



## NEWS FROM THE BOARD No.3

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We are pleased to report:-

- State Team Funding. There has been some queries as to why the Match Rifle Team only has its entry paid and does not receive a "grant" like the others. The Board decision was based the participation rate of the discipline and if Match Rifle increases in the future then funding will be reconsidered.
- Barmera Rifle Club. As many members will know, the Barmera Rifle Club while still being affiliated with SARA, has also amalgamated with the SSAA Riverland Branch. The Barmera club has been in decline for a number of years now and as the SSAA branch also used the Barmera range facility (for quite a few years) it was felt by those involved that the move was necessary.

Your Board has strived to ensure access to this important Fullbore range facility would not be lost and has sought assurances from the club to this end. A copy of all correspondence between SARA and the SSAA Barmera Rifle Club is available to members on request.

- East vs West financial report. For the information of members we supply the following financial report on the East vs West competition held in august. Please note that SARA subsidised this event to the tune of \$949.00

### Income

Team Entries	\$1065.00	
Donations	\$ 108.00	
		\$1,173.00

### Expenditure

Range fees 80x\$2.50	\$ 200.00	←New item reflecting range usage cost
Medals	\$ 442.90	
Markers, RO, BO	\$1090.00	
Targets	\$ 300.00	
Patches, SupCent	\$ 89.10	
		\$2,122.00



- Associate Members. It has become apparent that our new constitution does not allow for an Associate member type category ie. a non-shooting, non-voting "supporter" type category. Work is being undertaken to draft a suitable amendment to the constitution to be put to the members, hopefully at a Special General Meeting at the 2016 Championships (Queen's).
- Competition Manager. Jim Bowles has informed the Board of his intention to retire from the position of Competition Manager and Chief Range Officer at the end of the next Queens. Jim's years of dedicated service to SARA has been greatly appreciated.

By now all members should have seen a vacancy notice for the Competition Managers position.

- Lower Light range maintenance. We have received suggestions from members regarding required maintenance at the Lower Light range. Rest assured that the Board is actively looking into this area and thanks members for their suggestions. We will undoubtedly be looking for assistance in the future.
- Masters Games. It is very disappointing to report that our involvement in the recent Australian Masters Games was cancelled due to the lack of entries. We will obviously have to do some soul searching before we commit ourselves to this event again in the future.
- Competition Manual. The SARA Competition manual has been revised and upgraded. It can be found on the SARA web site [here](#).
- Lower Light range fees. It has been a number of years since the range fees we charge our members for using the Lower Light have been reviewed. Currently the fee is \$2.50 / day for each shooter but with the effects of inflation it should be more like \$4.00. It was also recognised that this fee should apply to all SARA members, not only the tenant No.1 DRA shooters, and so it will be applied at SARA events also.

As of the 1st of January 2016 the new Range Fee will be \$3.50 / day for all shooters.

- Rec & Sport funding. Does your club need a new tank?, facility repairs? electronic target? etc etc. How many members know that the Office for Recreation and Sport run an annual grants program? Keep an eye on the [Rec&Sport website](#) for details.