

State Championship Report

Dear Members,

Yet another State Championship is over. Although the weather was not awfully kind to us, the weekend went off without a hitch (I think). Geoff was great in the kitchen, fed and watered the hungry competitors, while the fire Marcus lit kept them warm.

Well done shooters, as you all shot very well and it was so nice to see you come and support this State Championship event. Congratulations go to the new 2010 State Champions, also to those who broke into a new grade.

Our *very small* band of worker's were a precious commodity and were a vital part of this shoots success, thanks to all of you as you all did a fantastic job. Your help was sincerely appreciated by myself and the competitors.

It was also great to see so many of you support the Sausage Sizzle, I hope you enjoyed it.

I am sure all of you enjoy the Open shoots as it is always great to meet up with friends and do what we all enjoy doing, shoot. Shooting in competitions is healthy and it gives shooters the opportunity to shoot under conditions that they may not experience at club level therefore great practice for those intending to participate at Nationals or interstate shoots.

Although it was a great weekend, I do have but one small criticism, it seems that clubs do not want to run Open shoots because of lack of helpers. People that run these events do give up their weekend to ensure that everyone has a great weekend of shooting.

If you would like to see more Open shoots put on the calendar I really think it is time that you, the shooter, help out a little more on the range.

It is a great help that you patch your own target and put your own target away when the match has finished but if you have finished your match it would be nice to help with the next match, to give someone who has been working on the range all day, a 20 minute break to recharge and rest their legs.

Again, if you want more Opens it is time that you, the shooter, help out a little more on the range, don't wait to be asked please feel free to come and ask if you can be of any assistance.

I am sure you all have good intentions and some of you promise to come and help but you never do. You expect people to work on your range, so please reciprocate and help where and when you can, it needs to be a team effort, not just the efforts of a few. The more workers we have the more efficient the range runs and the quicker **ALL** of us can go inside for a chat.

This State needs Open shoots for its members but without everyone's help there may not be any more.

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