**SSAA BIG GAME RIFLE**

**NSW STATE TITLES** 

**5th and 6th October, 2019**

Hosted by SSAA (NSW), Griffith Branch

At the Rankins Springs Target Shooting Complex, off the Lake Cargelligo Rd, Rankins Springs, NSW

The program will be conducted in accordance with SSAA Big Game Rifle Official National Rules, Issue No.4, 2016.

**Friday 4th October: Camping - Setup from 10.00am. Range available for practice from 12.00pm to 4.00pm.**

**Saturday 5th October, Rifle Events:**

**Rifle Scrutineering at 10.00am. Briefing at 12.00pm. Competition begins at 1.00pm.**

Event 1: Match 17.1.11. Pot Rifle (2) (15 Rounds).

Event 2: Match 5.3.1. Special Snap. (8 Rounds).

Event 3: Match 5.3.3. Group One. (20 Rounds) & Match 5.3.4. Black Powder Express. (20 Rounds).

***NSW Big Game Rifle State AGM after cessation of Rifle matches****.*

**Sunday 6th October, Rifle Events:**

**Rifle Scrutineering 8.30am. Briefing at 9.15am. Competition begins 9.30am.**

Event 4: Match 5.3.2 Stalking Double Rifle. (14 Rounds).

Event 5: Match 5.3.5 Stopping Double Rifle. (10 Rounds).

Event 6: Match 5.3.6. Group Two. (14 Rounds) & Match 5.3.7 Bore Guns and Rifles. (14 Rounds).

Event 7: Match 17.1.7 Light Nitro / Hunting Class (20 rounds)

**Rifle Eligibility:**

All Rifles ***must*** be in a sporting configuration, meeting the calibre and energy criteria of both the Group and Event which you intend to enter. They are rifles which would ordinarily be used for the harvesting of Big Game and are ‘in the Spirit of the Event’. Heavy – barreled, long – range rigs or rifles with muzzle brakes or ‘ported’ barrels are not permitted.

**Range Restrictions:**

* Maximum calibre not exceeding 14.65mm (.577)
* Maximum muzzle energy not exceeding 5600 ft/lbs. (7593 J)
* Range is not approved for most Group 3 calibres.

**Awards:**

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Medals provided for all individual rifle events.

SSAA (NSW) State Medals are provided as follows:

* NSW Big Game Rifle Champion.
* NSW Big Game Rifle Ladies Champion.
* NSW Big Game Rifle Junior Champion.
* NSW Big Game Rifle Veteran Champion.

The award ceremony will be conducted at the end of shooting on Sunday.

**Nominations:**

Nominations will only be accepted upon a duly completed nomination form, together with payment of the nomination fee of $60, covering entry to all events of the State Titles. Nominations for Juniors are half-price, i.e. $30.

Upon nomination, competitors will be squadded into shooting details. Please advise if you are sharing equipment with another competitor, and whom they are, so as we can ensure you are in separate details, and both have an opportunity to compete successfully.

A hearty Country Dinner will be served in the Rankins Springs Hotel on Friday & Saturday night at

7.00pm. BBQ facilities will be available at the range.

Nominations to be received by Tuesday, 17th September 2019. All cheques/money orders are to be made out to:

SSAA Griffith Branch Inc.

Post to: SSAA BGR NSW State Titles

PO Box 25, Griffith NSW, 2680.

Post early enough to reach the branch by the above date.

If paying via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):

* Account name: SSAA S15.1 – Rifle,
* BSB: 325-185,
* A/C: 01015633,
* Reference: Competitor Name & BGR,

Then email your completed nomination forms to either of the addresses below.

Please note that nominations received after Tuesday, 17th September will be accepted at the organiser’s discretion.

The organisers reserve the right to adjust the program to reflect any changes of circumstances, (such as inclement weather) that may occur over the course of events.

A BBQ lunch will be provided on Saturday and Sunday at 12.00pm.

Bush Camping and Caravans permitted at the Range from Thursday to Monday. Toilets are available at the Range. Hot showers are available at the Rankins Springs Hotel.

Rankins Springs Caravan Park is located a short distance away, offering powered sites, Phone: [(02) 6965 1900](https://www.google.com.au/search?rlz=1C1GGRV_enAU751AU751&ei=Fi27WpbOJsyP8wWdq4XIDA&q=rankin+springs+caravan+park&oq=rankins+springs+hotel&gs_l=psy-ab.1.0.0i71k1l8.0.0.0.16713.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0..0.0....0...1c..64.psy-ab..0.0.0....0.FJfWu5GbpeA)

Rankins Springs Motel is located a short distance away, offering rooms,

Phone: [(02) 6966 1260](https://www.google.com.au/search?rlz=1C1GGRV_enAU751AU751&ei=KC27WteOIYSX8gX4r7eICQ&q=rankin%20springs%20accommodation&oq=rankin+springs+caravan+park&gs_l=psy-ab.1.0.0i71k1l8.0.0.0.98164.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0..0.0....0...1c..64.psy-ab..0.0.0....0.uuELcnFnY0g&hotel_dates=2018-03-29,2018-03-30&npsic=0&rflfq=1&rlha=1&rlla=0&rlhsc=CgoIvt-Tq6XU68s3&rllag=-33841064,146262858,70&tbm=lcl&rldimm=3574230300434033726&ved=0ahUKEwiH0vPdqY7aAhWLa7wKHblMCHoQvS4IXTAA&rldoc=1&tbs=lf_hd:-1,lrf:!2m4!1e17!4m2!17m1!1e8!2m1!1e2!2m1!1e19!3sIAE,lf:1,lf_ui:6)

(Number of rooms is limited. Early bookings are recommended)

For further information Email:

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Herman De Waal herman@thulaenterprises.com Phone: 0438 420 327

