

Alpine Hunting & Target Shooting Club Pty Ltd, trading as:

Alpine Target Shooting Club – Rifle, Pistol & Shotgun

Alpine Hunting Club – Hunting & Sports Fishing

Alpine Armoury – Member Storage & Armoury Supply

Alpine Precision Rifle Club – Membership

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ALPINE WEEKLY RANGE-CALL

15 June 2018

Dear Alpine members, visitors and friends.

As follows is our shooting program for this week and the rest of our Club newsletter thereafter. This Saturday's 16 June 2018 events are at Anzac Range Malabar. Our morning shoot is at 300 metres on the Service Range. **The morning rifle event is for members and licenced visitors only. (ie There is no morning Try Shooting).** The P650 rifle sessions are at 2.00 PM this Saturday. The P650 pistol shoots are at 3.00PM this Saturday. The next Alpine **shotgun competition** is at **Cecil Park** Friday, 22 June 2018 at 7.30 PM. Alpine members are also free to attend Cecil Park (SISC) at any time it is open.

Wet Weather Phone Line

To confirm Saturday shooting events when it is raining please ring mobile 0419 241 031 or see the Club FaceBook Page on the Saturday morning. Please Note - Even if it is raining and all shooting events are cancelled, the Club cleans firearms and undertakes reloading in the Club House, plus supplies the usual Saturday Lunch BBQ or Pizza.

Alpine Membership Renewals and Continuation Paperwork is now Overdue.

Unless you are already paying monthly membership fees, or have recently already paid your 2018-2019 membership fees are now **OVERDUE**. Either transfer your full payment to our bank account, **OR** auto set up 12 monthly payments to our bank account **OR** use the automatic 12 payment credit card facility on our membership tab at www.alpinearmoury.com to pay this coming year's membership dues. Of course cheque and cash payments are welcome via the Club Captain.

The form for all existing and new members, **including you** is now overdue and it is linked at:

https://alpinearmoury.com/content/059_MAG_ALP_2018_Renewal-New_Member_form_230518.pdf

It might look a bit complicated, but it is really quite straight forward. In summary almost all Alpine members need to be full members. You need to advise us on the form if you shoot regularly on the Full Bore Range ie the 800M Range or regularly on the Service Range ie the 100M – 300M Range.

If you are confused then please see the Captain to discuss the matter on a Saturday at the Range.

Full Bore Optic Results – 800 Metres (19 May 2018)

Mark Guest 97.5 (6XC), Brent Bailey 90.7 (308win)

F-Class – 800 Metres (19 May 2018)

Damien Perry 111.7 (6x47L), Damien Perry 104.1 (308win), Clive Blair 101.16 (308win), Garrett Blair 101.12 (308win), Nick Alexander 92.2 (300BLK), Andrew Percival 89.0 (308win), John Patane 87.0 (308win)

Try-Shooting and Try-Alpine Events

All visitors, except supervised juniors, need to have paid the \$11.00 temporary Alpine membership fee before attending the Range. Please sign-up at our membership web-page at www.alpinearmoury.com. Junior shooters attending and being supervised **by their fee paying and shooting adult or guardian** are automatically granted temporary Alpine

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membership. They are supplied with ten rounds, a firearm, lunch and a drink, for a discounted fee of \$15 per session. Otherwise each junior needs to join as a temporary member and pay the usual daily fee of \$35 that covers everything.

All Try-shooting and Try-Alpine visitors should meet on the applicable Range, after they present their temporary membership email to the Anzac Range front gate security with their firearms licence or their completed P650 form (as is applicable). Please see either of our websites to download your mandatory P650 form that is required for unlicensed shooters **each time** you attend to shoot.

Attendance Time-table and Starting Times

The Alpine Hunting & Target Shooting Club has multiple shooting events and sessions each Saturday. Subject to the weekly programme members and visitors are able to attend all day or otherwise as best suits them. However, the Club expects all **morning** shooters to be present at the Anzac Service Range target area at **9.25 AM sharp**. Afternoon **P650** rim-fire rifle shooters need to attend at 2.20 PM sharp. **P650** pistol shooters need to attend at 2.55 PM sharp. Afternoon rifle plinkers need to attend between 3.20 PM and 4.55 PM unless otherwise advised in the programme table following. Please note: Not every Saturday morning is a Try Shooting Session.

