

President's Report for A.G.M 15th. October 2006

At this, our 37th. A.G.M. It is good to see all of you who have given up your valuable leisure time to attend and have your say in how your Club is run. It is YOUR CLUB and we the Committee are only here to ensure that your wishes are carried out and to make everything happen smoothly and with a minimum of fuss.

Once again, in February this year, we conducted an open day at which all members and officers of the club worked long and hard to establish that the shooting sports are an enjoyable recreational activity suitable for real people and not just for Rednecks and Rambo types. I am sure that the many visitors who attended left with the impression that this is a great and challenging activity and pistol shooters are, after all, human and just everyday people having a good time competing in their favourite sport.

The Tri-Match which was held in May proved, once again, to be a very successful event, well attended by the usual suspects and competitive shooters. It gave some of our newer members the opportunity to experience an open competition and give them a taste of what rewards can come if they want to participate in some of the many competitions on offer throughout the state and was a tribute to those who organized and ran the event.

My thanks go to all the members and committee who worked so hard to make these events successful, without the high level of commitment and organization shown throughout the year it would have been nearly impossible to run these events. The process is rather like watching ducks swimming on a lake. Above the surface, and visible, all is serene and smooth whilst below there is furious activity which, by and large, goes un-noticed.

While I am on the subject of hard work I would like to sincerely thank all of you who attended our working bees and achieved so much in the way of maintenance and improvements to the clubhouse, ranges and grounds. It makes me really proud to have so many committed and dedicated members willing to assist in the task of making this one of the best pistol clubs in NSW.

Generally the financial position of the Club has remained consistent over the past few years even though quite a number of projects have been completed and some extensive safety work and Clubhouse renovations have been carried out. This results in a position that, although NSWAPA has increased their affiliation fees for the coming year, your committee have decided to hold annual dues at last year's level. As ever, fees are due by the end of this month and prompt payment would be appreciated.

The installation of the drink vending machine has proved to be a success, eliminating a lot of work in stocking refrigerators and keeping records of monies received through the till. Promotional items such as Club shirts, caps and badges are being purchased in sufficient numbers to make them a viable profit centre for our club.

A number of "Level O" coaches have been trained and are gradually being educated in the running of matches and the training of new shooters. Hopefully there will be plenty of chances for them to use their new skills with an influx of new members in November / December. I would like to express my appreciation to these new coaches as well as the more experienced people for keeping the standard of safety and skill at high levels.

Finally I would like to thank those members who donated goods which we could sell or raffle so that the club could obtain extra income. I would also like to thank the Mother Club for the extra tables you see in the clubhouse and on the ranges, also the "Underwood St," artwork, which is part of our history, and which you see hanging on the wall.

**To all of you (and you know who you are) who worked so hard to make our club great.
In the immortal words of Jeff Fenech "I love youse all"**

THANK YOU