



NEW MEMBER BOOKLET

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Canning Club (Inc) and to the exciting and challenging sport of pistol and rifle shooting.

The Mission statement of the club is to promote a safe and enjoyable environment within the shooting disciplines of the Sporting Shooters Associations of Australia (SSAA) WA.

The aim of this booklet is to introduce new members to the club, its safety requirements and your obligations as a visitor/member of Canning Club (Inc).

When you first start shooting you will find it is not as easy as you may think, but it is well worth persevering with. Pistol and rifle shooting is not for everyone but it offers a great deal of satisfaction for those who have the dedication and interest to master the basics of shooting. The club members are more than willing to help you along but the main motivation must be yours and as such the sport is most suited to the self motivated individual. You also must be interested in regular participation and ongoing development of the club. The club has superb facilities to make it easy for you to develop into a very competitive shooter, so be sure that you use everything that is available to you. Everyone at Canning Club (Inc) hope you enjoy what our Club has to offer.

This booklet is also used as a record of attendance times and safety instruction received for potential new members when making an application to the committee for membership.

FEES

Fees are paid annually and are due 31st July.

Adult	\$170.00
Family ((2 adults or 1 adult and 2 Juniors)	\$240.00
Additional Family (dependants under 18)	\$ 40.00
Pensioner	\$ 85.00
Junior (under 18 years of age)	\$ 80.00
Nomination Fee (Non-refundable)	\$ 25.00
SSAA Membership (payable to SSAA)	\$ 73.00
Associate Member	\$ 60.00

CLUB STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP

The Canning Club (Inc) is affiliated with the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Inc) and as such all members of the club must be or become members of SSAA. This is the individual's own responsibility which is absolutely necessary before he/she may be sponsored for a firearms licence by the club and SSAA.

The club is also incorporated in the State of Western Australia and as such has all the privileges and responsibilities associated with it.

After an intending member has successfully completed all preliminary requirements and has collected the documentation required (see page 7 for details) the committee will vote on acceptance or rejection of membership based on general conduct at the range and on any other factors. The committee has a responsibility to the club and to its members to ensure that a high standard of membership acceptance is maintained. Committee meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month and all members can attend to observe the meeting.

A copy of the Canning Club (Inc) Constitution will be given to all approved new members.

SUPPORT FOR FIREARMS

Club support for firearms (Form 1's) cannot be issued until a member has been a financial member with both the Canning Club (Inc) and SSAA for at least 6 months. The member must also have completed six live fire shoots with the Club and be certified by the Club Captain as competent. The Secretary handles the paperwork for all new applications for supported firearms.

Your application will then be considered by the Committee. Your proof of having completed your requirements is attached to this booklet. It is your responsibility to have it updated and submitted.

MINIMUM COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Once approved for a Club/SSAA supported firearm you must participate in a certain number of Approved match's for which the firearm was nominated (details will be provided to you on completion of your Form 1). Participation is defined as submitting a score for a formal match conducted at the Club, State or International level. This is the minimum requirement and it is your responsibility to ensure that you comply. If you are unable to comply with the minimum requirement at any time, you must advise the secretary in writing prior to becoming overdue. Your request for leave of absence is put to the committee and approved or rejected accordingly. Special leave of absence will be granted by the committee in certain circumstances, for a period not exceeding six months at a time.

SAFETY

Safety at this club is one of the most important things expected of all members and visitors at all times. To date the club remains incident free and it is our intention to keep it that way!

Although there is no substitute for common sense, the club does have Range Orders and Safety Instructions that must be obeyed and followed at all times (see below). The Range Officer will suspend from shooting for the rest of the day anyone who, in his opinion, breeches any one of the Range Orders or Safety Instructions. For exceptionally serious breaches, the incident will be considered by the committee and appropriate action will be taken against the offender (which can include expulsion from the club if deemed necessary).

WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM YOU AS A MEMBER

The Club is run by volunteers, you as a member are required to assist in the running of the Club by actively assisting with duties such as but not limited to,

- Setting up the range for the days matches by, raising Flags.
- Setting up targets at the beginning of matches/removal at completion of match.
- Turning the compressor on/off.
- Controlling Target timer.
- Attending Busy Bees.(if you have some specialist skills please advise the committee)
- Keeping the Club in a neat & tidy condition.

Assist with these duties and you will become a valued Club member, ask the Range Officers for direction for any matters that may need attention.

The Club has a mobile contact number 0419 912 825. IF you need to contact a Committee Member after hours, remember, they are volunteers and may be at work.

The road into the Club, is a Gazetted Road, your speed should be limited to 50KPH. Watch out for motor bikes, 4WD vehicles and kangaroos.

