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NSW Win SSAA National Team Trophy

Introducing Jayden Roe



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Lots To Love About Our Unique Sport..

I've been a keen shooter since being introduced to the sport of shooting by my dad early in my teenage years. Having been brought up around guns I learnt the importance of firearm safety from an early age. Up until lately my experience has been limited to lever action rifles and over the past couple of years my discipline of choice has been Cowboy Lever Action Silhouette (CLAS).

However, since taking on the role as Executive Director of SSAA NSW I've had the opportunity to travel throughout the State and learn about the great range of disciplines that SSAA members can take part in. I know some members have shot the same discipline for many years, but I would encourage them to consider trying a new event. I recently took part in the NSW 5-Stand Shotgun State Titles for the first time and I can't wait to try it again.

In the *NSW Shooter* this month we have reports from the 5-Stand Shotgun National Championship event in WA, Colonial Action from Mudgee and Black Powder Rifle Silhouette from Rankin Springs. But all around the State our various disciplines are thriving. Last month the SSAA NSW proudly watched as some of our Members competed in the World Benchrest Championships in France. We also hope to have a write up of the Coady Classic to bring you in the December *NSW Shooter*.

The Field Rifle and 3P State Titles were hosted by the SSAA Northern Rivers Branch in Casino in August, while at the other end of NSW the Shoalhaven Clay Target Club hosted the NSW SSAA Muzzle Loading Championships.

One of the benefits of being involved with SSAA NSW is access to high quality local facilities. Earlier this year SSAA Mudgee and District Branch hosted the Single Action Revolver Championships, Big Game State Championships and the Combined Services Titles at the Windamere Range. Meanwhile SSAA Taree Wingham hosted the Lever Action State Titles at the Wingham Rifle Range.

As I am writing this I have just taken part in the NSW Handgun Rendezvous hosted at the St Marys Indoor Shooting Centre. Although I was unable to get to the Range to practice before the event I was thrilled to be able to participate in another discipline.

Shooting is unlike any other sport. There is so much variety, even within the individual disciplines. It's one of the things we all love about our sport. But with so many disciplines there's also a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes. That's why I'd like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to all of our Discipline Chairmen for the work they do. I would also like to thank all the volunteers at local Branches for their tireless efforts in facilitating and promoting shooting sports.

Next time you hear a non-shooter talking about the same old boring sports on television, invite them to your local range and introduce them to one of the safest, challenging and most importantly fun sports around.

Diana Melham
Executive Director
SSAA (NSW) Inc.



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Cover: NSW competitors at Three Springs,
Western Australia, in the 5-Stand National Titles.

NSW Shotgun Team Win SSAA National Team Trophy

SSAA shotgunners from NSW performed extremely well at the recent National 5-Stand Championships that were held at Three Springs Sporting Clays in WA. The three day event of 100 targets daily on 5-Stand layouts set up amongst scrub on a dried out salt lake presented some diverse and challenging targets for everyone. Each day, two quite different layouts that had been prepared by the host club, confronted competitors and ensured that the standard of the targets were worthy of a national event. All the targets were controlled by the latest electronic SHOTPUT controllers that ensured that the clay targets were presented in an unknown, random order. The NSW Team comprised Greg Allen, Frank Tagliapietra and Warren Brown from Griffith and Darren Macartney and Jayden Roe from Hay.



Competing against some of the best sporting clay shooters, the team members and particularly Jayden Roe, an up and coming Junior from SSAA Hay Branch, led the scoring for most of the championships. At the conclusion of the National Championships Jayden had swept all before him and emerged as the SSAA National 5-Stand Champion with a superb score of 190/200 targets, winning a new shotgun to complement his SSAA National Medallion and sash.

Jayden's was able to remain completely focussed throughout the Championship and employed his excellent shooting skills to let only a few clays escape. Seemingly unaffected by the pressure of such competition, the 15 year old Junior shot two perfect rounds of 25, with one round of 22 and the rest being either 23s or 24s.

In AA Grade Greg Allen was second (184) and Frank Tagliapietra third (181) with Darren Macartney second

in A Grade (166). Warren Brown won the Veterans with 161 with Jayden Roe as the top Junior.

The NSW Team won the SSAA National Team trophy with a score of 882 ahead of the WA Team with 840.

Warren Brown

Who Is Jayden Roe?