Pistol Shooting & Long-Distance Rifle Shooting

We expect that all NRA Action pistol shooters will **either** assist with pistol range setup **or** pistol range close. In other words, please be at the Horse Shoe Range at 1 PM if you need to leave early **or** stay for action pistol pack-up if you come late. The Action Pistol range setup starts at 1.02 PM sharp and the pack-up is generally at 4.40 PM. The same deal for afternoon long-distance full-bore rifle events. Please arrive at 1.02 PM if you need to leave early from the Full-bore Range (and then advise Mal Day or Damien Perry of such), or if you arrive later in the day, then please stay late and assist with the Full-bore target pack-up around 3.45 PM. After NRA Action Pistol our Saturday afternoon **Service Pistol** set-up and event generally starts around 4.00 PM and finishes by 4.55 PM.

Club News

We deeply regret the recent passing of our Club President the late Liz Keenan aged 62. She died in peace of natural causes on June 2, 2018 after a struggle with liver cancer. The Club will conduct a 'final shot' with Liz's rifle at 3PM on the Full Bore Range next Saturday the 23rd of June 2018. All are very welcome to attend.

Your Club is now offering monthly payment of membership fees. Encourage your friends to sign up and join all the Alpine fun this weekend. Also please check out our new sign-up pages at www.alpinearmoury.com and tell us what you think. The latest photos from our recent events are at www.facebook.com/pages/alpineorgau/132240916789087

This Week's Events (Saturday 16 June 2018 - unless noted otherwise) [Main events are Bold]

| Location | Times | EVENT * (GTP = General Target Practice) | DISTANCE | Sponsors |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Alpine Club House | 9.15 AM | Raising of the Australian and Club Flags | - | - |
| Anzac Service | 9.20 AM to 11.50 AM | Centre-fire Rifle + GTP + No Try Shooting | 300 Metres | MG,LK,KMc |
| Alpine Club House | 12.00 PM to 12.50 PM | Alpine Lunch BBQ (+ Testing & paperwork) | Club House | DA, MG |
| Anzac Full-bore | 1.00 PM to 4.00 PM | Full-bore + GTP + No Try Shooting | 500 Metres | MD, DP, NA |
| Anzac Horse Shoe | 1.00 PM to 4.40 PM | NRA Action Pistol + No P650 (Bay 3) | 40 – 8 Metres | GB, CB |
| Anzac Horse Shoe | 1.28 PM to 2.05 PM | Field Rim-fire Rifle + GTP + P650 (Bay 2) | 50 Metres | MG, BB, TH |
| Anzac Horse Shoe | 2.30 PM to 3.25 PM | GTP Rim-fire Rifle + P650 + Try Shooting | 50 Metres | MG, BB, TH |
| Anzac Horse Shoe | 12.30 PM to 4.55 PM | Olympic Rim-fire Rifle + P650 + Laser (Bay 1) | 50 Metres | TH(NSWBA) |
| Anzac Horse Shoe | 3.15 PM to 3.57 PM | All Pistol + GTP rifle + P650 + Try Shooting | 50 - 10 Metres | MG, GB etc |
| Anzac Horse Shoe | 4.00 PM to 4.55 PM | Service Pistol + GTP + P650 (Bay 2) | 25 - 10 Metres | MG, GB etc |
| Anzac Horse Shoe | 1 PM to 4.55 PM | GTP Rifle & Pistol (Bays 1, 2 & 3 as free) | 100 - 50 Metres | MG, etc |
| Alpine Club House | 5.00 PM to 6.30 PM | Alpine Drinks (+ testing & paperwork) | Club House | MG |
| Cecil Park Friday | 7.00 PM to 8.15 PM | Friday down the line shotgun (25 th May 2018) | 25 Metres | MG, AP |

* Events and activities may be cancelled due to bad weather, safety issues or NSWRA / MRCA directives.

