



## SSAA St Marys Pistol Club

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Dear Member,

### **Message from Beau Griffith – Chairman**

Happy New Year and welcome to 2020, I hope everyone had a great and safe Christmas / New Year.

With so many fires around the country I hope that you as a member, your family and friends are safe and unaffected, for those that have been, both mine and the committee's thoughts are with you all.

Additionally, all those serving in the RFS and other State Emergency and support services, I have insufficient words of thanks and appreciation for the efforts and ongoing commitment of these individuals and agencies during these catastrophic events.

As will be reiterated by others in this newsletter, we are approaching the end of the reporting period for firearms registry. Whilst I am sure that all our members are familiar with the club attendance policy requirements, see the back of membership card if not, now would be an opportune time to ensure that you are up to date with attendances.

As we start a New Year it may be a good opportunity to look at attending new events and disciplines, I encourage you all to try a different discipline or invite a new member to try your discipline of choice.

At this time of year, the ranges can be quite hot as reflected by the outside temperatures, so please ensure you are well hydrated before participating in range activities for any period. Also, please give thought and thanks to the RSO's who volunteer their time to run events for you in this heat as well.

As always, if anyone has suggestions or ideas for the club please feel free to contact the committee through the club administration at [pistol@stmarys.ssaa.org.au](mailto:pistol@stmarys.ssaa.org.au) or speak to me directly at the range.

Regards, Beau Griffith.

### **Message from Alan Gozzard – Club Captain**

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2020. We are quickly approaching the end of the attendance reporting period. If you are unsure of your attendance levels, please contact [pistol@stmarys.ssaa.org.au](mailto:pistol@stmarys.ssaa.org.au). Please understand that the coming months are the busiest for the Admin office. After the attendance compliance is completed, we then move into preparing for membership renewals. Your patience and support during this time is appreciated.

This year we will also be celebrating 20 years of SMPC. If you are able to assist in anyway, please let any of the committee members know or drop a quick note to [pistol@stmarys.ssaa.org.au](mailto:pistol@stmarys.ssaa.org.au).

Thank you, Alan Gozzard

## **Message from the Secretary – Andrew Poultney**

Hello everyone, Well, it's a new year and a new decade. I hope everyone had a safe and happy break. For those of you affected by the fires, our thoughts are with you.

As of last month, we have just over 1360 members. As per usual, please remember that your minimum attendances are once per bi-monthly block, and if you are unable to attend the bi-monthly requirement, please let the club know on [pistol@stmarys.ssaa.org.au](mailto:pistol@stmarys.ssaa.org.au) and request an exemption for the bi-monthly block you have missed. Exemptions must be requested for the bi-monthly period missed, not for the whole of last year at renewal time.

If you need a friendly reminder, flip over your SMPC membership card.

Remember that PTA's requests are online through Service NSW website (<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-permit-acquire-firearm-pta>) but you still need the club confirmation to be signed off, as well as a safe storage declaration signed by you before the club confirmation will be signed off.

Club event calendars are available online. Please go to the St Marys Indoor Shooting Centre's website ([www.stmarysindoorshootingcentre.com.au](http://www.stmarysindoorshootingcentre.com.au)) and select Pistol Club, then Information for Members. You will also find the Club Attendance Policy.

See you on the range, Andrew Poultney.

## **Message from SMISC Operations Manager – Ali Newbery**

Happy New Year everyone, I hope you had a good break with your friends and family amongst the horror and heartbreak of the fires.

I'm just doing a friendly reminder about the complimentary rifle attendance that SMPC members can have when doing a pistol shoot, these do not apply during the 1 Jan – 31 Mar due to how busy the range becomes with 24,000 attendance reminders being sent out.

Every year I ask this same question, would you like to be a volunteer for the Centre? All the competitions that we hold are run by volunteers, this includes, pistol competitions, Junior Development Program, Field Rifle, Lever Action and Archery.

We can't keep relying on the same volunteers, year after year, we need help. The expectation of a volunteer is to attend initial training which is held on a Sat or Sun and then commit to a minimum two shifts a month.

I will be holding another training course soon, so if you would like to give back to the Centre please contact me for a Expressions of Interest form on [ali@stmarys.ssaa.org.au](mailto:ali@stmarys.ssaa.org.au)

Take care everyone and I hope to see you around the range, Ali.

## **Pistol Club – Operating Hours**

Just a reminder that the Pistol Club is only open Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 9:30am – 5pm.

Any PTA's can be left at the Range Counter and they will be actioned as soon as possible.

## Graduation

To book into Graduation please email [pistol@stmarys.ssaa.org.au](mailto:pistol@stmarys.ssaa.org.au) and include your name, pistol club number, SSAA number, PPL number and date for which you'd like to book. Only trainee members who have held their Probationary Pistol Licence for six months from the issue date and have completed their required shoots are eligible to attend.

- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 7pm       Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 10:30am  
 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 7pm       Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020 2pm

**PPL Number:**

## Trainee Only Centrefire Introduction

To be eligible to attend, you must be a Trainee member who has completed three *Novice* and three *Trainee Only* shoots. Trainees who have not had the required Novice/Trainee shoots signed off on their New Member in Training form are not eligible and will not be permitted to participate.

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 7pm       \$40 (POS code 12726)  
 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 7pm       \$40 (POS code 12726)

## Course Booking

To book for a course please complete the booking sheet and email to [pistol@stmarys.ssaa.org.au](mailto:pistol@stmarys.ssaa.org.au) or present in person at the front counter. Due to limited spaces, we cannot guarantee you a spot however if the course is full you will receive a full refund. To avoid disappointment, please book early.

Please note that a minimum of 48 hours' notice is required for any cancellations and refund requests unless the course confirmation states otherwise. Cancellations with less than 48 hours' notice or nonattendance on the day/s of the course will result in the booking being forfeited.

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