Prior to his success at the National 5-Stand State Championships the *NSW Shooter* caught up with Year 10 student Jayden Roe to ask him about his impressive results.

NSW Shooter - *When did you begin shooting and how did you get started ?*

Jayden - I first started shooting clay birds when I was thirteen (two years ago). One of my dad's friends suggested that I go to Deniliquin Field and Game to try the sport and I loved it.

NSW Shooter - *What discipline do you most enjoy?*

Jayden - The only discipline I shoot in competition is shotgun, but outside of competition I like rifle shooting.

NSW Shooter - *What's your biggest achievement so far?*

Jayden - Last year I won the Australian U/15 Field and Game National Championship which was held in Kingston, SA.

NSW Shooter - *Can you tell us about your selection in the NSW State Shotgun team?*

Jayden - I competed at 3 compulsory state selection shoots (Hay, Forbes and Griffith) and the State Titles held at Hay. The team is selected based on a points system with each event being scored out of 20. My totals of 13, 20, 19 and 17 were good enough to make the team.

NSW Shooter - *How can the SSAA NSW encourage more juniors to take up the shooting sports?*

Jayden - I think if more "Try Shooting" days were held in regional and country areas they would be very popular with local juniors who may decide to take up the sport.

SSAA Mudgee and District Branch host the 2011 Bushrangers and Bolters event



(L-R) Dee Watt, Jill Martyn, Georgie Latta, Diana Melham, Danica Roberts and Alison Hughes

On the 24th/25th September SSAA Mudgee and District Branch Pistol Club held the Bushrangers and Bolters event at the Windamere Regional Shooting Complex. Beautiful weather greeted the 30 competitors as well as a busload of juniors who stopped in on their way to Tilterweira for Saturday's 10:30am start with six scenarios of Single Action Colonial Shooting contested.

The weather had deteriorated a little for Sunday but the shooters toughed it out to complete the two final scenarios of the competition, followed by a BBQ lunch and prize presentation.

Merriwa's Phil Martyn took out the Top Gun with a total score of 416.57 for the most accurate shooting and the lowest time taken. Phil also took out the Double Action category followed by John Pond (Mudgee). Single Action was taken out by Ryan Sidorenko followed by Don Barwick, John Triggs, Alex Sidorenko, Jeff Bultitude, Terry James, and Noel Nield.

The Single Action Target class was taken out by Warren Payne (Nowra) with Emmanuel Mangion in second. Top shot for the ladies was Jill Martyn from Merriwa followed by SSAA NSW Executive Director Diana Melham while Alison Hughes finished third.

In the minors (12-18yr) class Terrence Mangion from Busby took out the event with Georgie Latta in second and Danica Roberts in third.

Colonial Action (black powder) was won by Barry Fell with Guy Hanlon in second. The Single Action Black Powder class was won by Brian Pierce. SSAA NSW Executive Director Diana Melham took home the prize for the Best Colonial Dress. For a full list of scores please check the SSAA NSW website at www.ssaansw.org.au

Alison Hughes

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Congratulations to the Quirindi Sporting Clay Target Club (a SSAA affiliated club) who recently donated more than \$2,100 to the Quirindi District Hospital following a charity shoot!!

Discipline Chairmen

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Ask Trevor

Trevor Jenkin is the National Manager for SSAA Insurance Brokers. If you or your Branch have any insurance questions, please let us know by emailing newsletter@nsw.ssaa.org.au



Does the SSAA insurance cover unlicensed shooters using a P650 form?

Under the SSAA National Liability policy the insured is noted as “the executives, committees, sub-committees, branches, affiliated clubs, members, range officers, trainers, coaches and authorised visitors and SSAA Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd”, so as long as the unlicensed shooter is an authorised visitor of the SSAA Club/Range then the policy covers his liability. However condition 3 of the policy states “Warranted that Club Rules & Guidelines must be adhered to”.

So in simple terms, if the unlicensed shooter is an authorised visitor of a SSAA Club/Range and complies to all the Club/Range rules and regulations then the shooter’s liability would be covered.

Visiting a Shooting Range

Most SSAA members have visited a shooting range at some time or other, whether to sight in for a hunt, compete in one of the many disciplines or just to catch up with friends. Many shooters visit the same range every time and know the rules and procedures of ‘their’ range, often believing that all ranges operate in exactly the same manner. Some shooters may visit many different ranges in their travels, and this can often be where the difference in procedures becomes apparent.

