



# Agfest 2006

**W**hile the cold and the rain kept numbers below record levels at Tasmania's Agfest 2006, organisers were still happy with the overall figure of 65,000 visitors. This year, for the eighth in a row, Tasmania SSAA promoted recreational shooting, hunting and, of course, our own club membership to interested members of the public.

SSAA Tasmania Agfest organisers Clive and Denise Parr decked out a double-size marquee with displays ranging from Tasmania Hunting and Conservation, the Scottsdale Field Rifle and 3P Nationals held at Easter, SSAA Tasmanian Deerstalkers, handguns, clay throwers and metallic silhouettes, the Bracknell, Sheffield and Oakdale range information and photographs, information on firearm licensing regulations and numerous trophies by taxidermist Neville Bannister.

For the first time, the SSAA Historical Arms & Military Society also helped out, and proudly wore the old uniforms of Southern Tasmanian Volunteer Artillery, British and Royal Marines, in addition to their displays of antique firearms, trophies and memorabilia.

*Australian Shooter*, *Handgun* and *Hunter* magazines were also available with SSAA Publications Executive Director Tim Bannister there to answer members' queries on the magazines and to listen to story ideas.

Potential SSAA members were given a SSAA showbag consisting of an *Australian Shooter* magazine, SSAA Tasmania membership application form, SSAA Insurance flyer, a *Beginner's Guide to Shooting* pamphlet, police guidelines for firearm storage, SSAA *What We Do* flyer and promotional catalogues and a notepad from the three sponsors Puff 'n' Stuff, Bothwell Garage and Livingston Printers.

SSAA Tasmania President Malcolm Gardam thanked the volunteers who had again made the SSAA stand possible and the Rural Youth members who hosted Agfest, and welcomed the show of interest from potential shooters. ●



SSAA Tasmania President Malcolm Gardam (second from left), took time to catch up with local politicians including the Legislative Council independents.



Trophies by taxidermist Neville Bannister were a great attraction for young and old.



Young gun Logan inspects Neville Bannister's work.



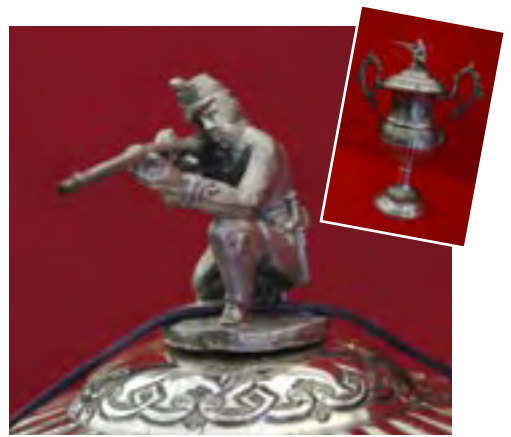
The SSAA marquee provided welcome shelter from the rain and cold for many an Agfest visitor.



Michael Britten, 15, of Queenstown was a keen SSAA junior member to visit the SSAA display. Michael is both a hunter and target shooter and shoots with 7.62, .22 and shotgun.



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An 1885 marksman trophy on display courtesy of the Historical Arms & Military Society of Tasmania.



National Field Rifle and 3P Championships Scottsdale 2006.



In costume. 'Royal Marine' Frank Hesman, 'Southern Tasmanian Volunteer Artillery' John Presser and 'British Marine' John Wise. Some of their displays are pictured right.



Carbine of Henry Peacock  
Later possession of Tom Rifle Reg.

