



# Bull Barrel



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## From the Committee:

The next committee meetings will be on Monday:  
**16<sup>th</sup> March 20<sup>th</sup> April and 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
6:30 pm at the AIF Clubrooms. Any matters that need to be brought to the Committee's attention can be presented to meetings via the Secretary.

### 2025-2026 Committee

**President:** Shane Bowden **Snr VP:** Paul Hunniford,  
**VP:** Gilbert Steenhuis, **Treasurer:** Phyllis Kannis  
**Secretary:** Phil Guest **Committee:** Craig Parker,  
Jessica Weber, Dominika Bender, Amanda Cashion,  
Luciano Pasa, Tom Banks, G. Jackson, M. Blackburn.

Welcome to new committee members G. Jackson and M. Blackburn.

## For Your Information:

### Presentation Day 2025



A few members celebrated Presentation Day on 7<sup>th</sup> December. This was a disappointing turnout and the way we celebrate the end of the calendar and competition years is being discussed by the committee. Input from members will be gratefully appreciated. Functions at a different time of the year and held at one or both ranges are being considered.

Thanks to Luciano who delivered a sumptuous BBQ lunch complimented with prawns and other delicacies. Thanks also to those who cleaned the clubrooms, organised the raffle and prepared certificates and trophies.

Some notable results from the 2025 competition year were:

Field Rifle – Mitchell S (2294/2400)  
BR Group – Tom B (8.23 mm)  
AIF International RF BR – Tom B (1488/1500)  
BR 30 6 Best – Roy S (1435/1800)  
Action CF – Peter B (1503/1800)  
Action RF – Peter B (1618/1800)  
Classic CF – John H (1516/1800)  
Classic RF – Peter B (1721/1800)  
IPSC – David B – (99.42%)  
Steel Challenge Club Champion – Seb C  
Single Action – Marshall Scott R  
Rapid Fire – Bob H (586/900)  
Target Pistol RF – Shane B (710/900)  
HG MS Iron - John Mc (38/80)  
HG MS Optic – Scott R (55/80)

## Service Awards

Congratulations and thanks to Brian S and George H who were awarded 2025 Service Awards for their outstanding contribution to the Club, which is operated entirely by a volunteer workforce.

### Mitchell Range Master Plan (MRMP)

**Grant application success \$\$\$**

An application for a grant offered by the *Tasmanian Active Infrastructure Grants Program 2024-25* was partially accepted, resulting in the club securing \$129,211 towards at least three new handgun ranges, power connection and shipping containers, pending approval for the Development Application (DA). Improvements to access to the Mitchell Range, passing bays and a new car park were not deemed to be within the guidelines to qualify as active sporting infrastructure. This grant, together with a pledge of \$10,000 from SSAA Tasmania and a healthy club bank balance should allow for works to start on the project in 2026.

Shane has had his hands full coordinating the finishing touches to the DA which should be lodged early this year. The DA seeks approval for both Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the MRMP. Stage 2 includes new clubrooms and a 100m range.

## Mitchell Range News



Upgraded Range A butt.

Shaun R and his 20-ton excavator have reshaped the Range A butt and dressed the face with more shredded tyre. Shane has manufactured and installed new universal style target bases at 50m which are suitable for club and police use. Maintenance work has also been done to the butt and RH berm of Range C.

The police container has been relocated to Range A, allowing for easier access and shorter time to set-up and dismantle targets and other props. Thanks to Richard C for attaching a ramp to the container door.

Tasmania Police trainers have started their ten-week, three-day block of a Tuesday-Thursday booking, with Shane generously offering to organise the opening and closing of the range. A reminder that Range C will be open for general use every Tuesday morning until 5<sup>th</sup> of May.

**NOW OVER 1,000 Members!**

## Working Bee - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March - 10 am

Please try to attend as there is always plenty to do. WB free shoot cards will be issued and free lunch and drinks provided.

### AIF Range News



A significant volume of pine, holly and cotoneaster weeds have been cut down and removed from the site. The path to the 100m targets has been resurfaced and timber at the 25m firing line has been oiled. Plans are in place for a second internal door to the clubrooms to keep out the cold winter wind, and cosy carpet tiles for the scoring area.

Participation is slowly increasing with good numbers reported at most events.

### 2026 Speed Steel Tasmanian State Titles

The 2025 SSAA Tasmania Speed Steel State Titles were held at the Mitchell Range on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026, hosting 21 club and intrastate competitors.



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Because of a dispute over a licensing agreement to use the Steel Challenge name and rules, this year's event adopted the name *Speed Steel*, and rules modified by Craig P and approved by SSAA Tas.


All eight courses of fire were staged in the one-day event. Craig P, Seb C and their supporting team are to be congratulated for their detailed planning and excellent delivery of the event. Thanks to Nigel H who didn't compete but volunteered to RO for the day. Seb C deserves a special mention for managing the real-time PractiScore display of results and Craig served up a much-appreciated smorgasbord lunch. The presentation of SSAA Tasmania medals and Bunnings' gift cards to placegetters capped off an enjoyable day.

Theo R from Bracknell Branch recorded the fastest time of 107.95 seconds, meaning he hit a set of five steel plates 31 times over eight courses of fire at an average time of just 3.48 seconds. Sam VK was fastest for T03 with a total time of 141.89 seconds.



Lunchtime

## Participation Cards

 Reminder that your 2025 participation card should now have been lodged with Firearms Services.

### Holster Proficiency and IPSC Induction



**Holster Proficiency** - The next pre-test is on 4<sup>th</sup> April and the actual test will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> April. Please see Craig or use the form on display at the Mitchell Range to register your interest.

**IPSC Induction** – 21<sup>st</sup> March and 20<sup>th</sup> June. See Craig.

### Housekeeping Reminders

- Have your licence, exemption or minors permit ready for display when signing in.
- Enter details clearly into range books as the information is transferred to computer.
- Detail ROs will sign participation cards.
- The last Classic Match detail will start no later than 11 am.

### Winter is coming! \$80



**Black and embroidered with club logo.**

A comprehensive range of other merchandise is also available.

# Sale!

## Club T-Shirts

1 for \$20 or 2 for \$35

### Give Yourself a Present

Buy a shoot card or a range pass for 2025.

Full Fee		25 Shoot Discount Card	
Adult	Pensioner	\$240	\$240
\$15 Per Shoot	\$10 Per Shoot	\$9.60 Per Shoot	\$9.60 Per Shoot
15 Shoot Discount Card		Annual Pass	
\$180	\$180	\$350	\$350
\$12.00 Per Shoot	\$12.00 Per Shoot	\$7.00 Per Shoot	\$7.00 Per Shoot
		(Per Shoot based on 50 shoots per year)	

### Your Bull Barrel

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