

# President's Report for A.G.M 14<sup>th</sup>. October 2007

At this our 38<sup>th</sup>. A.G.M. I would like to welcome all of you who have taken the trouble to attend and have your say in the club's affairs. As you are aware YOU MEMBERS HAVE THE POWER to direct the way in which the club carries out its day to day business and to determine any future actions to ensure that your committee and executive officers run the club for your benefit and that of all members.

Most of you will be aware that I am not standing for office this year as I believe that the time has come to make way for new leadership with new ideas and fresh ways of promoting our club. I know that you will support the new team as enthusiastically as you have the old one.

A number of projects have been completed this year including improved lighting on the Air-Pistol range and target lighting on ranges 1 and 2. This brings us into line with national standards and, I think, makes shooting more pleasant. The Kitchen upgrade has proved to be a popular move, thanks mainly to the efforts of our vice president, Bob Timewell, and I feel that our facilities now match the best in the state.

Special thanks must go to all those members taking part in the two working bees this year, at which general maintenance and necessary repairs and building work, under the supervision of Chris Smith, were carried out. Your ongoing support and hard work is greatly appreciated by all the committee and shows the pride all members take in making and keeping our club a pleasure to attend and a great place to enjoy our chosen sport.

Another successful Tri-Match was held this year thanks to Peter Gumley and his band of enthusiastic helpers, all participants remarked on the efficiency of the organizing team and the friendliness of the club members and officials. We are rapidly gaining a reputation for the way in which this match is conducted and the fact that our club is definitely worth a Visit.

We have made an application to hold another open day on 1<sup>st</sup>. March 2008 and although it is still early days, please give the matter some thought. Alert all of your non-shooting friends and social contacts that this is their opportunity to try out pistol shooting without all the drama of licensing and exemptions. They might realise just what it is that keeps us interested in this great sport.

These days have proved very popular in the past and have always been well attended. Your help in showing visitors around, providing safety training and supervision as well as supplying pistols for the public to use on the day would be greatly appreciated. Please see Peter Gumley to indicate your interest.

As you can see from the Treasurer's report our finances are in good shape even though quite a number of capital improvements have been completed and the cost of targets, patches, electricity, rates and consumables have all continued to rise, and are about to increase dramatically again during this coming year.

Bob Morgan is to be congratulated on the way he has settled into the Treasurer's job of protecting your money and keeping you and your committee informed and aware of the club's financial position at all times.

Without the efforts of Lindsay Connell, our club captain, his able assistants in Tom Moore, Peter Gumley and volunteer range officers, our matches would not run as smoothly as they do. There is an extensive array of regular jobs that need to be done to make it all happen and they are carried out without fuss and largely invisible to those who compete.

To the rest of the committee I must say a sincere thankyou for the support they have given me over the years of my presidency. They work extremely hard to make it all look easy. May I also offer my sincere thanks to all members of our club for having given to me the opportunity to lead and serve this wonderful club.

**I am proud to have served as your President. I am proud to know you all and I am proud to be part of this Club. THANK YOU.**