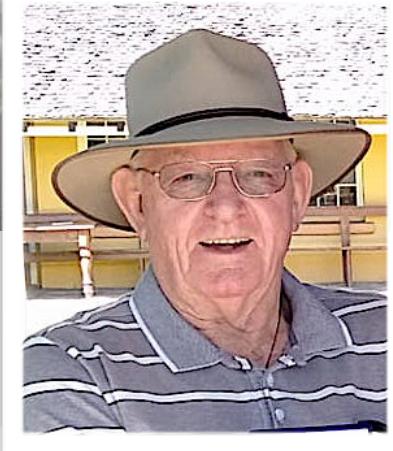




Pat Northey
Guest Speaker
March 2020

Look familiar?

Our March Guest Speaker is none other than one of our 'Meaders - Patrick (Pat) Northey! Get ready. You *will* be amazed at what he will share with us.



Pat has been a *rifle shooter* for over 60 years. He was a member of the Sydney Colonial Muzzle Loading Club from 1976 through to 1985. This black powder Club focussed on target and clay pigeon shooting, using both smooth ball and round ball rifles. Although he enjoyed this, his love was in the art of *muzzle loading*, especially using those round ball rifles.



Yup - Pat can still aim a rifle so be careful.

His interest comes from his early life as a teenager and cadet, who, along with his mates from school, would travel to Hornsby Rifle range and practice. He loved the mental and physical process of target shooting; its regimental precision and studied focus.

Well over 25 years ago, Pat was an important figure in developing the formation of the **NSW Marine Corp**. He is now a lifetime member of the Corp, having also been awarded a Muzzleloader Medallion for his inspiring service to muzzleloading over many years.

Pat was in the National Service from 1957 to 1962 and spent considerable time with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Corp. His working life saw him as a fitter and turner, repairing diesel engine turbo-chargers on ships.

By the way, he was too young for the Korean War and too old for Vietnam! Lucky man.

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glasses circa
1820



Iron-framed
glasses circa **1770**

And has he stopped his passion for shooting? Absolutely not! Pat makes regular treks to Malabar Rifle Range and is now a member of a special group - FREE CLASS. Don't know what FREE CLASS means? Well, go on...ask Pat!