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| NSW BGR LOGO | **2019 Big Game Rifle NSW State Titles**  SSAA Griffith Branch  Saturday 5th – Sunday 6th October 2019  N**omination Form** | NSW BGR LOGO |

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| Telephone |  | Mobile |  | | | | |
| Email Address |  | | | | | | |
| SSAA No |  | 60+ | Lady | | Junior 15- | | Junior 15+ |

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| **Events** | **Calibre & Rifle** | **Scope\* to 4x** | **Scope**  **4x +** | **Open**  **Sights** |
| 1. Special Snap |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Group One |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Black Powder Express |  | N/A | N/A |  |
| 4. Stalking Double Rifle |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Stopping Double Rifle |  |  |  |  |
| 6. Light Nitro/Hunting C |  | **No Penalty Applies** | | |
| 7. Group Two |  |  |  |  |
| 8. Bore Guns and Rifles |  | N/A | N/A |  |
| 9. Pot Rifle (2) |  | **No Penalty Applies** | | |

\* A scope sight includes any sort of optical sight such as a 'red dot'. Scope penalties apply as per National Rules.

**Equipment Sharing:**  If you are sharing rifles with another competitor, please indicate what events you will be sharing in and with whom:

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**Nomination fees:** If you wish to attend the Dinner, you are required to pay for this at the Hotel. Numbers will be provided to the Hotel mid-morning each day.

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| Please complete: | Tick | AUD |
| Shoot Nomination Fee – Adult - for the whole shoot, not per event. |  | $ 60.00 |
| Shoot Nomination Fee – Junior – for the whole shoot, not per event. |  | $ 30.00 |
| TOTAL | | **$** |

**RIFLE SPECIFICATIONS AND AMMUNITION**

The classification of Big Game Rifles has been agreed as follows:

**3.1 Group One: 3.1.1 Minimum calibre .330”**

3.1.2 Minimum bullet weight 225 grains 3.1.3 Minimum muzzle energy 2900 ft. lbs

**3.2 Group Two: 3.2.1 Minimum calibre .400”**

3.2.2 Minimum bullet weight 400 grains 3.2.3 Minimum muzzle energy 3900 ft. lbs 3.2.4 Double rifles chambered for the 450-400x3” and the 450-400x31/4” Nitro are considered Group Two rifles provided they meet the following criteria: • Minimum calibre .400” • Minimum bullet weight 400 grains • Minimum muzzle velocity 1950 fps.

**3.3 Group Three:**

3.3.1 Minimum calibre .500”

3.3.2 Minimum bullet weight 525 grains

3.3.3 Minimum muzzle energy 5300 ft. lbs

**3.4 Black Powder Express:**

3.4.1 Minimum calibre .400”

3.4.2 Bullet weight to comply with the following: • 400 calibre – 230 to 270 grains • 450 calibre – 270 to 365 grains • 500 calibre – 340 to 480 grains • 577 calibre – 520 to 610 grains

3.4.3 Minimum case capacity 110 grains of black powder

3.4.4 Minimum muzzle velocity 1600 fps

3.4.5 Loads may be full black powder, or suitable black powder substitutes. Duplex loads are permitted provided they contain at least 80% black Powder (by weight).

3.4.6 Jacketed bullets may be used with full black powder loads only.

**3.5 Stalking Double Rifle:**

3.5.1 Any centrefire double rifle of minimum calibre .228”

**3.6 Stopping Double Rifle:**

3.6.1 Must meet the Group Two requirements or above. If using a bore gun or rifle it must be 12 gauge or greater.

**3.7 Bore Guns and Rifles:**

3.7.1 Any bore gun or rifle with full rifling or patent rifling, as in Paradox (rifled choke), or semi-invisible rifling for ball and shot. Smoothbore ball guns are permitted provided they are specifically designed for ball and have sights fitted by the original maker.

3.7.2 Minimum 16 bore.

3.7.3 Must have maker’s fitted sights.

3.7.4 May use black powder or nitro loads. Must be factory maximum or equivalent reloads.

3.7.5 Projectiles must be of a traditional design such as round ball, bluff nosed or paradox and must be bore riding. Shotgun slugs, such as “Brenneke” or “Foster” type slugs, saboted projectiles or similar modern developments are not permitted.

3.7.6 Firearms of modern manufacture in keeping with the spirit of the event may be used, for example the Greener GP.

**3.8 Proof of Eligibility of Any Rifle:**

3.8.1 Where there is any doubt as to the eligibility of a particular rifle, calibre or piece of equipment, the competitor may be required to provide documentary evidence that the rifle and any accessory meets the definitions as defined in these Rules.

3.8.2 The National Discipline Chairman or his nominee shall disallow any rifle, caliber or piece of associated equipment where it is contrary to the spirit of the competition. SSAA Big Game Rifle Official National Rules No. 4 (Rev 2016) with Headings for Standard Rules No. 6 (Rev 2016) 8

**3.9 Ammunition:**

3.9.1 Ammunition must meet the minimum criteria laid down for the class being contested.

3.9.2 A shooter shall have available at the firing line, two (2) extra rounds for evaluation by the Range Officer if required. Failure to comply with the above may mean disqualification from that event.

3.9.3 If a competitor's ammunition requires evaluation, then the Range Officer will choose at random from the competitor’s ammunition on the firing line those rounds required for evaluation.

3.9.4 Evaluation of ammunition will be carried out by the use of a chronograph and the competitor’s rifle and/or by manual checking of projectiles for weight and type

3.9.5 Ammunition may not be borrowed while on the line.

**3.10** Calculation of muzzle energy:

3.10.1 The formula for calculating muzzle energy is: E = M × V² ÷ 450435 Where E is muzzle energy, M is bullet weight in grains and V is muzzle velocity in fps.