Metallic Silhouette Range up to the standard required to make it fit-for purpose. It is expected that the submission will be considered and cleared by RMIC in time for consideration by SSAA Council at the February 2022 meeting.

**Motion:** *"To accept all reports"*

**Simon Troeth/Wayne Brown**

**Motion Passed**

**Motion:** *"To ratify the Co-ordinators for SSAA ACT Disciplines/Clubs/Sections for 2021–2022"*

**Colin O'Mullane/Roger Leach**

**Motion passed**

### **ELECTIONS**

David True stepped down from the President's position and declared all positions vacant. Kaye McIntyre took the chair.

**President** There were two nominations for the position of President. Both David True and Simon Troeth addressed the members. A secret ballot was held and David True was declared the President for 2021 – 2022.

David thanked Simon for all his work as an SSAA Executive member for the last year.

Dave True resumed the chair

**Vice President** The only nomination was Luc Debaecker and he was thus declared Vice President for 2021 – 2022.

**Deputy Vice President** The only nomination was Colin O’Mullane and he was thus declared Deputy Vice President for 2021-2022.

David True announced that he had been informed by Jo King that she was not going to stand for the Secretary position. Dave acknowledged the amount of work she has provided the Association in nine years Jo has been the Secretary and the work has done coordinating the Safety courses.

**Secretary** Nominations were called for from the floor. Andrew Holt said he would nominate for the position; Ross Bills seconded the motion. Andrew Holt was thus declared Secretary for 2021-2022.

**Treasurer** The only nomination was Kym Adams and she was thus declared Treasurer for 2021-2022.

#### **Members Delegates**

The following people nominated their interest in holding a member’s delegate position and they were duly declared member’s delegates for 2021-2022.

Roger Leach, Wayne Brown and Scott Warhurst.

**Motion:** *“To destroy the voting slips”*

**Wayne Brown/Geoff Miller**

**Motion passed**

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

##### **Auditor**

**Motion:** *“That SSAA ACT Inc appoint Warren Turk as the Auditor”*

**David Whiteman/Geoff Miller**

**Motion passed**

##### **Public Officer**

**Motion:** *“That SSAA ACT Inc appoint Andrew Holt as the SSAA ACT Public Officer”*

**Ricky Martin/Mario Mikola**

**Motion passed**

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **Daily Range Fee**

**Motion:** *“That the present range fee of \$15.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members remain unchanged for 2021-2022”*

**Colin Rees/Wayne Brown**

**Motion passed**

##### **Annual Range Pass**

**Motion:** *“That the present fee of \$60.00 for an individual annual range pass and \$75 for a family annual range pass remains unchanged for 2021-2022”.*

**Andrew Holt/Paul O’Connor**

**Motion passed**

##### **Five Year Range Pass**

**Motion:** *“That the fee for a five-year range pass be kept at \$250.00 and the fee for a five-year Family Range Pass is set at \$310.00”.*

**Ross Bills/Cranston Wilson**

**Motion passed**

**Pensioner Fees**

**Motion:** *"That the Range pass for pensioners will be at 50% of the appropriate range pass fee"*  
**Andrew Holt/Colin Rees** **Motion passed**

**Junior Fees**

**Motion:** *"That Juniors are not charged an individual range fee"*  
**Ross Bills/Jim Burns** **Motion passed**

**Honorariums**

**Motion:** *"That JMK Range Officers are provided with a \$110 per day and \$55 per half day"*  
**Colin O'Mullane/Joe Thaller** **Motion passed**  
 Wayne Brown, Ross Bills, Kim Kelo abstained

**Motion:** *"That SSAA ACT Inc offers people assisting on Range Officer courses and Instructor courses and R Licence and Safety courses the equivalent of a half day Range Officer honorarium."*

**Kym Adams/David Whiteman** **Motion passed**  
 Wayne Brown, Jim Coghlan, Ross Bills abstained

**Motion:** *"That SSAA ACT Inc Council supports the payment of an honorarium of \$10,200 to the SSAA ACT Inc Secretary for services for the past two years."*

**Kaye McIntyre/Roger Leach** **Motion passed**

Josephine King abstained      Joe Thaller objected

**Facility Fee**

**Motion:** *"That the facility fee for visitors staying on the range will be \$10.00 per adult, per night"*  
**Colin Rees/Colin O'Mullane** **Motion passed**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

The meeting was closed at 2.31pm.