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DEADLINE

According to the Concise Oxford Dictionary the definition of "deadline" is, "a time limit for the completion of an activity". No definition that I could find listed "deadline" as a signal to contact the editor and ask how much more time there is to submit copy or book an ad. Ed.

Front cover

James Corbett, winner of the WA Queens, pictured with WA Governor, Her Excellency Kerry Sanderson AC. Cover photograph by Billie Fairclough.

Chairman's Message

The Annual General Meeting of NRAA Ltd has been held during Friday 8 and Saturday December 9, combined with a Directors' meeting spread over both days and a Workshop of Members. State Chairmen attend the workshop, at which significant matters raised by the States which affect the whole of shooting are discussed. Essentially, Chairmen or Presidents from each association are invited to attend on the premise that (a) they are aware of the concerns or strategies of their area and (b) they can then be made familiar with the wider thoughts of others.

At the AGM, other than the normal procedural processes, affiliation fees from 1 July 2018 are established. After hard, long and expansive discussions it was agreed that the fee be increased by \$10 to \$65 for 2019. This is a difficult matter to sell but reflects the reality of the cost of the ATR - our online magazine. No charge was made for this in 2017, although the electronic magazine is now available to all. The original subscription was \$40 but voluntary. Apart from the ATR there have been increases in all other costs in line with the whole community.

The vexed question of shooters stepping outside the ammunition supply chain and thus not contributing to finances at National and State level was discussed. Steps are now in hand to come up with a satisfactory solution.

As a rule of thumb, an indication was given that the number of badges which should be provided for National and State championships be in the region of 20% to 30% of the entries in that discipline or grade. The guideline is not set in stone and should be used as just that - a guideline. It may mean a change in purchasing procedures where only a basic number is initially ordered and the additional badges - if any - followed up after the event. It is hoped to redress the large discrepancy between each grade/discipline.

Membership of shooting is the major problem as a whole. George Wittorff has predicted that the numbers will reduce from 6500 in 2007 to 5500 in 2030. Each club needs to seek new shooters and in this regard, matches and events that we would consider outside current thinking will need to be designed and implemented. Any new functions are being researched. They of course must be within the scope of your Range template.

Think back to F Class which was introduced to enable those members with failing eyesight and perhaps physical frailties to continue in rifle shooting and has blossomed to the numbers we now have.

Australian teams will be travelling to New Zealand to compete in the matches held in conjunction with the 2018 New Zealand Championships. To all of the teams and individuals who are competing we wish them Good Shooting.

As Tasmania found it was unable to provide a venue sufficient to conduct the Veterans Teams matches in 2018, SARA has taken up the mantle and will run the Veterans matches in April/May. Please indicate to the NRAA whether your State will enter a team and whether it will be Target Rifle or F Class.

Changes in SSR'S are in the pipeline but these will not have effect until at least April. Rather than pre-empting the changes, this will be left to the Rules Director to establish the amended rules. Continue to compete under the SSR'S now in force currently.

In less than twelve months, at least two directors will retire by rotation and probably will not renominate. There are so many out on the rifle range that tell us how to conduct NRAA affairs, so be ready to nominate for a position. Your nomination will be put forward by your State Association.

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Chairman



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George Wittorff is a member of the Board of the NRAA, given the task of addressing membership issues facing the movement at a national level.

This is the eighth and final article aimed at achieving that goal.

“The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual.”

Vince Lombardi

For the past 20 months I have produced seven articles under the banner “**ASAPS**” - **A**dvancing **S**hooting as **A** Positive **S**port, including four articles in the ATR for 2017. Each of these articles have been published with the optimistic aim and genuine hope that the information presented would jog some members’ sense of responsibility to our sport to realise that a proactive approach is urgently needed to attract and retain new members.

Importantly, it was hoped that recognition would also translate to some leadership being shown and resultant action at the State and District Association levels, especially at the club level.

The first article, published in 2015, graphically illustrated the overall decline in membership, while the following six instalments attempted to describe researched practices that have proven to be successful in improving membership for sporting organisations. In addition to those findings, real life examples of programs from around the NRAA that are working at the Association and club level were described. These articles can be revisited from past copies of the ATR, or from the NRAA website under the “Membership Toolbox” menu.

How Are We Doing?

While participating at the National Queens in June, I was heartened that approximately 12 people made a point of giving me positive feedback regarding the ASAPS articles. I took that to mean that at least some people had read them, and that at least the ones who spoke to me had found them relevant.

Only one of those people who approached me was able to tell me of a change in the way their club is operating that was designed to attract new members. Rather than be disappointed in that, I chose to take heart from the fact that 8.5% of respondents were doing something, and if that translated across the board, then within the NRAA there was likely to be a vigorous State and club level drive on membership.

This was wishful thinking, as it turns out in some cases; heartening in others.

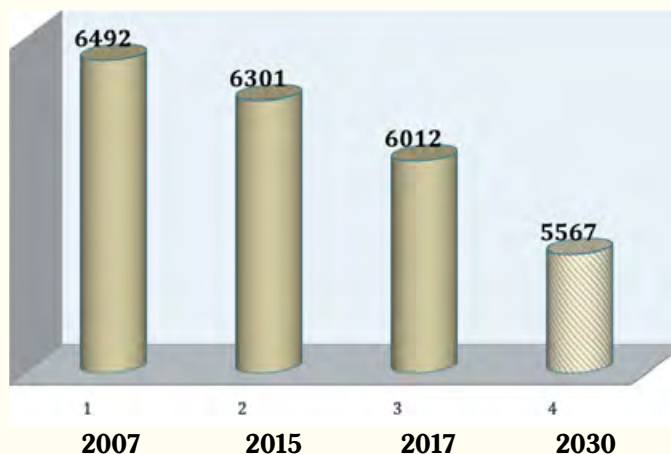
The success or otherwise of any enterprise is to what extent it reaches its objectives. In the case of ASAPS, the objective was to raise awareness of membership issues; to inform members of programs and approaches that have been proven to work, and to motivate people at the State and club level to actually do something about membership in their own Association or club.

The practical and obvious way to evaluate the success

of ASAPS is to measure and compare membership numbers before and after.

Here are the results. The data for each State or Territory Association was supplied to me at the end of September, 2017.

NRAA Membership: 2007 - 2017 and Extrapolated to 2030



The data shows:

For the period 2007 - 2015 overall membership fell by 2.9%

For the period 2007 - 2017 overall membership fell by 7.4% and

For the period 2015 - 2017 overall membership fell by 4.6%

Conclusion: NRAA membership continues to decline at an increasing rate.

Note that based on current figures and existing trends, NRAA membership will have declined to a total of 5567 (a decrease of 14.25%) by 2030.

Members were presented with up to date figures at the 2016 AGM and were challenged to show leadership within their own Associations in the hope of initiating programs both at the Association and club level in an effort to stem the evident decline in membership.

It would be pleasing if those states that continue to be in decline are able to report that any such programs have been put into place.