While safety is the bottom line at all ranges there are some things that will vary from range to range that all range users should be aware of. All ranges are bound by the limits set by their Shooting Range Approval as issued by the NSW Police Firearms Registry (FAR), as well as their Pollution Control Approval issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Calibre limits, projectile types and velocity, target construction and placement as well as acceptable noise levels and open/closed times may vary considerably from one range to another. Good examples of these limits would be that you can use a .375 H&H on one range but cannot use it on another, or you can shoot until 10pm at one range but all shooting must cease at 4pm on another, and so on.

Remember, whenever visiting a range or travelling with firearms, it is very important that you always carry your firearms licence and proof of club membership whether it is with SSAA or another club. Pistol shooters should also carry proof of pistol club membership. Whether you are asked to show these at the range, or by the police while travelling to and from the range, you must be able to provide them upon request.

Some ranges are fairly minimal in their approach to allowing shooters to participate at their establishment while others are quite comprehensive. Some ranges will only require you to show your firearms licence and fill out the SSAA attendance sheet, supplying only your name and SSAA membership number while some will also ask you to fill in a visitor’s attendance register supplying additional details such as your licence number and address. All ranges must, at the very least, abide by the minimum legal requirements in recording attendances and range use. Often times the range user attendance procedures have been put in place because of incidents where a person or persons have not done the right thing and have caused problems only to disappear without consequence. Looking from the point of view of protecting our sport, it is a good idea that all ranges are able to identify those using their facilities.

So when you visit another range don’t expect that everything will be done exactly as it is at your range, and if you are asked to comply with procedures that are a little different than you are used to please do so, and enjoy another great day shooting.

Mitch Newbery
Training Coordinator – SSAA NSW (Inc).

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Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Silhouette

Despite its size and remoteness, the western NSW town of Rankins Springs, about 600km from Sydney, does boast an 800-yard fullbore rifle range and the SSAA Griffith Branch is lucky enough to share it with a number of local clubs. There aren't many ranges in NSW approved for metal targets and thanks to some behind-the-scene work by Rifle Metallic Silhouette (RMS) shooters from the branch and elsewhere, it was decided to broaden the range's use by installing targets, stands and mounds for the RMS matches up to 500 metres.



A few members decided it was time to show the range off. So it was on the weekend of August 27-28 2011 that the branch hosted a new match in the RMS stable. The new game is called Black Powder Cartridge Rifle (BPCR) Silhouette, and is intended for any pre-1896 single-shot rifle, original or replica, chambered for a black powder cartridge.

The Rankins Springs weekend was the first registered match for BPCR in NSW and provided an opportunity for a number of keen shooters to experience the noise and smoke of this interesting game. Fifteen shooters from the RMS family and the Buffalo Rifle Association of Australia (an affiliate of SSAA NSW) arrived from all over; South Australia, Tasmania, ACT and a number of NSW branches. SSAA intend holding its first BPCR Nationals in 2013 in Queensland and the Rankins Springs weekend gave folk an idea of what they were in for. Saturday was spent developing loads and adjusting sights and shooting positions. By days end most were set to go into a match the next day.

On registration prior to the match on Sunday, all rifles were weighed and certified. By these rules, acceptable types of rifles can be, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: Ballard, Bullard, Maynard, Remington Hepburn, Remington Rolling Block, Sharps, Springfield Trapdoor, Stevens No. 44, Whitney Rolling Block or Winchester Model 1885. Additionally, modern-made replicas of any of those rifles regardless of country of manufacture are permitted.

The course of fire is similar to that of centrefire Silhouette. Each match consisted of 40 targets.

They were 10 chickens at 200 metres, 10 pigs at 300 metres, 10 turkeys at 385 metres and 10 rams at 500 metres. However, unlike centrefire silhouette, for each bank of five targets the competitors are allowed five minutes to get off their five shots. This time limit allows the shooter to blow out the chamber and barrel between shots, keeping the black powder residue moist and soft, a practice often favoured by black powder cartridge shooters for easy loading and cleaning.

Whereas in all other forms of rifle metallic silhouette shooting all targets are shot at offhand, in this game only 200-metre chickens must be fired at offhand. All other targets can be shot freestyle, mainly from a cross-stick rest. To keep matters fair all shooters must use sticks that conform to certain specifications.

