



## SARA Member Forum (Central) 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024

5.00 p.m. Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at Lower Light Rifle Range

24 members in attendance

Board members in attendance: Adrian Conlon (Chair), Brad Semmler (Treasurer), Dave McDonald, Bill Naismith

### 1. SARA Store update

James's licence not suspended but not reinstated, currently working 3 days/week in store administration (cannot handle prescribed items). SAPOL delegate reviewing request. Hopefully James could assist Warren if licence reinstated – could reintroduce 5-day trading and possibly extend open hours on Thursday evenings.

Stock on hand reasonable however some items in short supply (brass, primers, powder). A Berger order has been placed.

Krieger Barrels order has been placed (of 55 ordered, 12-15 are pre-ordered), orders are placed approx. 3 monthly. Advice to look at barrel requirements for 12-18 months down the track and place your orders with the SARA store accordingly, Krieger fill orders as they have stock available (some orders placed in 2021). Apparently other retailers have similar timeframes (e.g. Bartlett Barrels advise 24 months). Unless pre-ordered, you are unlikely to get one in an upcoming order (might be lucky). Deposit system implemented for pre-orders.

Large rifle primers are arriving sporadically, some CCI 450 small rifle primers arrived recently.

8208 powder arrived recently, kept for members, has been sold. 2206H powder is not being manufactured at present.

First quarter takings good, has slowed a little over Mar/Apr/May however barrels and pistol powder have helped May and June. Bottom line hit but store is returning money to the Association.

Tumby Bay forum members queried possibility of discount for SARA members – being discussed by the Board.

SARA Store prices considered too expensive on certain items – Qstore and NSW have buying power e.g. QRA buys approx. 5x SA's amount of projectiles so they can hold their price until stock runs out. SARA cannot buy at that price so cannot compete. Margin on some prices very thin as wholesale cost too high. Store is looking at ways to be more competitive.



Suggestion to team up with other Associations to place bulk order/s – QRA will not cooperate and it is difficult to get everyone to work together.

Sourcing some items direct from overseas e.g. KG and Dewey Rods, as unable to source through Aus suppliers.

## **2. Kings**

Format has been set.

Discussion re. target time delays – either everyone gets it or no-one. Show of hands in favour of time delays:

4 in favour, 11 against.

Board will tally against responses from Tumby Forum (approx. 50/50 each way) and confirm however appears no delays.

Reminder: rules state cannot shoot until scorer calls out score.

5 minutes shooter prep time starts from last piece of equipment being removed from the mound.

## **3. Member numbers/participation**

Sporter class introduced. Chairperson to attend NRAA delegates meeting next weekend, will introduce Sporter for discussion (with PC or PCO, default to PCO).

QRA's Come and Try Days are popular, held once a month. SA does not have same population however could trial every 3 months, has to be club driven (SARA can help promote but cannot run).

Suggestion of friendly amalgamation e.g. .22 bench rest, lower cost, introductory platform. No facility for .22s at present, dirt has been placed for creation of mounds at 100m and 200m, 50m to get .22s on range. Trying to keep costs down.

Need foot traffic on the range – opportunities for cross-promotion with other sporting organisations (e.g. SSAA, TRSA, smallbore?)

Could SARA possibly use the store customer database as a marketing tool to promote the sport to non-member customers?

Run PRS at Lower Light/clubs? Murray Bridge Rifle Club have been advised shot fall has to be at the back stop so would not be permitted.

Port Pirie's recent range inspection was positive; seemed keen to help with gaining approval for expanding activities.

Need feeder classes to introduce crossover with new members' existing rifles.

Next steps: investigate PRS, Production Class (Open) and .22s

**4. Teams competitions**

Brad's proposal for teams format competition – looking for suggestions/ideas to build on.

Brad does not intend to re-nominate for board come Oct/Nov and instead is keen to drive resurrecting teams competition in some form. E.g. inter-club teams with points and a 'grand final' format at Lower Light once a year; resurrect East v West; postal shoots (possibly for club heats with finals held in person at a central location).

Would need to be hybrid team formats so use a 'points off' scoring method to fairly compare scores and no handicaps.

**5. Jason Mayers wind coaching clinic**

Clinic to be held Sat 27<sup>th</sup> and Sun 28<sup>th</sup> July – offered to those on the list who expressed interest in the first instance, then if any remaining places would be opened to others.

**6. Other:**

- Brad proposed round of applause for Adrian and Karen for pulling the Association back from the verge of bankruptcy and all the work they have put in over the last few years.
- Members needed to sign up for the Board; consider nominating for the upcoming election.