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** Pistol events require all participants to closely study and follow our pistol safety rules on page 7. For safety and side-arm security, it is appreciated if all **licenced** attendees can bring a holster that fits their pistol.

Alpine members can attend the Cecil Park Sydney International Shooting Centre when the complex is open 7 days a week. (Pistol plinking is best in pairs and ring the centre to book and confirm your attendance).

Alpine **members** may also attend as visitors Hornsby Range rifle events with 18th Battalion on **Sundays and Wednesdays as is applicable**. Arrive before 9.30 AM and drive onto the main range and introduce yourself to Bill (the Captain) or Max (the Treasurer). Sunday Hornsby shoots are listed on the 18th Battalion link on the Alpine website at www.alpine.org.au.

We Need You!

We need Range Officers prepared to run an Alpine event day on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We also need members prepared to commit to attending these planned Sunday events on a regular basis. Please email the Captain if you are keen to manage or keen to attend Sunday shooting events at Anzac Range Malabar.

Alpine Forward Planner

See the Alpine website (www.alpine.org.au) calendar section at <http://alpine.org.au/calendar/>

Wanted Smart and Motivated Members that want to be on the Alpine Winning Team

Your Club needs volunteers that can assist with Club activities that they wish to plan and action. Make a positive change to your World today by doing something of interest to you. Rather than telling us what to do – plan it all out yourself and then *'go for it!'*

Range Fees and Discounts.

Please assist by bringing the exact range fee in cash each week or otherwise prepay in advance on-line via credit card. The Alpine Anzac range fee is \$35 for the day including a BBQ lunch and one drink per shooting session. **Or you can pay with a certified ounce of coined silver or with advance notice BitCoin.** This covers the NSWRA entrance fee, NSWRA and MDRA range costs and a \$5 per person, per day Anzac Service / Horse-Shoe Range fee payable to the MRCA to cover Service Range maintenance.

If you are a full member you can purchase **ten attendance vouchers for only \$26 per voucher (ie per day)**. By the time you have our Alpine BBQ lunch and a drink for each shooting session, you are almost shooting for free!

Bargains and Offers

Your Club has quality target shooting 9mm and .223 REM ammunition for Club matches now ready for sale. Email your orders so we can bring what is needed to the Range – AUD cash, silver bullion, Bit-Coin or credit card payments are fine. (Sorry no USD or Yuan, as we don't take 'monopoly paper' or 'slave currency'). Ammunition must be used on the day unless registration paperwork is supplied. We supply the Captain's ammunition picks, exactly what he uses to win! Also you can order 40 rounds of .308 WIN for \$60 or 40 rounds of .223 REM for \$26. See www.alpinearmoury.com for other deals.

Safety Matters

We expect all members and visitors to carefully read and understand the safety information set out on our main Club website www.alpine.org.au. The key points are:

NEVER POINT A FIREARM AT ANYBODY EVER AND TREAT ALL FIREARMS AS BEING LOADED ALWAYS.

ON TARGET, ON TRIGGER – OFF TARGET, OFF TRIGGER.

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ACTIONED FIREARMS CAN ONLY EVER POINT EXACTLY AT THE TARGET AREA.

THE ALPINE SHOOTING COMMAND IS: 'SAFETY-SHOULDER-ACTION – [then] WATCH & SHOOT'.

Safety - means safety on.

Shoulder - means place the rifle butt in your shoulder and point in the direction of the target.

Action - means, cycle the bolt when your rifle **remains** in your shoulder **and** it is still pointing exactly at your target.

Watch & Shoot - means observe the range is clear, then take your safety off, then finger on trigger, then fire.

(This is a basic summary – you should read and understand the rest of the safety rules set out at www.alpine.org.au.)

SISC Cecil Park

Cecil Park SISC events are held on many Friday evenings and for individual members 7 days a week when the complex is open. If you need to shoot during the week then please attend and advise that you are an Alpine member so as to receive your attendance discount. The regular Friday night shotgun events at Cecil Park start around 7.30 PM.

NSWRA Armoury Store Hours

Tuesdays & Thursdays # 10.00 AM to 3.00 PM. Saturday # 10.30 AM to 12 PM & 4.00 PM to 5.00 PM.