So, how did they go?

Dave True	15	Daniel McDonald	6
Steve Nicholas	12	Rod Pascoe	6
Con Smith	11	Jim Skyrn	5
Bob Vine	9	Daniel Johnston	4
Andrew Judd	9	James McDonald	4
Brad Skyrn	9	Zac McDonald	4
Dave McCarthy	8	Dennis Smith	2
Paul McCarthy	8		



The organisers wish to thank Daniel, Sharon and Brody McDonald for all their work to ensure the event was such a success. Thanks also to Bertram Bullets and Peter Ireland from Borwal Signs for their support.

Rod Pascoe

Upcoming SSAA NSW Events

Check www.ssaansw.org.au
for more upcoming events

COWBOY LEVER ACTION SILHOUETTE RIFLE 2011 NSW CHAMPIONSHIPS HOSTED BY SSAA SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Sunday 4th December 2011 SSAA MAJURA RANGE, ACT

Event 1. 40-shot - Rifle Cartridge
Event 2. 40 shot - Pistol Cartridge
(Events 1 & 2 may be shot concurrently)
Event 3. 40 shot - Smallbore

These events will be run under the SSAA 2009 RMS rulebook. Registration and practice from 8.00am
Matches start 8.30am SHARP.

\$15 per event or \$35 for all three. Juniors: 1/2 price.

Light refreshments and lunch will be available
For more information please contact Robert Tobler on
(02) 4885 1881 or tobler@rdtproducts.com

9TH NSW STATE MATCHES ALL SHOOTERS OF CENTREFIRE RIFLES WELCOME SERVICE, SPORTER, HUNTER, FIELD, MATCH HOSTED AT SSAA GILGANDRA RANGE 15-18 March 2012

7.30am sign on each day. Warm-up/sighter shots before matches start. 4 Match Courses of fire – Fri 45rnd Vintage shot 3P at 200 (service rifle only for titles), Thur/Sat 88rnd International shot 3P over 200, 300 & 600, Sat 25rnd Tactical prone supported 600 and Sun 70rnd Australian Service shot 3P 100, 200 & 300.

All classes of rifle are grouped. Every repeating rifle type with any sights welcome in class.

State titles plus trophies offered for the Top Guns of each rifle class and each match. All results towards the Grand Tour.

Costs: \$20/day, \$50 weekend. BYO lunch.
Accommodation available in town just 10km from range.

For extra info, call David Waters H) 02 4739 6422, M) 0419 103 076, e-mail: rifle@aihpa.com or go to www.aihpa.com for a detailed event flyer and maps to range etc.

Note: Organisers reserve the right to change the event or schedule without notice

SSAA NSW COLONIAL ACTION CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012 23RD, 24TH & 25TH MARCH 2012

Friday 23rd March: from 1.00pm, long range rifle and muzzle loader matches including the "Quigley Down Under" long range shoot using cross sticks, the Stan Triggs Memorial Black Powder shoot also Bushranger clays.

Saturday 24th March: 10.00am start, 5 scenarios Colonial Action. A \$50 cash prize & SSAA gold medal will be awarded to the SSAA member wearing the most authentic Colonial outfit on the Saturday. The NSW Colonial Action Discipline AGM will be held at the conclusion of the Saturday events program; 6.30 pm BYO BBQ.

Sunday 25th March: 9.00am start. 3 scenarios Colonial Action
310 Martini Rifle may be used within some scenarios. Ammunition (minimum required): Rifle 70; pistol 55; shotgun 30; martini 15; ball & minne ball for muzzle loader competition.

SSAA Medals for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each category.
Club certificates for side events.

Nomination Fee: Adult \$30; Family \$50; Juniors no charge. Free sausage sizzle at Sunday lunch.

Rustic camping will be available at the range from Thursday midday; cabins and campsites also available 3 km from the range at Cudgegong Waters Caravan Park (bookings essential 02 63588462).

For more information phone:
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1ST 5-STAND STATE SELECTION SHOOT 26th & 27th November, 2011 - 100 TARGETS GRIFFITH SPORTING CLAYS Contact - Greg Allen 0409 444 945

2ND 5-STAND STATE SELECTION SHOOT 15th January, 2012 - 100 TARGETS MARJURA PARK GC, CANBERRA Contact - Matthew Webster 0418 219 046

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