



The Butts Bugle

GSRD Newsletter

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Dear Shooters

Welcome to the September edition of the GSRD monthly newsletter. Sunday 7th was the GSRD'S 10th range practice and first time we hosted two visiting shooters from the Canberra based Military Firearms Club -David Thompson Discipline Coordinator and Club Treasurer David Shadwell who both share experience and a love of service rifle.

Weather conditions were average with no rain as predicted so the end result was an enjoyable afternoon on the range.

The course of fire was a 3 P match, with a Deliberate out of 12 rounds -2 sighting shots followed by 10 rounds, shot in the prone unsupported position, distance 300 yards, core target used.

Rapid Fire 10 rounds shot in the seated position 50 seconds time limit, distance 200 yards, core target used.

Snap out of 10 rounds, ready position, ten exposures each of 3 seconds with an interval of 7 seconds between exposures, 1 round on the black is worth 1 point, distance 100 yards, target used man sized military.

It's pleasing to report that our Canberra visitors are impressed with the GSRD and gave the 3 P practice the thumbs up. They noted the good standard of range firearms safety, shooting skills and communications with the RO, firing point, and Butts, the friendly positive attitude of GSRD members was also noted which made their first time shooting at Goulburn range an enjoyable experience. Dave Shadwell emailed me a suggestion for our Butts and scoring processes I am happy with his suggestion and would like to put to a vote, please read the following:

Please don't think I am trying to push in or anything like that but I would like to make a suggestion for your consideration and maybe

discussion with Ron. I was thinking about this on the drive home and thought it could help your members to get a bit more out of the shooting and also improve their results over time.

As you know we have the shoot next door at the Canberra Rifle Club a couple of times a year and their procedure is to mark all the holes with spotter discs after scoring and push the targets back up so the shooter can see where they have hit. This gives a bit a feedback if you are low / high or just all over the place. From there a shooter has some idea of where to make adjustments for next time. The targets would then get pulled, patched and be ready for the next detail. This adds a little time to a shoot however I think it could be valuable even if you don't do it every shoot and as people learn the ropes it should get more efficient.

The spotters to insert could be made from a piece of core flute, about \$7 for a 600x900mm piece from Bunnings. You just need to cut it up and paint one side black, leaving the other side white and then get some small sticks/dowels to push them in with similar to those we used the other day.

As I said something to think about that could add something extra to a day on the range.

*regards
Dave*

I'd also like to thank Ron and Andrew for taking the time to explain to our guests what the SSAA Goulburn Branch aims & objectives were and finishing off with history of the Goulburn range.

The range practices saw an interesting mix of services rifle's fielded from the much favoured Lee Enfield's to a very accurate 30 06 Springfield, a interesting Italian M91 6.5x52 m Carcano a magazine system that uses en bloc charge clips, and finally the very accurate and reliable M38 6.5x55m Swedish Mauser.

I had a shocker of a 300 yard prone deliberate my first sighter hit 9 o'clock in the 4 ring then next 4 rounds were high left over the target I'd thought I'd set My No4 singer rear sight to the correct setting for 300 yards as they say you know what thought did?

I did finally got a hit on the 2 ring so my 300 deliberate was a non event that's the joys of shooting service rifle you can have a great day on the range or an absolute shocker.

A big thanks to all who attended the Range Practices and BBQ, scores can be viewed on the SSAA Goulburn web site under range results.

I recently bought a cheap camcorder from ALDI and I am looking forward to see how it works at the range.

No service rifle of the month this time -too busy!

Kind Regards

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