Alpine Armoury: [\[www.alpinearmoury.com\]](http://www.alpinearmoury.com)

New members. Do you want a great rig, everything put together - you hand over your credit card or cash and we give you good value that is guaranteed to work – plus you pick everything up from the Club House? Maybe you want to start shooting with a great rifle or pistol and pay it off over 12 months? Or maybe you want to pay a monthly fee over 12 months to cover your membership, storage and the firearm of your choice? If so, please talk to the Captain this Saturday or check out our website – www.alpinearmoury.com. Also, don't forget to review our **latest** armoury catalogue linked as follows:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/vjmpje7jka3zpye/004_MAG_ARM_Brochure%2020160616.pdf?dl=0

Otherwise just **email or contact Club Armourer Mal Day who can get you the very best components at a reasonable price delivered to you at our Club House.**

NOTE: We have centre-fire .243 WIN rifles for sale in our Armoury. Please order now. We also have plenty of pistol and rifle ammunition available for use at our Saturday competitions. These offerings complement the existing arrangements that your Club has with the key dealerships and organisations listed on our website. Also any member with storage, firearm, side-arm, components or ammunition needs is also very welcome to email your Club and advise of what you desire so that we or our associated dealers can advise of pricing.

Please note: Alpine is **not** a discount firearms supplier. We aim to cater for the member that wants a configuration that is proven and is guaranteed to be excellent. However, we **are** a discount ammunition and reloading component supplier - but only for large orders and to our members. Visit the NSWRA store at Anzac Range for small orders at very competitive prices. If you want discount firearms and know what you are doing, then buy from Safari Firearms or Magnum Sports and show them your Alpine membership card to get the best prices.

Visitor Information & Junior Shooters

Full members can order 10 attendance vouchers for a discounted price of \$260. (This covers the MRCA \$5 fee for Service & Horse-Shoe Range access.) Your Club can also arrange rifle storage at \$5 a week for short-term storage or \$9 a month for long-term storage (per long-arm or pistol). Subject to prior RSVP and no criminal record all visitors with, or without a firearm's licence are welcome to many of our range events either to plink or compete in a match.

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The visitor fee with a firearm and 22 rounds supplied is \$65 - plus a \$1.20 for each round shot in excess of the first twenty-two rounds. Visitors, try shooting and P650 shooters need to pay a monthly membership fee of \$11. As above shooters under 18 years old coached by a guardian shooting with Alpine on the day, pay only \$15 for their range attendance, lunch, rifle hire and 10 rounds.

Do You have Will or Life Insurance Policy?

Make sure you leave your firearms to a licenced shooter or to your Club. You don't want to be looking down from heaven and observing a lifetime of sporting assets taken away by the NSW Police for destruction! Please also consider leaving Alpine a share of your Estate or your life insurance policy. We will use your money to further our pro-shooting sports and freedom agenda and of course continue to make your Club and your legacy great.

PR5 Rifle Honour Role 166 out of 175 (95%): If we have missed your name then please drop your signed score card to your Club Captain.

50 Metres: Mark Guest, Brent Bailey

100 Metres: Mark Guest (Match, Field & Single Shot Rifle), Malcolm Day, Steve Way, Edward Poljak, Brad Way, David Cornick, Rod Salon, Brent Bailey, Rex Jones, Liz Keenan, Andrew Boh (Match & Rimfire Rifle), Brett MacKay, Gary Pollard, Chris Goggin (Field Rifle), Peter Bialkowski, Kevin McDermott, Nic Alexander, Stamatios Ktenas, Darren Askew, Clive Blair, Damien Perry, Garrett Blair.

200 Metres: Mark Guest, Malcolm Day, Steve Way, Edward Poljak, Brent McKay, Liz Keenan, Rod Salon, Brad Way, Andrew Boh, Kim Elis, Graham Smith, Peter Bialkowski, Brent Bailey.

300 Metres: Mark Guest, Malcolm Day, Steve Way, Edward Poljak, Carl Field, Brent Bailey, Brad Way, Liz Keenan, Andrew Boh, Rod Salon, Gary Pollard, Graham Smith, Nick Alexander, Chris Goggin (Field Rifle), Dr S Ktenas, Peter Bialkowski.