Change of address / phone numbers etc, the Secretary is to be notified forthwith.

Bringing the Club or SSAA into disrepute will cause consideration for your support as a member to be withdrawn. No statements in relation to the club or SSAA are to be made to the media without official SSAA (WA) approval.

DISCIPLINES SHOT AT CANNING CLUB (Inc)

Air Pistol	Action Match (Holster proficiency required)
Mandar- Rimfire and Centrefire	Field Pistol (Holster proficiency required)
Revolver- Rimfire and Centrefire	Black Powder (Muzzle Loading)
Single Action	Lever Action Rifle
Field Rifle	3 Positional Rifle

RANGE ORDERS AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

All persons participating in or observers within the precincts of the firing range shall comply with these orders to ensure maximum safety and efficiency during range use.

1. You must adhere to these Safety Rules at all times, both on and off the firing line.
 - a. Treat all firearms as loaded.
 - b. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
 - c. Keep your finger off the trigger until you have made a conscious decision to shoot. (On target on trigger, off target off trigger)
 - d. Identify your target and background.
2. Prospective new member are classified as visitors and may only use a firearm in the following instances.
 - a. After instructions in safety procedures and have qualified as per New Members requirements
 - b. Have been made aware and have an understanding of the safety rules.
 - c. Are under constant supervision whilst on the line.
 - d. Have been deemed competent by a range officer
- 2A Existing SSAA members from other clubs, after producing current SSAA/Club membership & Firearms licence and having paid range fees may at the discretion of the Range officer participate in a match.
3. Whilst the firing range is in use and there are three or more persons assembled for the purpose of live firing including observers within the precincts of the firing line then a QUALIFIED Range Officer is to be appointed from those present.
4. The range officer shall have control over all participants and observers in the vicinity of the firing range.
5. Directions and instructions given by the range officer shall be obeyed at all times. Failure by any person to carry out instructions or directions will render that person or persons liable to expulsion from the range.
6. Incidents of a serious nature shall be reported immediately to the Range officer for the appropriate action.
7. Safety is everybody's responsibility, anybody either on the line or observing can call the command STOP / CEASE FIRE at which time all shooters must stop and await further instructions.
8. A person shall not discharge any firearm other than from the firing line towards the target area during competitive events or authorised practice sessions.
9. A person being the owner of any firearm or ammunition will ensure their security at all times. Approved firearms only are to be used on the range and no jacketed ammunition is to be used.
10. A person not qualified to use a particular type of firearm may only discharge that type of firearm under supervision of a qualified person.
11. A person shall not load a firearm unless directed by the range officer. All firearms are to remain unloaded until you are on the line and have been given the command load.
12. Magazines/Speed Loaders/ Moon Clips may be loaded before attending the firing line, but cannot be placed in the firearm.
13. All participants on the instruction of the range officer will move forward to the firing line. Where the line is marked, shall stand in such a position as to permit the toe of the footwear to touch the line. Where no line is marked, participants shall take directions from the range officer.
14. A person shall not move forward or rearward of the firing line unless directed by the range officer and only after all firearms have been cleared.
15. Do not pick up spent brass during a live firing session, do not bend down to pick up anything you have dropped, raise your support hand for attention from the range officers.
16. Whilst participating in live firing and the firearm or ammunition is found to be malfunctioning or faulty, the participant is to adopt the following procedures 1 attempt to clear the malfunction and continue if safe, 2 cease the activity and raise the support hand to indicate that assistance is required, wait for directions from the range officer, keep muzzle pointed towards the butts at 45 degrees.

RANGE ORDERS AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS (continued)

17. During live firing where a pause or rest is taken, or cease-fire is ordered, all participants shall remain at the firing line and hold their firearm in such a position that it is directed towards the target area and at 45 degrees.
18. The erection and removal of targets is the responsibility of the participant at the direction of the range officer.
19. No person is to handle a firearm on or near the firing line whilst members are forward of the line.
20. Whilst on a live firing range LISTEN for instructions relating to live firing and WATCH for indications that live firing is about to commence. DO NOT TALK ON THE LINE, LISTEN.
21. Eye and Ear protection must be used by participants and observers alike, suitable clothing including hat/cap to be worn if semi auto pistols are in use. Suitable enclosed footwear must be worn, no thongs or sandals. Participants are advised to avoid lead contamination by observing safety precautions (washing with cold water and soap).
22. Observers shall remain at the rear of the firing line or as directed by the range officer and are not to cause distraction to participants.
23. All Children / Visitors to be under constant supervision by Parents/ Guardians/ Hosts.
24. All red flags to be displayed prior to any live firing.
25. No alcohol may be consumed prior to or during any live firing, this includes observers.
26. No Firearms allowed to be handled in the clubrooms, unless sanctioned by Range Officer
27. Do not handle firearms at any time unless on the firing line and under instruction or in the designated Safety Area.
28. All mobile phones to be turned off whilst firing are in progress.
This includes observers.
29. Holsters are not to be used unless sanctioned by Range Officer and only after competent Approved training.
30. Participants are to assist in the setting up and closure of the Range.
31. No smoking on the Range or in the Club House.
32. No Pets are allowed
33. A First Aid Kit is available in the Club House.
34. No jacketed ammunition of any calibre is allowed.
35. No ammunition in safety area.
36. Make yourself familiar with the Emergency Management Plan (located on the Club notice board).

