

Newsletter

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S.S.A.A. SPORTING RIFLE CLUB
MILDURA
GENERAL MEETING
Saturday 8th December 2007 at 1.00pm

The end of the year is almost on us with just a couple of club days left and as you can see by the top of this newsletter we have our last general meeting for the year on December the 8th. Also on that day Norv is going to run a fly shoot, which will take place straight after the meeting. Practice and sighting in must be done in the morning as only three sighters are allowed for each comp and must be fired in the allotted time. Two distances will be shot, 500 metres for centrefire and 100 metres for rimfire. A barbeque will be available for lunch (food & soft drinks available) at about noon. Silhouettes will also be set up.

Presentations will be made to the winners of our season's aggregate competitions during the day and also to the winners of the fly shoots. For information on the specifics of the fly shoot contact Norv on 0427 233417

Norv, Cathy and I spent some time at the range with an interesting visitor recently; he is Sam Drummond, who is leaving Australia soon to compete in the European Biathlon Cup. Biathlon is basically a 20 km ski race with a rifle over your shoulder and stopping every 5 km to fire 5 shots at metal targets. We couldn't provide the snow but he did enjoy the shooting practice. Cathy and I were lucky enough to have 5 shots each with his purpose built biathlon rifle and I finally beat her at something, I had one scoring shot. Sam's dad, Kevin is also a shooter and will be joining the S.S.A.A. shortly.

As you may have seen in the local paper, Cathy recently shot 400/400 at East Marden in the 20m comp, only to finish third as two others also shot 400 but with more centrals. I think she was pretty happy anyway.

We have a couple more Range Officers in the club now with Kev & Matt Browne qualifying last month, this gives us about 16 R.O.s in the Sporting Rifle Club, which helps to spread the load **and maybe give Norv time to shoot.**

A set of moving "self righting" targets have been ordered by the club and hopefully will be here by the time we start shooting next year. They should provide a lot of enjoyment for our young (and old) members.

There will not be a calendar produced by the main body next year. The powers that be decided to discontinue it even though Cathy offered to help put it together. All information will have to be sourced from a web site, which will be set up soon. Remember our shooting days will still be the 2nd Saturday and the 4th Sunday of each month.

See you at the range.

Alan Collins