400 Metres: Rod Salon, Mark Guest, Eddie Poljak, Malcolm Day, Andrew Boh, Graham Smith, Chris Goggin.

Alpine Pistol Master (171 and higher): If we have missed your name then please drop your signed score card to your Club Captain.

Service: Grant Bayley (180), Mark Guest (180), Serge Terzic, Mal Day, Brent Bailey, Jon Hoiles, Garrett Blair.

Our Alpine Target Shooting Annual Event Champions:

2017 All Gun Best 5: Mark Guest, Brent Mackie, Liz Keenan, Darren Askew, Kevin McDermott.

2016 All Gun Best 5: Mark Guest, Malcolm Day, Brett Mackie, Liz Keenan, Darren Askew.

2015 All Gun Best 5: Mark Guest, Kevin McDermott, Carl Field, Andrew Percival, Darren Askew.

2017 Rifle Best 10: Mark Guest, Brent Mackie, Liz Keenan, Darren Askew, Kevin McDermott, Andrew Percival, Clive Blair, Simon Smithers, Damien Perry, Garrett Blair.

2016 Rifle Best 10: Mark Guest, Malcolm Day, Brett Mackie, Liz Keenan, Damien Perry, Darren Askew, Kevin McDermott, Andrew Percival, Mark Greene, Clive Blair.

2015 Rifle Best 10: Mark Guest, Peter Bialkowski, Malcolm Day, Chris Goggin, Kevin McDermott & Mark Greene, Carl Field, Steven Davey & Darren Askew, Andrew Percival.

2017 Pistol Best 5: Mark Guest, Brent Mackie, Darren Askew, Garrett Blair, Brent Bailey.

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2016 Pistol Best 3: Mark Guest, Malcolm Day, James Andruczyk.

2015 Pistol Best 3: Mark Guest, Peter Bialkowski, Carl Field.

2017 Shotgun Best 3: **Mark Guest, Brent Mackie, Andrew Percival.**

2016 Shotgun Best 3: Nick Alexander, Andrew Percival, Mark Guest.

2015 Shotgun Best 3: Andrew Percival, Mark Guest, Mike Sterling.

Alpine Range Officers: Qualified pistol range officers and NSWRA range officers are marked (P and RA).

Mark Guest (P, RA), David Vivian-Jones (RA), Rod Salon (P, RA), Brent Bailey (P, RA), Malcom Day (P,RA), Liz Keenan (P, RA), Kevin McDermott (RA), Peter Bialkowski (P, RA), Rod Slavik (RA), Matt Hall (P, RA) Carl Field (P), Steve Davey (RA), and Phil Lee (P), Damian Perry (P), Andrew Percival (Shotgun) and James Andruczyk (P and RA), Brendan Gia (P and RA), Clive Blair (P and RA), Gareth Blair (P and RA), Damian Perry (P and RA), Simon Smithers (P and RA) are fully Club qualified range officers.

Range officers are required to run a match at least once every quarter. **Only NSWRA approved Range Officers can run rifle events at Anzac Range.** Please note that if you are being supervised then you must close the range and cease all shooting if the person supervising you is not present next to you on the Range **and** is not wearing a safety vest. Coaches and match callers operating under the supervision of a NSWRA qualified range officer do not have to be a qualified NSWRA range officer.

Hunting & Fishing Events: (To attend you must be hunt qualified which is at least 140 out of 175 at 100 Metres.)

| Event | Location | Dates |
|---|--------------------|--|
| Goat hunts – when rained out at Anzac Range & by invitation | Southern Highlands | Week-ends March, June, July & September 2018 |
| Sambar Hunts | Victoria | 1 March – 3 June – 5 August 2018 |
| Hiking hunt | Southern Highlands | October 2018 (to be confirmed) |
| Fishing trips | Broken Bay | Most Thursdays Jan to April 2018 |

Major Shooting Competitions:

| Event | Location | Dates |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| NSWRA State Field Rifle | Coffs Harbour – Friday to Sunday | 10 th to 12 th November 2018 |
| Wellington Service Matches | New Zealand | 15 - 23 January 2018 |
| Alpine PR5 Championships - open | Sydney | September / October 2018 |

Lost & Found Property:

Please email the Club if you are missing equipment or you have found anything that doesn't belong to you.