Based on the above figures, and extrapolating through

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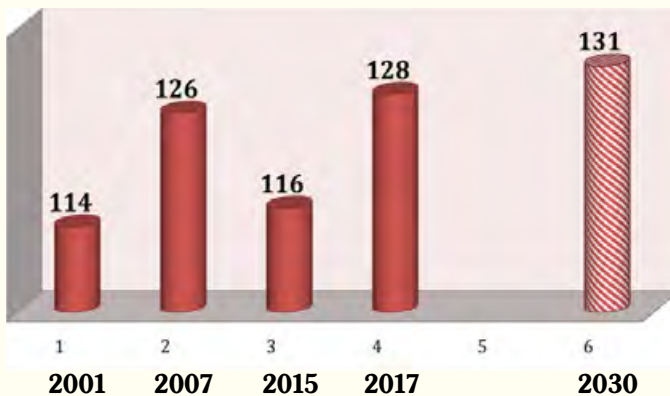
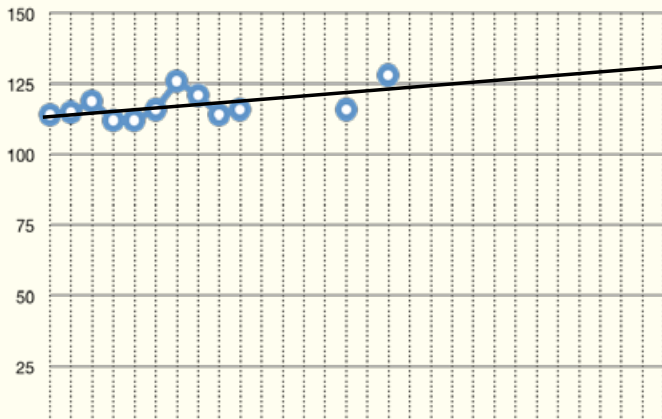
until 2030, individual State and Territory Associations' membership figures are presented with the assumption that current trends will continue.

Whether or not the predicted 2030 figure eventuates will depend on the leadership and planning of each Association.

In my view, Membership should be the overwhelming emphasis in all planning by State/Territory Associations and clubs if our sport is to survive.

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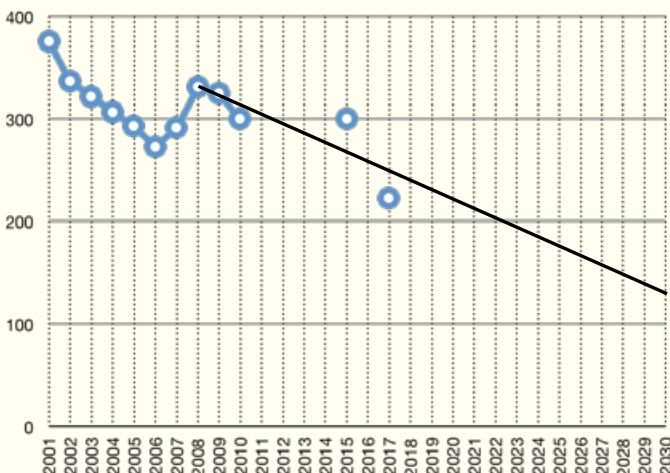
ACT membership



ACT 2001-17 (+)12.3%: 2015-17 (+)10.4%

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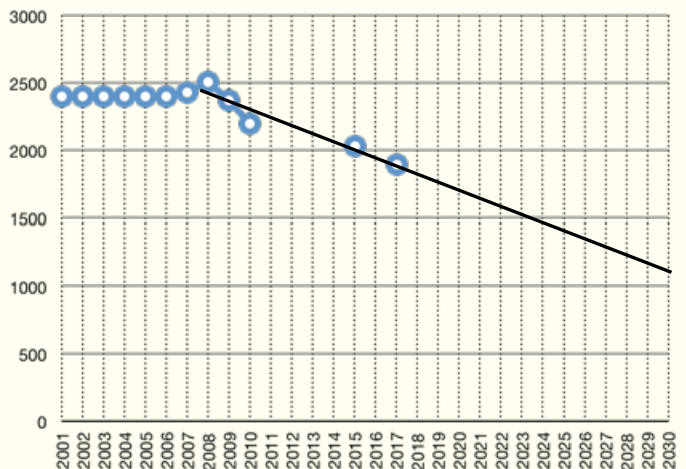
Membership



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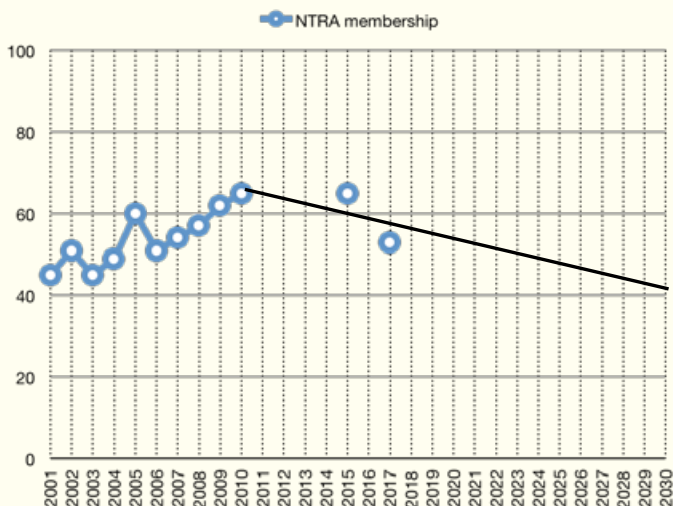
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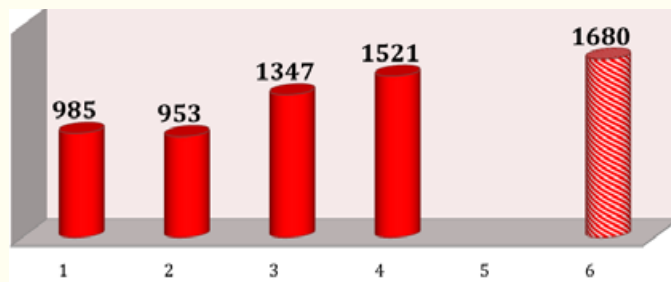
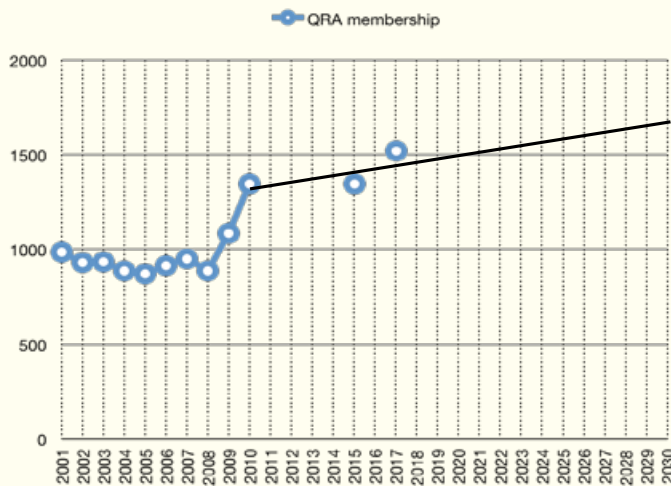
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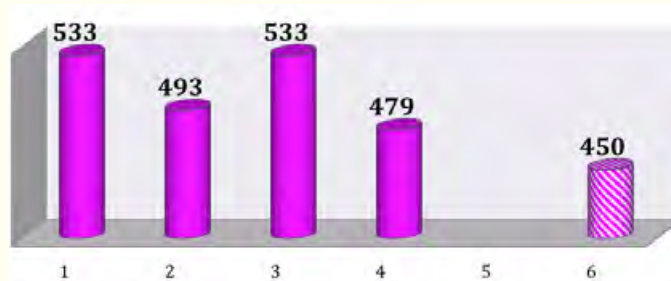
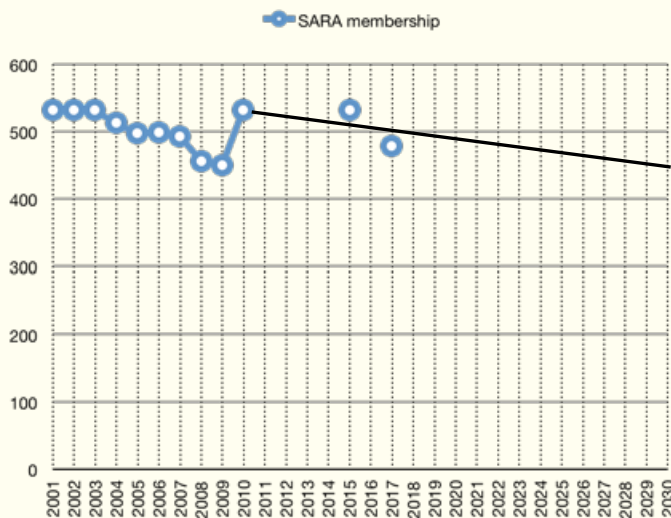
NTRA: 2001-2017: (+)11.7%: 2015-17: (-) 18.5%

