



The Butts Bugle

GSRD Newsletter

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Dear Shooters

Welcome to the October/November edition of the GSRD monthly newsletter. I am pleased to report that the GSRD has been up and running for 12 months. It's been an interesting year for the discipline and its members and the monthly range practices have seen a small but dedicated group of keen shooters fine tuning their skills on the standard P3 match.

The improvement of individual shooting skills is evident and it's good to see the overall process of running the butts and marking and scoring of targets is now at a good standard thanks to members for making an effort to learn these important skills. All of these things contribute to successful range practices.

September saw the GSRD host the Military Firearms Club based in the ACT. David Thompson and David Shadwell were impressed with the range practice and our small but friendly group. The MFC have invited the GSRD to their monthly range practices in the new year -which will be fun.

A zeroing practice was held for the October range practice. Shooters zeroed at 200 and 300 meters with some initial mixed results after some sighting adjustments, and good target indications from the

butts. Shooters were on paper and generally happy with their results. It's always handy to know your service rifle and how to zero it correctly for shooting at distance.

Shooters were happy with the practice and have asked to include a zeroing practices for 2015.

The scheduled November range practice was cancelled as we all know the Silly season is fast approaching which involves planning and getting ready for xmas and less time to shoot service rifle.

On a personal note it's been a satisfying and exciting year for me. I have enjoyed our monthly range practices as well as getting to know our members, and I'd like to thank everyone for their help and support through the year!

I finally got up enough back bone to be more competitive this year and I competed for the first time in the City v Country Service Rifle event hosted by the SSAA Mudgee Combined Services Discipline -an friendly and well run event.

Another first for me was competing in the SSAA National Combined Services Championships held at Majura Range ACT -an enjoyable 3 day event.

Then I finished off the year competing for the 3rd time in the Canberra Rifle Club Remembrance Day Service Rifle event which is always a challenging shoot.

Note only are these service rifle events enjoyable and challenging it has given me the opportunity to meet shooters from all over Australia who share their love of service rifle. It's good to see the level of competitiveness and sportsmanship alive and well.

Ive found an interesting article relating to Reproduction No 32 Mk 2 Sniper Scopes, as a lot of us know Original No 32's are getting harder to acquire then with the cost of getting them repaired and cleaned is

expensive.

Here's the link. <http://ww2scope.com/> You will find 2 pdf files you can download -articles by Dennis La Varenne.

I can see both sides of the argument Original V Reproduction.

Kind Regards

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