Hunter of the Year – 2018 (Please submit photos to be in contention) Progress results so far.

1st Brendan Gia (Trophy Red Deer), 2nd Darren Askew (Multiple fallow and pigs)

Hunter of the Year – 2017

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1st Timothy Byford (Great Red Stag), 2nd Darren Askew (Various Culls), 3rd Andrew Percival (Trophy Goat), 4th Mark Guest (Sambar), 5th Clive Blair (Parks Programme), 6th Malcolm Day (Parks Programme).

Hunter of the Year – 2016

1st Brendan Gia (Awesome Sambar Stag), 2nd Mark Guest (Sambar Stag, Sambar Buck & Trophy Goat), 3rd Karl Ghest (Sambar Stag), 4th Jon Hoiles (Red Deer Hind, Pigs & Feral Cull), 5th Darren Askew (Fallow, ferals & Parks Cull), 6th Kevin McDermott (3 Pigs) and 7th Clive Blair, Andrew Percival and Mal Day (Parks Cull).

Hunter of the Year - 2015

1st Clive Blair (Trophy Goats plus pigs), 2nd Brendan Gia (Trophy Rusa), 3rd Mark Guest (Sambar Hind plus Trophy Boar and goats), 4th Jeffery Smith (Fallow Stag), 5th Jon Hoiles (Fallow Stag & Pigs), 5th Andrew Boh (Fallow Hinds and Boar), 6th Brett Mackay (Trophy Pigs), 7th Kevin McDermott (Pigs), Equal 8th Mal Day, Andrew Percival & Daren Askew. (Fox and Pigs).

Salt-Water Angler of the Year – 2018 (Please submit photos to be in contention)

Leader so far Mark Guest (Cobia, multiple King Fish, multiple Striped Tuna, multiple Dolphin Fish, Trophy Flat head Brendan Gia (Salmon).

Salt-Water Angler of the Year – 2017

1st Daren Askew (Blue Fin Tuna), 2nd Mark Guest (Striped Tuna, Dolphin Fish & Sharks), 3rd Brendan Gia (Salmon etc)

Salt-Water Angler of the Year – 2016

1st Daren Askew (Marlin), 2nd Archer Guest (Carp), 3rd Mark Guest (Snapper).

Match Results:

Key results are listed at the Club's Facebook page (alpine.org.au) and they are also available to members via email request.

New Members

Our website www.alpine.org.au contains all the information you require to get started. See you at a P650 session soon. We love to answer questions and help out, but this is generally best when you attend a shoot and at lunch or after shooting. Rifle and Pistol P650 sessions are individually \$65 for the day. Combined is discounted to \$95. We supply everything including a drink and a BBQ lunch. You need to start as a try shooting Alpine member. This is \$11 for a month – all details at the membership section of www.alpinearmoury.com.

Please note that you must first attend an initial shoot with our Club for safety and Police vetting prior to being accepted as a permanent member. There then needs to be another one or two shooting attendances and you must complete a practical and written test. **We only process paperwork at lunch or after shooting at the end of the day.** You must **email plus hand your** signed and completed membership form with any required pistol shooting references to the Captain personally. New members need to fit into our timetable and not us into theirs.

After a year of satisfactory attendances new members may purchase voting rights in our Group. If you are using Alpine as your genuine reason (which is advisable) you must notify the NSW Firearms Registry via email or letter that Alpine is your principal target shooting and or hunting club. **To remain as an Alpine member you need to be a safe, competent and regular target shooter.** This is because the NSW Police require all target shooters to shoot regularly at an approved range facility. If you don't turn up and shoot then your membership is revoked by the NSW Police.

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Radical jihadists and neo-Nazis are not going to pass the NSW Police vetting process and so we suggest you avoid approaching our Club and wasting your and our valuable time.