QRA



QRA: 2001 -17: (+)54%: 2015 -17: (+) 13%

SARA



SARA: 2001-17: (-)10.2%: 2015-17: (-)10.2 %

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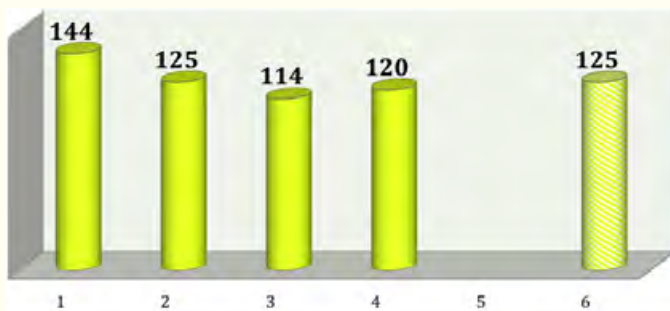
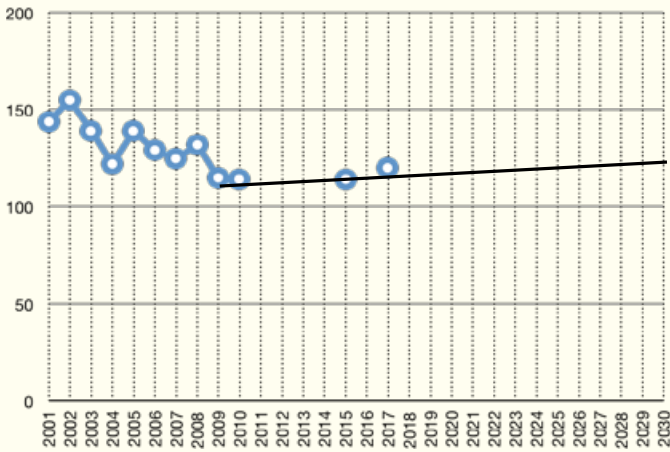
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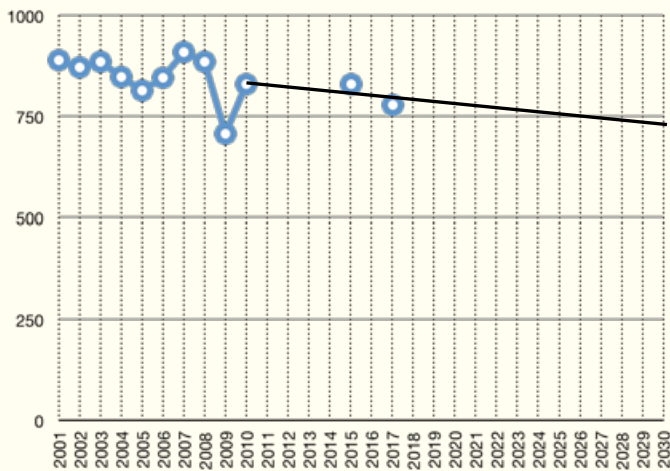
TRA membership



TRA: 2001-17: (-)16.7%: 2015-17: (+)5.3%

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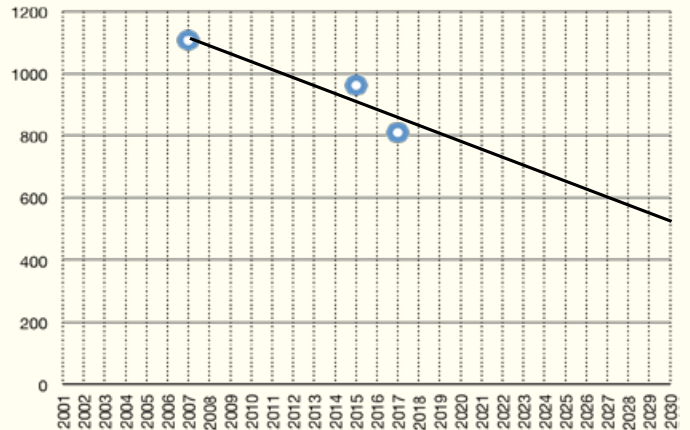
VRA membership



VRA: 2001-17: (-)12.5%: 2015-17: (-)6.4%

WARA

WARA membership



WARA: 2001-17: (-)29.7%: 2015-17: (-)15.8%



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The statistics shown and the conclusions are self-evident.

What is needed now is for ALL members to think positively about membership. This means each member needs to consider either putting their hand up to take an active role at the National, State or club level; encouraging capable, dare I say younger members to put themselves forward for leadership roles; or at least supporting those who are working hard to further our sport.

Each of us needs to take every opportunity to 'talk up' rifle shooting and advance shooting as a positive sport - **ASAPS**.

Let's reverse membership trends and pass on a growing sport to those coming on behind.

Conclusions:

1. Membership of the NRAA is decreasing at a steady and measurable rate.
2. Of the individual S&T's data,
 - (I) six (6) show serious decline,
 - (ii) two (2) show moderate or slight increase
 - (iii) one (1) only, shows a steady increase.
3. Unless each declining S&T takes responsibility for improving this situation by developing strategies and programs designed for both their Association, and

individual clubs, the decline will continue until at some point in the future they will become unviable. This will occur first at the club level and finally for the Association itself.

4. The NRAA, through its Membership Directorate has provided resource material and examples that are available to Associations and clubs who wish to avail themselves of assistance to address their membership.

5. To continue to do nothing is not an option.

Resources

The following resources are available on the NRAA website and found on the 'Membership Toolbox' Menu:

- Concept of ASAPS - Advancing Shooting as A Positive Sport
- What works: Example 1: CATTs Program
- What works: Example 2 Incorporating Field and Service into a club's program
- 30 Activities to Use to Attract and Retain members
- Details of Strategies that Work
- Marketing Shooting as a Sport to the Public
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The First Queens at Pinjar

By Sarah Hoglin

Photographs by Billie Fairclough

The long awaited news had finally arrived - all the red tape was completely unravelled and shooting could begin on the new Pinjar Rifle Range. Last minute busy bees saw a loyal band of volunteers working to complete the final preparations in readiness for the Queens Prize on the long weekend in September. The work was carried out in perfect spring weather, and three weekends before the big day, shooting commenced, along with the calibration of targets and finalising the little jobs still to be done.

Six days of competition began on the Wednesday with the WA Veterans shoot over 500 and 600 metres. Thursday was the day for Teams matches, with the Districts in the morning and Club teams later. The wind and rain arrived - making it a difficult morning. The North West Team won target rifle with 570.38 with MDRA second on 561.27; while in F Standard MDRA Black won on 642.21 followed by the MDRA Gold team on 627.21.

The wind and rain caused the Ray Miles (Club teams) to be cancelled.

