



## SARA Member Forum (Regional) 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024

**Tumby Bay Rifle Club**

**16 February 2024 started at 4:05 pm**

**Attendees – as per signed attendance sheet – but approx. 36 members plus Adrian Conlon Bill Naismith and Brad Semmler**

**Welcome by Adrian**

*Welcome all to the Members Forum. This is the first this calendar year with the second being held at Lower Light in the second half this year. A date hasn't been set as yet. Member forums are an opportunity to get feedback but particularly positive ideas and direction on what members want the board to pursue to take us forward.*

*I would expect everyone to be respectful to each other, civil and mature at all times in their comments and suggestions.*

*We are happy to discuss ideas etc we but have limited time here today so would also ask that to give as many of you as possible a chance to add to the discussion that we keep the meeting moving. There will be questions that we might not be able to answer but we will take them back to the board for further clarification.*

*Would like to put everyone in the picture in regard to the store. We have as most would know had a significant issue with the store licensee having his dealers licence suspended. When James was appointed as store manager we were turning over approx. \$50k -60k per month which is not even enough to justify one full time position. James had built up turnover where it had got to a level that was beyond one person and enough to take on at least a part time assistant. This was discussed at board level in the month preceding James's suspension.*

*We appointed a new manager in early December and applied for Nominee status on 7/12/23 but couldn't get SAPOL approval until late January as SAPOL have only one person processing dealer applications and they went on annual leave from mid December until mid January and despite contacting SAPOL many times and pleading our case we were informed that 'It will be taken care of in due course'*

*We are still pressing ahead with putting another person in the store as an obvious plan for redundancy should something similar be it sickness or something similar happen again.*

*I would like to kick discussions off with a few topics from the board and then we will open it up for broader discussion*



**1. Kings format and timing. Ranges shot.**

Proposed as below

Hunt Format	Target Rifle and Sporter class	F Class	Shots	Comments	First Shooters	Start Scoring
Day 1	500 m	500 m	2 & 10		TR	Sporter / FTR
	600 m	500 m	2 & 10		FO	TR
	700 m	600 m	2 & 10		FSTD	FO
Day 2	800 m	600 m	2 & 10		Sporter / FTR	FSTD
	800 m	600 m	2 & 10		TR	Sporter / FTR
	900 m	700 m	2 & 10		FO	TR
Delay	No delay	7 seconds				

Kings Format	Target Rifle and Sporter class	F Class	Shots	Comments	First Shooters	Start Scoring
Day 1	300 m		2 & 10	F Class rest	TR	Sporter / FTR
	500 m	500 m	2 & 10		FO	TR
	500 m	500 m	2 & 10		FSTD	FO
	600 m	600 m	2 & 10		Roll through	Roll through
Day 2	600 m	600 m	2 & 10		Sporter / FTR	FSTD
	600 m	600 m	2 & 10		Roll Through	Roll Through
	700 m	700 m	2 & 10		TR	Sporter / FTR
Day 3	800 m	800 m	2 & 10		FSTD	FO
		900 m	2 & 10	TR & Sporter rest	FO	TR
	900 m	900 m	2 & 10	Final range will be re-squaded with top of each grade / class shooting together with highest ranked in the middle of the range as per last year	TR	FSTD
Delay	No delay	7 seconds				



## Update Sponsorship Signage

### 2. *Membership numbers. Club participation.*

*We have continuing issues with stagnant or decreasing membership and participation particularly at club level. We all understand the impact higher costs of components and lack of components has had but we need to adjust to what is available.*

*What can we do to assist clubs increase their membership ? New lower cost disciplines ? Rimfire ?*

#### Discussion points raised

- Advertising for come and try days
- Social media – Emma Clayton from Phoenix doing it exceptionally well
- Port Pirir Rabbit Shoot at 200m – Malcolm Hill
  - 200 m manually marked targets
  - 100 m walk down and look at shoots
- NRAA insurance only covers for disciplines described in SSR's and on Range Certificates
- Would need to look at joining SSAA to get insurance to cover non SSR styles and also ensure its cover by Range Certificate
- Sporter Class – need to ensure your club has it listed on Range Certificate
- Tumby raised concern that clubs need plenty of notice about what SARA fees will so they have time to gather from members – Adrian said we will get it out ASAP

### 3. *Resurrection of a teams competition*

*New format teams competition.?*

*We have started a program to develop team coaches for the future with the view to reinvigorating teams shooting. Are the teams club based hybrid teams*

#### Discussion points

- Resurrect East VS West
  - Combined teams
  - Shooting out of 50 or points off
  - Need three selectors from each side to actively pursue nominations
  - Need a "champion" to drive and get momentum



- Club based teams
  - Hybrid / mixed teams shooting out of 50 or points off - off rifle only?
  - SARA Sponsor Substantial \$ prize to go to Club (not shooters)
  
- 4. General discussion
  - Stuart Braund – raise doing a top 4 or 6 from each discipline shooting off after final Kings range in Bisley style ( Royal Karltenberg style)
  - Cameron Whant -Use APS Round to promote sport via social media
  - Question raised if SARA was nominating to hold the F class world championship in 2030 – replied we had declined as we would need to spend to much to develop Lower Light and no one had the energy / time to drive
  - Need to organize subcommittees to ensure projects are progressed
    - Range maintenance
    - Competitions
    - Etc

Meeting closed at 5:25