Alpine sponsors and supports young shooters and so there is a policy of no foul language at our events and meetings. Please bring a large supply of \$1 coins for the 'swear jar' if you are unable to control your speech in front of females and children.

All previous noted - if you like target shooting, and or you are a serious hunter - then you are going to love our (your new) Club.

Hunt Qualification

All Alpine members that wish to attend a club hunt need to be hunt qualified by achieving a score of 140 out of 175 in our Precision Rifle 5, 100 metre service rifle match. We would love to assist you to become a competent rifle shot but like any sport involving skill and risk, you either have a lot of natural talent, or you will be required to practice and make a commitment to your own continual improvement.

Yours in shooting and in the field

Mark Guest B.Ec (Syd), CA, Dip. FP, JP, PR5

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PLEASE SEE THE NEXT PAGES FOR OUR KEY PISTOLS SAFETY MATTERS [UPDATED 12 12 2017]

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Safety Procedures for Alpine Pistol Events including our International New Zealand events:

When directed, carry your ammunition and magazines to the Range muster point in your **locked** ammunition box. Leave the box locked and return to your vehicle to remove your secured side-arm gun-box from your vehicle. Take your gun-box container etc to the 'safety area'. No ammunition can be present in the 'safety area'. After approval, unlock and remove your side-arm from its gun-box for its safety testing and or inspection, and **then** its **secure holstering** upon your person. **AGAIN - no ammunition can be in or near the designated safety area.** **Secure** your gun box with you or store it back in your vehicle. All pistols must be on your person or in your held gun box or back secure in your locked vehicle.

An un-holstered side-arm **must never** breach the 90 degree rule or ever point at anybody, even whilst in the safety area. **When you are 'on target' your trigger finger is 'on trigger' – when you are 'off target' your trigger finger is 'off trigger'.** **During movement matches engage your safety between shooting points.** Semi-auto stoppages will usually require a 'tap – rack' and failing that, another magazine load to account for the stoppage. **Check** your magazine is fully inserted by hitting home the magazine with the palm of your non-shooting hand, and then rack the slide to clear the jam and chamber a new round. Failing that, dump the magazine, clear and then use a new magazine or the old once inspected. **Be very careful to always action your side-arm when pointing immediately at your target / the range back-stop.** Any gun work must be done under supervision, generally in the safety area. **Side-arms are only ever removed from your holster upon command on the firing line, OR from your gun-box in the designated safety area under the personal instruction of a qualified Alpine member or official.**

When directed, move to the firing line with your holstered side-arm **and await** further instructions. At this stage the range is open but **you may not touch** any ammunition or your side-arm. Those without holsters should use an empty chamber indicator and have the semi-auto slide locked open or the revolver cylinder open. When the '**preparation time**' command is given, unlock your ammunition box, insert rounds into your magazines or speed loaders. Insert a maximum of 6 rounds (or as directed) into each magazine or speed loader, preparing as many magazines or speed loaders as you require for the match and any stoppages. **Do not yet insert magazines or ammunition into your side-arm. On the firing line you can now remove your side-arms from your holster for final inspection.** Any sight adjustments must be done at this stage of the match. **Before** your loading. **You will then be advised "Your preparation time has ended."** Holster or 45 degree hold your side-arm (after removing any empty chamber indicators).

You will be asked '**is the firing line is ready?**' **If not raise one hand** - if so, place your arms down at your sides **well clear** of your side-arm and holster. **When** you are given the '**slide forward Israeli load**' command, those holding at 45 degrees should drop the slide, and then **load** a magazine or ammunition into their side-arm. Those using a holster should insert a magazine without removing their side-arm from their holster. **Do not action the slide of any semi-auto. THAT IS, DON'T CHAMBER A ROUND.** Alpine requires all semi-autos to be actioned **after** the shooting command is given **and** whilst you are pointing in the immediate direction of the target (ie an Israeli load). **Carefully** maintain your 45 degree hold or final confirm your holster position - do not sweep your body or anybody else. **NOTE: Alpine doesn't permit the holstering of actioned (HOT) semi-autos.**