The lead up competition - the Duke of Edinburgh - is shot over six ranges - but the last match of the day had to be cancelled. G Craigie (Yarloop) won target rifle with 242.24, followed by Peter Watkins (Subiaco) 241.19, and J Moore (Leonora) third on 240.20. F Standard was won by Mal Hambleton (South Perth) on 277.13, ahead of G Doney (Perth Fremantle) 276.12 and with C Keogh (Subiaco) third on 276.09. F Open went to R Hurley (Esperance) 278.19, just four super v's ahead of B Kinnear (Beverley) and B Day (Busselton) third on 272.12. FTR was won by P Sproule (Perth Fremantle) 267.08, followed by D Bliss (Perth Fremantle) 260.09 and S Brown (Waroona) 259.09.



Flags flying at the new range



Pinjar Range

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Duke of Edinburgh Results

Division 1

1	Craigie	Garry	Yarloop	WA	242.24
2	Watkins	Peter	Subiaco	WA	241.19
3	Moore	John	Leonora	WA	240.20
4	Felton	David	Subiaco	WA	239.22
5	Gee	Garry	Darwin	NT	239.20
6	Corbett	James	Australian Rifle Team	VIC	238.18
7	Forsberg	Mick	Manjimup	WA	238.16
8	Martin	David	Kalgoorlie	WA	237.12
9	Watkins	Paul	Chapman Valley	WA	236.13
10	Newbey	Scott	Wurgabup	WA	235.20
11	Donovan	Graham	Esperance	WA	235.15
12	Mackay	Laurie	Bencubbin	WA	235.14
13	Lauritsen	Nathan	Meekatharra	WA	234.13
14	Eaton	Merv	Northam	WA	233.17
15	Maher	Peter	Lilydale	VIC	232.17
16	Milentis	Mark	Manjimup	WA	232.16
17	Farrell	Michael	South Perth	WA	232.13
18	Syme	Ian	Dalwallinu	WA	231.19
19	McDonald	Shayne	Albany	WA	230.14
20	Toh	Keith	Werribee	VIC	228.11
21	Green	Micheal	Kambalda	WA	227.15

Division 2

1	Brooks	Ray	Chapman Valley	WA	238.16
2	Reddin	Michael	Mount Barker	WA	238.14
3	Dewar	Colin	Chapman Valle	WA	235.19
4	Townsend	Neil	Perth - Fremantle	WA	235.15
5	Crago	Stephen	East Perth	WA	234.16
6	Brown	Martin	Waroona	WA	233.14
7	Lauritsen	Clarie	Meekatharra	WA	232.16
8	Samuel	Kerry	Subiaco	WA	232.12
9	Schlink	Tony	Mundaring	WA	231.17
10	Dods	Colin	Karratha	WA	229.13



Commemorative Plaque

Division 3

1	Hope	Chris	Perth - Fremantle	WA	231.8
2	Lang	Miriam	Albany	WA	228.12
3	Cromb	Michael	Mundaring	WA	227.16
4	Davidson	Kevin	Bunbury	WA	224.14
5	West	Phillip	Darwin	NT	224.8
6	Clarkson	Liz	Bindoon	WA	223.10
7	Martin	Kim	Darling Range	WA	223.10
8	Tuckey	Catherine	Subiaco	WA	223.9
9	Taylor	Alex	Leonora	WA	222.14
10	Dann	Reece	Leonora	WA	219.9

Open Division

1	Craigie	Garry	Yarloop	WA	242.24
2	Watkins	Peter	Subiaco	WA	241.19
3	Moore	John	Leonora	WA	240.20
4	Felton	David	Subiaco	WA	239.22
5	Gee	Garry	Darwin	NT	239.20



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6	Corbett	James	Australian Rifle Team	VIC	238.18
7	Forsberg	Mick	Manjimup	WA	238.16
8	Brooks	Ray	Chapman Valley	WA	238.16
9	Reddin	Michael	Mount Barker	WA	238.14
10	Martin	David	Kalgoorlie	WA	237.12
11	Watkins	Paul	Chapman Valley	WA	236.13
12	Newbey	Scott	Wurgabup	WA	235.20
13	Dewar	Colin	Chapman Valley	WA	235.19
14	Donovan	Graham	Esperance	WA	235.15
15	Townsend	Neil	Perth - Fremantle	WA	235.15
16	Mackay	Laurie	Bencubbin	WA	235.14

F Standard Open Division

1	Hambleton	Mal	South Perth	WA	277.13
2	Doney	Gerard	Perth - Fremantle	WA	276.12
3	Keogh	Cathy	Subiaco	WA	276.9
4	Hallam	Bill	Subiaco	WA	273.18
5	Day	Brad	Busselton	WA	272.10
6	Purdy	Graham	Geraldton Greenough	WA	272.8
7	Penny	Anthony	Darling Range Rifle Club	WA	269.14
8	Cole	David	Yarloop	WA	266.12
9	Reid	Mahlon	Boddington	WA	265.9
10	Oates	Graham	Busselton	WA	265.6

F Standard A Grade

1	Hambleton	Mal	South Perth	WA	277.13
2	Doney	Gerard	Perth - Fremantle	WA	276.12
3	Keogh	Cathy	Subiaco	WA	276.9
4	Hallam	Bill	Subiaco	WA	273.18
5	Purdy	Graham	Geraldton Greenough	WA	272.8

F Standard B Grade

1	Henley	Mike	Esperance	WA	260.8
2	Harris	Hugh	Subiaco Rifle Club	WA	258.7
3	Lloyd	Bruce	Albany	WA	257.5
4	Carver	Neil	Subiaco	WA	249.10
5	Mortimer	Shane	Esperance	WA	245.1

F Open

1	Hurley	Ray	Esperance	WA	278.19
2	Kinnear	Bob	Boddington	WA	278.15
3	Day	Brad	Busselton	WA	272.10



The Trophies and Prizes



Chairing the winner

FTR

1	Sproule	Peter	Perth - Fremantle	WA	267.8
2	Bliss	David	Perth Fremantle	WA	260.9
3	Brown	Steven	Waroona	WA	259.9
4	Small	Michelle	Esperance	WA	254.10
5	Dickenson	Judy	Mundaring	WA	252.3
6	Whittemore	Anna	Subiaco	WA	245.3
7	Bliss	Vanessa	Perth Fremantle	WA	242.5
8	Foley	Evan	Kambalda	WA	241.4

The Queens, with one hundred and twenty shooters, began on Saturday afternoon. Only two shooters in target rifle had a possible score with M Forsberg on 100.11 followed by J Moore with 100.7. No F Class shooter finished the day unscathed. Cath Keogh led F Standard on 118.08. Leading F Open was B Day 117.06, and P Sproule in FTR with 115.08.

On day two - the sun shone, the wind swung from the northwest and the scheduled four ranges were completed. James Corbett (Benalla) was the only shooter to score 200 with 21v's, G Gee (Darwin) was in second place with 198.15 and G Craigie next on 197.19. B Hallam (Subiaco) F Standard 236.21 was followed





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It rained

closely by G Doney 235.15 and G Oates (Busselton) 234.14. B Kinnear won the day in F Open, scoring 236.15, R Hurley 235.20 and B Day 233.16. In FTR D Bliss was first on 230.14, N Mann (Perth Fremantle) second with 225.12 and S Brown took third place recording 224.12.

Day three was more than a little challenging. Very dark clouds built up during the first range with a frontal fishtail wind, and then the heavens opened and almost everyone got a good soaking. The Queens was completed, but the scheduled Champion of Champions match was cancelled.

James Corbett, once again, proved he is Master, winning his fifth WARA Queens and his 34th overall Queens win. B Hallam won F Standard (his 8th in F Standard). R Hurley was victorious in F Open and S Brown was the winner in FTR.