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these orders and instructions the following terms mean:-

“Firing line” is the line physical or imaginary designated position from which live firing will occur.

“Safe Direction” “In the event of an accidental discharge, there would be no injury or property damage caused and the round would be contained in the rear butts”

“Butts” is the physical barrier erected to the rear and side of the target area to prevent unrestricted travel of projectiles.

“Range officer” means a SSAA QUALIFIED person appointed to take control of the firing range.

“Supervisor / coach” means the person in charge of a novice shooter or other person under supervision whilst at the firing line.

“Live firing” is the actual discharge of a firearm.

“Participant” is a person preparing to or engaged in the discharge of a firearm in any controlled exercise or discipline, or a random exercise for the purpose of practice.

“Observer” is any other person in the immediate vicinity (rear) of the firing line.

“Misfire” is when the hammer or firing pin has engaged the primer and there is a failure in the discharge of the ammunition.

“Malfunction” is when the firearm has a mechanical fault.

“Qualified” means a person licensed to use the firearm or a person recognised by the Club as being competent to use the particular type of firearm without supervision.

“Shoot/ Fire” means permission has been granted to commence firing, in accordance with the discipline or exercise.

“Cease fire” means all firing is to cease immediately and await further instructions.

“Unload and inspect” means to unload all live and expended cases, remove the magazine where applicable open the breech and present the firearm for inspection.

“Clear” means the firearm has been inspected and declared safe. At this time it is to be returned to a holster or other place of rest.

“Safety Officer” means a person designated to assist the range officer in monitoring safe range practices.

“Visitor” means any person who is not an active financial member of the Club.

PROCESS OF APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

Attending Canning Club (Inc) as a non-licenced person you will be required to:

1. Provide photo identification.
2. Receive copy of Range Orders and Safety Instructions and sign a statement of understanding.
3. Sign statutory declaration stating you know of no reason why you should not be permitted to use a firearm.
4. Receive a guided tour of the Club.(Information on Emergency Evacuation Plan)
5. Complete Safety induction/training prior to live firing.
6. Complete 4 supervised and recorded air pistol shoots & 6 live fire matches.
7. Obtain a National Police Clearance certificate.
8. Fill in Application for new membership.
9. Receive and read a copy of the Canning Club (Inc) Constitution.
10. Hand completed application form, Police Clearance, \$25.00 nomination fee and record of shoots/ matches shot are to be handed to Club Secretary to be presented to the committee.
11. Once membership approved pay applicable application fee to Club Secretary.
12. Become a SSAA member prior to your club application as it is a requirement for Canning Club (Inc)

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR CURRENT FIREARM LICENCE HOLDERS/SSAA MEMBERS

1. Provide current firearm licence and extract.
2. Produce current SSAA membership card.
3. Receive copy of Range Orders and Safety Instructions and sign a statement of understanding.
4. Receive a guided tour of the Club.
5. Receive and read a copy of the Canning Club (Inc) Constitution.
6. Fill in Application for new membership.
7. Hand completed application form, \$25.00 nomination fee and any documentation from previous club regarding transfer of firearms support (if applicable) to Club Secretary to be presented to the committee.
8. Once membership approved pay applicable application fee to Club Secretary.

SUGGESTED READING

www.ssaa.org.au/handgun/handgun-shooting-guide.pdf

<http://ebookbrowse.com/national-firearms-safety-code-pdf-d25163445>

<http://www.canningclub.com.au/> (For Club Calender)

TO BE FILLED IN AS COMPLETED AND PRODUCED WITH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

NAME _____

First Visit Date ____/____/____
 Statement of Understanding signed Yes / No
 Stat Dec signed Yes / No
 Safety Induction Yes / No

AIR PISTOL MATCHES

DATE	SCORE	VERIFICATON

SAFETY INDUCTION ON .22 SEMI AUTO PISTOL

DATE	YES / NO	VERIFICATION

INTRODUCTORY SHOOT

DATE	YES / NO	VERIFICATION

LIVE FIRE MATCHES

MATCH	DATE	SCORE	VERIFICATION