Loaded revolvers **must never** breach the 90 degree rule (and obviously never point at anybody). Loaded but not-chambered semi-autos must never breach the 90 degree rule (and obviously never point at anybody). **Chambered** semi-autos, and revolvers in a state of trigger engagement, must **always** be pointing in the absolute direction of your target. (ie Never over, under or to the side of your target.) **(Plus** never breach the 90 degree rule and obviously never point at anybody.) Fingers must be **clear of your trigger** when inserting, removing, moving, and actioning any side-arm prior to it being on your target. As above, 'on target - on trigger' 'off target - off trigger'. As possible engage your safety when moving between stages and when inserting a new magazine when a round is still chambered from the previous magazine. Continue to follow **all** instructions of the Range Officer. If in **doubt, raise your hand** and wait for assistance. **No part of your body or hands should ever be in front of your side-arm and or any cylinder gap.**

Make sure that you have already **clearly identified your target**, what is around it, and what is behind it. **Never fire** your side-arm, **or even remove it from your holster**, until you clearly hear the '**watch and shoot**' command. At this command action your slide, then engage your target, whilst always being aware of what is going on around you and your target.

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Don't breach the 90 degree rule or sweep your or anybody else's body, as you remove or return your side-arm from or to your holster or in the case of a semi-auto, point at the target, rack your slide and so chamber a round just prior to firing (an Israeli load). If you have a jam etc then as above **tap-rack**. **If you have an ammunition misfire then stop shooting and protest for a re-shoot.** **Please note:** Experienced competitors are encouraged to avoid dumping their magazines onto the ground during the match and to as best possible retain their magazines upon their person. Competitors are also encouraged to team up so that their partners can collect their spent brass during scoring.

When you have finished firing as directed, unload and **make safe** your side-arm by locking open your semi-auto slide and removing the magazine from your side-arm or opening your revolver cylinder and removing all rounds. Do all this whilst **always** continuing to control the muzzle of your side-arm, pointing it in the direction of your target - awaiting the safety clearance inspection, of the Range Officer. **Do not** yet collect from the ground any fired or misfired rounds or magazines, speed loaders – or anything.

The '**stop shooting, unload, remove magazines, lock-back slide and show clear your side-arm**' safety command will then be given. Do all this and then wait for the Range or Safety Officer to approach you. He or she will inspect your side-arm and clear you by saying the following:

'Chamber clear – Now rotate and show magazine clear.'

Whilst pointing at your target turn your side arm 90% to show the safety officer that your magazine well is empty.

You will then be told:

'Magazine clear - Rotate back – And drop slide.'

So then rotate your pistol back and then forward your slide on your side-arm. Then you will be told:

'At Target - Hammer down.'

Whilst pointing at your target then fire your empty semi auto side-arm to prove it is 100% safe. Revolvers are not required to fire just close the empty cylinder.

Then you will be told:

'Holster.'

Final holster your side-arm. You will be then told:

'Clear to remove.'

You are then clear and confirmed as safe to leave the firing line or point. (If you are not using a holster then use a pistol bag instead.)

Then upon hearing the command:

'Range is closed – forward - score and patch.'

You may **then** 'police' your brass, magazines and equipment from the ground and move forward to the next stage or scoring etc.

Ideally all your equipment and ammunition should fit into your original ammunition box that can easily and quickly be carried with one hand. (Note: Your side-arm will now be totally safe and cleared and in your retention holster.)

At the end of the match, **after** the firing line inspection and clearance, and **when directed** - store and lock all ammunition and magazines back in your ammunition box and then return to your vehicle. **Then** return to the safety area, with your gun-box to remove your already firing-line cleared side-arm from your holster for a **final** clearance, by another member.

ALPINE WEEKLY RANGE-CALL (continued)

Upon request remove your already cleared side-arm from its holster, have it final cleared, and then lock and securely store your side-arm back in its gun-box and then properly secure the gun-box back in your vehicle - separate from your already locked ammunition box. Members are encouraged to use a trigger lock and to chain or secure their gun-box to their vehicle.

Remember:

“Slide forward before ‘Mag’ – “stops anything bad.”

“On Trigger, On Target – Off Trigger, Off Target.”

“Winning is ‘happy days’ but is it is Safety First-Last-and Always.”