The Grand Aggregate was won by J Corbett on 633.54 followed by D Felton - both on 631.

FTR was won by C Keogh 739.34, B Hallam 738.51, and M Hambleton 734.40; F Open R Hurley 741.49, B Kinnear 740.44, B Day 734.36; FTR S Brown 708.28, P Sproule 704.29 and D Bliss 699.30.

The Presentation of Queens Badges was made by Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AC, Governor of Western Australia, and WARA Patron.

Mr Mark Folkard, representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Hon Michael Murray MLA, officially opened the range with an unveiling of a plaque.

Allan Dods and Garry Craigie were recognised for their untiring contributions in getting the Pinjar and Yarloop ranges operational.

WARA President M Farrell was honoured with Life Membership.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard to get the range ready; to Maureen Campbell and her team for catering over almost a week; to CRO W Oldfield and his two assistants, R Moore and A Whittemore for keeping things flowing; S Hoglin and S Connell for their work on the statistics; and to Billie Fairclough for the photos.

Noticeable was the low number of possibles in both

2018 Match Rifle & Long Range F Class

Event Calendar

March 3 & 4 Tasmanian State Titles <i>Campbell Town</i>	March 5 Merton Vale 1500 yard <i>Campbell Town</i>
May 5 & 6 NSW State Titles <i>Ungarie</i>	June 9 & 10 Queensland State Titles <i>Raglan</i>
August 25 & 26 South Aust. State Titles <i>Lower Light</i>	November 3 & 4 Victorian State Titles <i>Stawell</i>

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 Individual event Oct 2 to 5 and State Teams Oct 5 to 6
October 7 - 1500 yard Ultra Long Range Challenge

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...and rained

target rifle and F Class. Pinjar is proving to be a bit more of a challenge, being a few kilometres away from the coast. But that's what it's all about, isn't it?

Results

Queens Prize

Division 1					
1	Corbett	James	Australian Rifle Team	VIC	395.36
2	Felton	David	Subiaco	WA	392.36
3	Forsberg	Mick	Manjimup	WA	391.28
4	Newbey	Scott	Wurgabup	WA	389.30
5	Craigie	Garry	Yarloop	WA	389.27
6	Mackay	Laurie	Bencubbin	WA	389.25
7	Mc	Shayne	Albany	WA	388.34
8	Watkins	Peter	Subiaco	WA	388.32
9	Milentis	Mark	Manjimup	WA	388.31
10	Martin	David	Kalgoorlie	WA	387.37
11	Moore	John	Leonora	WA	387.36
12	Filgate	Gary	Geraldton Greenough	WA	387.32
13	Watkins	Paul	Chapman Valley	WA	387.30
14	Lauritsen	Nathan	Meekatharra	WA	386.39
15	Gee	Garry	Darwin	NT	386.23
16	Maher	Peter	Lilydale	VIC	385.35
17	Semmler	Brad	Light River	SA	385.33
18	Hughes	Neil	Subiaco	WA	382.33
19	Donovan	Graham	Esperance	WA	380.28
20	Farrell	Michael	South Perth	WA	377.26
21	Green	Micheal	Kambalda	WA	376.22

Division 2					
1	Hughes	Barry	Albany	WA	390.32
2	Brooks	Ray	Chapman Valley	WA	388.31
3	Sue	Kenneth	Busselton	WA	384.25
4	Reddin	Michael	Mount Barker	WA	382.29
5	Brown	Martin	Warooka	WA	382.25

6	Crago	Stephen	East Perth	WA	380.28
7	Turner	Graeme	Mundaring	WA	380.26
8	Lauritsen	Clarie	Meekatharra	WA	378.20
9	Dods	Allan	Subiaco	WA	377.27
10	Hitch	Jodie	East Perth	WA	376.26

Division 3					
1	Martin	Kim	Darling Range	WA	378.31
2	Lloyd	Bruce	Albany	WA	378.30
3	Trease	Alan	Manjimup	WA	375.24
4	Tuckey	Catherine	Subiaco	WA	374.20
5	West	Phillip	Darwin	NT	373.24
6	Fallows	Darryl	Darling Range	WA	372.22
7	Lang	Miriam	Albany	WA	372.17
8	Davidson	Kevin	Bunbury	WA	371.22
9	Cromb	Michael	Mundaring	WA	371.14
10	Taylor	Alex	Leonora	WA	368.18

Target Rifle Open Division					
1	Corbett	James	Australian Rifle Team	VIC	395.36
2	Felton	David	Subiaco	WA	392.36
3	Forsberg	Mick	Manjimup	WA	391.28
4	Hughes	Barry	Albany	WA	390.32
5	Newbey	Scott	Wurgabup	WA	389.30
6	Craigie	Garry	Yarloop	WA	389.27
7	Mackay	Laurie	Bencubbin	WA	389.25
8	McD	Shayne	Albany	WA	388.34
9	Watkins	Peter	Subiaco	WA	388.32
10	Brooks	Ray	Chapman Valley	WA	388.31
11	Milentis	Mark	Manjimup	WA	388.31
12	Martin	David	Kalgoorlie	WA	387.37
13	Moore	John	Leonora	WA	387.36
14	Filgate	Gary	Geraldton Greenough	WA	387.32
15	Watkins	Paul	Chapman Valley	WA	387.30



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B Hallam No 1 F Standard



Hurleys and Kinnears



Geraldton Greenough Rifle Club



N Mann NO 2 FTR



Perth Fremantle Rifle Club



D Felton No 2 Badge, Target Rifle



P Sproule No 2 FTR Grand Aggregate



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S Brown No 1 FTR



Subiaco Rifle Club



R Hurley No 1 F Open



J Corbett No 1 Badge, Target Rifle



North West Winning Team Target Rifle



B Kinnear No 2 F Open Grand Aggregate



Ray Miles Subiaco Rifle Club



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16	Lauritsen	Nathan	Meekatharra	WA	386.39
17	Gee	Garry	Darwin	NT	386.23
18	Maher	Peter	Lilydale	VIC	385.35
19	Semmler	Brad	Light River	SA	385.33
20	Sue	Kenneth	Busselton	WA	384.25
21	Hughes	Neil	Subiaco	WA	382.33

F Standard Open Division

1	Hallam	Bill	Subiaco	WA	465.33
2	Keogh	Cathy	Subiaco	WA	463.25
3	Day	Brad	Busselton	WA	462.26
4	Oates	Graham	Busselton	WA	459.25
5	Hambleton	Mal	South Perth	WA	457.27
6	Doney	Gerard	Perth - Fremantle	WA	457.26
7	Brown	Warwick	Perth - Fremantle	WA	457.26
8	Reid	Mahlon	Boddington	WA	454.26
9	Blechynden	Denis	Beverley	WA	449.14
10	Moore	James	Wurgabup	WA	443.30

F Standard A Grade

1	Hallam	Bill	Subiaco	WA	465.33
2	Keogh	Cathy	Subiaco	WA	463.25
3	Oates	Graham	Busselton	WA	459.25

F Standard B Grade

1	Henley	Mike	Esperance	WA	440.17
2	Brown	Mary	Perth - Fremantle	WA	439.13
3	Ferres	Trevor	Bassendean Bellevue	WA	438.11

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F Open

1	Hurley	Ray	Esperance	WA	463.30
2	Kinnear	Bob	Boddington	WA	462.29
3	Day	Brad	Busselton	WA	462.26

FTR

1	Brown	Steven	Waroona	WA	449.19
2	Mann	Nathan	Perth - Fremantle	WA	441.19
3	Bliss	David	Perth Fremantle	WA	439.21
4	Sproule	Peter	Perth - Fremantle	WA	437.21

Grand Aggregate

Target Rifle

Division 1

1	Corbett	James	Australian Rifle Team	VIC	633.54
2	Felton	David	Subiaco	WA	631.58
3	Craigie	Garry	Yarloop	WA	631.51
4	Watkins	Peter	Subiaco	WA	629.51
5	Forsberg	Mick	Manjimup	WA	629.44
6	Moore	John	Leonora	WA	627.56
7	Gee	Garry	Darwin	NT	625.43
8	Newbey	Scott	Wurgabup	WA	624.50
9	Martin	David	Kalgoorlie	WA	624.49
10	Mackay	Laurie	Bencubbin	WA	624.39
11	Watkins	Paul	Chapman Valley	WA	623.43
12	Lauritsen	Nathan	Meekatharra	WA	620.52
13	Milentis	Mark	Manjimup	WA	620.47
14	McD	Shayne	Albany	WA	618.48
15	Maher	Peter	Lilydale	VIC	617.52
16	Donovan	Graham	Esperance	WA	615.43
17	Filgate	Gary	Geraldton Greenough	WA	613.41
18	Farrell	Michael	South Perth	WA	609.39
19	Syme	Ian	Dalwallinu	WA	606.53
20	Green	Micheal	Kambalda	WA	603.37
21	Toh	Keith	Werrabee	VIC	603.35

Division 2

1	Brooks	Ray	Chapman Valley	WA	626.47
2	Reddin	Michael	Mount Barker	WA	620.43
3	Hughes	Barry	Albany	WA	616.44
4	Brown	Martin	Waroona	WA	615.39
5	Crago	Stephen	East Perth	WA	614.44
6	Sue	Kenneth	Busselton	WA	612.31
7	Dewar	Colin	Chapman Valley	WA	610.44
8	Townsend	Neil	Perth - Fremantle	WA	610.39
9	Lauritsen	Clarie	Meekatharra	WA	610.36
10	Hitch	Jodie	East Perth	WA	603.38

Division 3

1	Martin	Kim	Darling Range	WA	601.41
2	Lang	Miriam	Albany	WA	600.29
3	Cromb	Michael	Mundaring	WA	598.30
4	West	Phillip	Darwin	NT	597.32
5	Tuckey	Catherine	Subiaco	WA	597.29
6	Davidson	Kevin	Bunbury	WA	595.36
7	Trease	Alan	Manjimup	WA	593.33
8	Taylor	Alex	Leonora	WA	590.32
9	Hope	Chris	Perth - Fremantle	WA	582.25

10	Tuckey	Michael	Subiaco	WA	580.29
Target Rifle Open Division					
1	Corbett	James	Australian Rifle Team	VIC	633.54
2	Felton	David	Subiaco	WA	631.58
3	Craigie	Garry	Yarloop	WA	631.51
4	Watkins	Peter	Subiaco	WA	629.51
5	Forsberg	Mick	Manjimup	WA	629.44
6	Moore	John	Leonora	WA	627.56
7	Brooks	Ray	Chapman Valley	WA	626.47
8	Gee	Garry	Darwin	NT	625.43
9	Newbey	Scott	Wurgabup	WA	624.50
10	Martin	David	Kalgoorlie	WA	624.49
11	Mackay	Laurie	Bencubbin	WA	624.39
12	Watkins	Paul	Chapman Valley	WA	623.43
13	Lauritsen	Nathan	Meekatharra	WA	620.52
14	Milentis	Mark	Manjimup	WA	620.47
15	Reddin	Michael	Mount Barker	WA	620.43
16	McD	Shayne	Albany	WA	618.48
17	Maher	Peter	Lilydale	VIC	617.52
18	Hughes	Barry	Albany	WA	616.44
19	Donovan	Graham	Esperance	WA	615.43
20	Brown	Martin	Waroona	WA	615.39
21	Crago	Stephen	East Perth	WA	614.44

F Standard Open Division					
1	Keogh	Cathy	Subiaco	WA	739.34
2	Hallam	Bill	Subiaco	WA	738.51

3	Hambleton	Mal	South Perth	WA	734.40
4	Day	Brad	Busselton	WA	734.36
5	Doney	Gerard	Perth	WA	733.38

F Standard A Grade					
1	Keogh	Cathy	Subiaco	WA	739.34
2	Hallam	Bill	Subiaco	WA	738.51
3	Hambleton	Mal	South Perth	WA	734.40
4	Doney	Gerard	Perth - Fremantle	WA	733.38
5	Oates	Graham	Busselton	WA	724.31

F Standard B Grade					
1	Henley	Mike	Esperance	WA	700.25
2	Harris	Hugh	Subiaco	WA	690.27
3	Carver	Neil	Subiaco	WA	675.26
4	Hurst	Ric	South Per	WA	662.14
5	Dunne	Jim	Esperance	WA	661.26

F Open					
1	Hurley	Ray	Esperance	WA	741.49
2	Kinnear	Bob	Boddington	WA	740.44
3	Day	Brad	Busselton	WA	734.36

FTR					
1	Brown	Steven	Waroona	WA	708.28
2	Sproule	Peter	Perth - Fremantle	WA	704.29
3	Bliss	David	Perth Fremantle	WA	699.30
4	Dickenson	Judy	Mundaring	WA	671.19



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Australian Match Rifle and F Class Championships

By Susan Weisser, Photographs by Jim Clifford

Early November saw long range shooters from across Australia travelling to Stawell in Victoria for the 2017 Australian Match Rifle and Long Range F Class Championships.

The individual competition covered three and a half days with 15 shot matches at 1000, 1100 and 1200 yards on each of the first three days and culminating in a 20 shot match at 1200 on the final morning. With the Victorian Championships held the day before as a lead up, all shooters were well on target from the start.

Range honours on day one in Match Rifle Open were equally shared between Mike Samuels (QLD) with a cracking 75.11 at 1000 yards; Shane Courtney (VIC) with 74.8 at 1100; and Paul Monaghan (TAS) with 74.7 at 1200 yards. Paul Monaghan took the Day 1 Aggregate, three points ahead of Philip Bain (NSW). Paul took both the 1200 and 1000 yards on day two to also take the Day 2 Aggregate, though he lost out at 1100 to Chris Halloran (NSW) who had one of the



F Open badge winners (left to right) Les Rosznyai, Lou Shallis, Tim Manning

best match rifle shoots of the day with a 75.5 – the only match rifle shooter to make 75 at this range.

Alas tragedy befell Paul on day three with a shot on the wrong target at 1000 yards and probably the worst

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Match Rifle Open Badge Winners (Left to right) Paul Monaghan, Shaun Wingrove, Chris Halloran, Lew Horwood, Peter Maher, Philip Bain, Shane Courtney

of conditions late in the afternoon at 1200. Whilst he shot a great 75.11 at 1100 yards, the honours for the day went to Shaun Wingrove (ACT) at 1000 yards with 75.7 and Peter Maher who shot a perfect 75.5 at 1200 yards to take the Day 3 Aggregate.

Philip Bain (NSW) shot consistently for the first three days and emerged at the end of the third day with a narrow three-point lead over Paul Monaghan in Match Rifle Open. So, it all came down to the final 20 shot 1200 yard match on the final morning. The day was forecast to be a hot one and competition wise it certainly proved that, with Shane Courtney putting a 99.7 (out of 100) on the scoreboard early in the piece. Not to be outdone, Philip Bain followed up with a 98.10 giving him an unassailable lead in the Match Rifle Open Championship. Paul Monaghan however, had the last say, putting a great 99.12 on the board to take the last range.

In Match Rifle Reserve, Mark Fairbairn (QLD), shooting in his first match rifle championships, proved his calibre by taking both the Day 1 and Day 3 Aggregates and four of the first nine ranges. Barry Southern (VIC) however, gave him stiff competition, taking the day two aggregate and trailing by only one point in the Grand Aggregate at the end of day three. So again, the 20 shot 1200 was to be the deciding range. Mark shot early but placed a shot on the wrong target to finish with a 90.7. A mistake free shoot from Barry with 93.5 on the final



Shooting at 1200 yards

range gave him the new Aurora Trophy as Match Rifle Reserve Champion.

Long Range F Open Championship

Whilst numbers were lower than expected for the Long Range F Open Championship, the competition was none-the-less fierce. Lou Shallis (NSW) took honours at 1000 and 1100 yards with John Shobbrook (SA) taking the 1200 range. Lou took the Day 1 Aggregate two points ahead of Tim Manning (SA). Lou followed up with wins at 1200 and 1100 the next morning with Brent Webley (SA) taking 1200.

At the end of day two, Tim Manning and Lou Shallis were locked together on 516 points with Lou leading by only three super Xs. Day three saw new arrivals Bill Siegloff (VIC) and Jerome Zirsch (SA) take the honours at 1000 and 1100 respectively, with Les Rozsnyai (NSW) taking 1200 and the daily aggregate; and Nick Simms (VIC) taking the final 1200 yards range.

Consistent shooting throughout, saw the Commonwealth Trophy for National F Open Champion go to Lou Shallis on 878.31 from Tim Manning on 876.30 and Les Rozsnyai a further point back on 875.27.

Mick Punturiero (SA), shooting in his first national long range championships, dominated day one in FTR, finishing 22 points ahead of Steve Smithson (SA) and Mike Halloran (NSW). This set the tone for day two as well, with Mick increasing his lead by a further 16 points from Steve and Mike, who were only separated by three 'super Xs' for second place at the end of day two. Day three in FTR saw range honours shared between Mick (1000 yards), Mike (1100 yards) and Steve (1200 yards). Mike Halloran took the day three aggregate. Mick Punturiero took the final 20 shot 1200 yards with 108 out of 120 to give him the new Southern Cross Trophy as National Long Range FTR Champion with a score of 855.28. Mike Halloran took the second badge with 817.11 by one point from Steve Smithson on 816.15.

The individual program is concluded with two 'friendly' events - the Freebairn Teams for Match Rifle and the Siegloff Simms Pairs for F Open.

The Freebairn Teams takes the grand aggregate placings at the end of day three and matches up each of the top





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FTR Badge winners Mick Punturiero and Mike Halloran

placed competitors with lower placed shooters into teams of four for a 15 shot coached match at 1200 yards. The Coach has to come from within the four-person team and all members shoot. This year's event saw five teams vie for the trophy and silver trays with Team Maher (Peter Maher, Viv Hunt, Willy Schaffner and Barry Southern) and Team Wingrove (Shaun Wingrove, Mark Fairbairn, Peter Rix and Graham Mincham) tipped as the 'pre-race' favourites. In the end though, it was Team Bain (Philip Bain, Tom Smith, Shane Courtney and David Freebairn) on 283.14 who stormed away with the trophy, beating Team Monaghan (Paul Monaghan, Mike Samuels, Gil Walker and Mark Walters) by 10 points with Team Wingrove third.

The Sieglhoff Simms Pairs match was introduced in 2014 and is 25 shots per person with no sighters. It has been won by Bill Sieglhoff and Nick Simms in both 2014 and 2016 which gave the four other pairs that entered for this year's event something to aim for.

NSW team mates, Les Rozsnyai and Lou Shallis, paired up again this year to make a formidable winning combination; shooting 262.6, three points ahead of Bill Sieglhoff and Nick Simms on 259.5. Mark Fairbairn and



Paul Monaghan (TAS) scoring

Richard Nordewier were a further four points back, in third place.

Thanks go to the Victorian Rifle Association and the Stawell Rifle Club for hosting the 2017 National titles and particular thanks are extended to Lew Horwood and his wife Kay for all the work they put into organising the event.

Of particular note was the high standard of marking and thanks go to Ron, Ross, Chi, Laurie, Tony and Max for their great work.

Sincere thanks also go to major sponsor, Lightforce Australia Pty Ltd, who donated a Night Force NXS 3.5 -15 x 50 telescopic sight as the Match Rifle Open Grand Aggregate prize.



F Open shooter Brent Webley (SA)

State Teams - Match Rifle and Long Range F Open

By Susan Weisser, photographs by Jim Clifford

The grand finale of the Australian Match Rifle and Long Range F Class program is the State Teams events for both Match Rifle and F Open.

For 2017, the weather proved HOT with the first real burst of summer (37°) deciding to hit Stawell on the first day of the Teams' events. Thankfully some gazebos were sourced to provide shade on the firing point and some breaks provided between events for the markers to rehydrate, which enabled the program to go ahead as planned.

Match Rifle State Teams

Match Rifle State Teams compete for three trophies. The first is the Maloney Match which is a no sighters and 16 shots to count match at 1200 yards for each of the team's four shooters. Victoria, with (295.16), only

dropping five points for the match, took the Maloney Trophy from NSW/ACT (293.15) by two points, with South Australia (284.16) third, followed by Tasmania (281.12) and Queensland (279.15).

The major Match Rifle State Teams event is the Rowlands' Trophy. The donor of this trophy, Reg Rowlands, was one of the founding members of match rifle shooting in Australia and before the start of this event, match rifle shooters paid tribute to his memory and his passing earlier this year.

The event began with 15 shots at 1000, 1100 and 1200 yards and the scores were close after the 1000 yard range, with Victoria holding a narrow one point lead over NSW/ACT, with South Australia a further two points behind, followed by Queensland and Tasmania.



Match Rifle State Team representatives at 1000 yards



F Open State Team representatives at 1000 yards

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Victoria – winners of the Maloney and Rowlands Trophy and Mincham State Teams Aggregate – left to right Barry Southern, Peter Rix, Graham Mincham (Trophy Sponsor), Shane Courtney (Captain), Lew Horwood, Peter Maher (David Rich - Coach - not shown)

The decisive range in this year's event proved to be 1100 yards, with Victoria only dropping two points to take an overall lead of eight points over NSW/ACT, with the other States in the same order.

After a relatively mild morning, the sun emerged with some vengeance and it was certainly 'cosy' under the gazebos. Wind conditions also picked up for the final range and there were some long periods of silence as coaches tried to figure out what was going on. At one stage Victorian Coach, David Rich, challenged the other teams to break the impasse and 'put one down there'. With much hilarity but no takers, it was up to David and the Victorian team to make a call whilst everyone watched on – 30 pairs of eyes watched the target come up –V bull – and shooting was back on. (Though Peter Rix's con that it was shot with 11 minutes of wind on, was greeted with some amusement by other teams.)

In difficult conditions, both Victoria and NSW/ACT shot well, only dropping 21 and 22 points respectively for their four shooters at 1200 yards.

Clear victory in the Rowlands' trophy went to Victoria on 875.79 from NSW/ACT on 866.68 with South Australia third on 849.38.

The President's Trophy for the highest scoring shooter and coach in the Rowland's Match went to Shane Courtney and David Rich (VIC) who dedicated their win to their friend, mentor and former Australian Match Rifle Team member, Graham Dyson, who sadly passed away on the eve of the National Championships.

The third trophy for the Match Rifle State Teams is the

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NSW F Open Team – winners of the Victoria Trophy and South Australian Grand Aggregate Trophy left to right – Lou Shallis, Greg Warrian, Les Rozsnyai and Cliff Austen

Mincham Trophy, which is the aggregate scores of both the Maloney and Rowlands matches. With victories in both the Maloney and Rowlands, Victoria on 1170.95 took the Mincham trophy for the first time from NSW/ACT on 1159.83, with South Australia third on 1133.64.

Long Range F Open State Teams

With teams of five people and three shooters at each range, the Long Range F Open State Teams also compete in three events.

The Victoria match is a no sighter and 16 shots to count match at 1200 yards. Close competition between Victoria, NSW and South Australia over the last few years meant each State was determined to get off to a good start, but it was NSW (263.9) that proved the team to beat - finishing five points ahead of Victoria (258.4), with South Australia third on 251.8.

The NSW Match was held the following day with 15 shots at three ranges for each of the three shooters. Victoria and NSW vied for the lead after each of the ranges, with Victoria leading by two points after 1000 yards and NSW leading overall by three points after 1100. An unfortunate shot on the wrong target by NSW (no names mentioned, Cliff) saw Victoria take the final range by three points - meaning both NSW and Victoria finished with an aggregate of 756 for the day - with Victoria taking the NSW Match by 31 Super Xs to 28. South Australia was only three points further back on 753.31.

The President’s Trophy for the highest scoring shooter and coach in the NSW Match was won by Les Rozsnyai and Greg Warrian (NSW).

Given their five point win in the Victoria Match, the South Australian aggregate trophy was taken for the first time by NSW, with a score of 1019.37 from Victoria on 1014.35 and South Australia on 1004.39.



Winners of the F Open President’s Trophy Greg Warrian and Les Rozsnyai

South Australian Match Rifle

Report by James Freebairn
and photos by Tim Manning

This year the South Australian Match Rifle Championship was held on August 26 and 27. This allowed several more interstate shooters to compete. The wind on Saturday was a moderate westerly and this enabled some very good scores. In contrast, Sunday was blessed with a cool frontal with enough quick changes to make getting a good score somewhat more difficult. In FTR Mick Punturiero had serious competition from Steve Smithson. Mick won 900 metres with 86. Then Steve won at 1000 metres with 84.3; at 1100 metres with 103 and took the day one aggregate on 272.6. Steve's day two effort was more of the same, with 85.4 at 900 metres, 82.2 at 1000 metres, 74 at 1100 metres and a day two aggregate of 241.6. He got the Grand Aggregate with a score of 513.12 from Mick on 491.5.

The F Open 900 metre winner on 89.3 was John Shobbrook, but then Tim Manning took over with 87.3 at 1000 metres, 113.3 at 1100 metres and the day one aggregate of 288.11. Tim started day two with 88.4 at 900 metres but was well out-performed at 1000 metres by Neville Roberts who made 87.3. The lead went back to Tim at 1100 metres with 80.1, with the day two aggregate of 249.6 and the Grand Aggregate on 537.17. In the grand aggregate, Neville Roberts was next with 519.8, followed by John Shobbrook, Dene Freebairn and Chris Martens.

Match Rifle had ten competitors divided into seven Match Rifle Open and three Match Rifle Reserve participants. James and William Freebairn took it in turns in the lead in Reserve, with James at 900 metres on 73.5, William at 1000 metres on 73.4 and James at 1100 metres with 93.4 and the day one aggregate of 237.13. William got going on day two with a win at 900 metres on 69.7 and 1000 metres on 72.4. James won 1100 metres by a point with 65.2 and William got the day two aggregate with a score of 205.12. To James



L-R Grand Aggregate Winners - Rob Halloran (MR Open), Tim Manning (F Open), Steve Smithson (F-TR) and James Freebairn (MR Reserve)

went the Grand Aggregate with his 440.22, followed by William on 438.26 and Eddy Kanik.

Day one in Match Rifle Open showed what can happen when a good shot has a good day. Chris Halloran took the lot easily with 75.12, 75.8, 98.5 and 248.25. Next was Peter Rix on 241.24. Day two was somewhat tougher, with no possible (as against five on day one). Rob Halloran took out 900 metres with 74.8 and then Peter Maher finally got his best rifle into action and won 1000 metres with 72.8, 1100 metres with 72.2 and took the daily aggregate on 216.13. Rob Halloran included a misplaced shot in his score of 451.35 to win the Grand Aggregate from Phil Bain on 451.25. Next were Chris Halloran 450.37, Peter Rix, Peter Maher, Lew Horwood and Willy Schaffner.

Our thanks go to Ben Pacilo (caterer), Sue Weisser (score collator), the markers for their usual superb effort, Tim Manning for photographs and Jim Caspers (behind the bar).

We also extend our grateful thanks to our sponsors: Perry Fuels, Kerin Agencies, Frank O Pinyon and Mills Freightlines.



L-R Match Rifle Open winners - Chris Halloran, Phil Bain and Rob Halloran - Presented by Tanya Punturiero and organiser James Freebairn

Victorian Match Rifle and Long Range Championships

By Lew Horwood, Photographs by Jim Clifford

On Wednesday November 8, 2017 the Stawell Rifle Range had a practice day for the Australian Match Rifle Team that will be competing at Bisley in England in 2019. Then on Thursday, the Victorian Championships were held.

Thirty-seven of the best long range shooters from all over Australia competed. The winners were:

Match Rifle Open: Paul Monaghan from Launceston Tas. 222.24.

Match Rifle Reserve: Shaun Wingrove from Canberra. 220.16.

F Class Open: Lou Shallis from St Marys NSW. 255.10.



Tim Manning



Paul Monaghan, Mick Punturiero and Shaun Wingrove

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FTR: Mick Punturiero from Renmark SA. 247.12

The competition was shot over 1000 yards, 1100 yards and 1200 yards. The day was quite warm with a lot of mirage. The rifles were chambered .308 Winchester for Match Rifle and FTR. For F Open 6.5/284, 7mm SAUM and others were used.

The Stawell Rifle Club would like to thank Nightforce Optics for donating a telescopic sight valued at \$2900. It was won by the winner of the Australian Championship, Phil Bain. Also, Tim Kennedy of TK Auto Electrex, Bests Wines, Montara Wines, Taltarni Wines, National Hotel and Thales Group donated powder and goodies. Their generosity is greatly appreciated. Everybody had a great time and gazebos were used to shade the shooters when conditions became too hot.



Shaun Wingrove coaching Dave Hillier



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Up for the Challenge!

By Susan Wiesser

Photos by Dave Xuereb and John Dixon

October 2017 saw (finally) a new addition to the long-range shooting calendar, with the inaugural Ultra Long Range Challenge event held at Coonabarabran in New South Wales from October 7-9.

The two and a half day event run by the NSW Match Rifle Association, comprised shooting at 1000, 1100, 1200 and 1500 yards including a 20 shot 1500 yard match on the final morning - the first time a 20 shot 1500 yard match has been held in Australia.

The event had been originally planned for October 2016 but had to be postponed to 2017 because of the unprecedented rain and flooding that occurred in the area last year. The weather this year proved a little friendlier - though the 1500 yard range on Sunday did have to be cancelled due to rain.

A total of 29 shooters took part in the event, with people travelling from Tasmania, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and from around New South Wales to participate. With work commitments, some were not able to shoot the full program and the rain on Sunday afternoon sent a couple home early, but the 20 that stayed and shot the full program were rewarded with

almost perfect conditions for 1500 yard shooting on the Monday morning.

The event was preceded by a training day for the Australian Match Rifle Team Squad who are preparing for their trip to Bisley in 2019. A total of 15 Match Rifle shooters stayed on for the Ultra Long Range Challenge and were joined by nine F Open and five FTR competitors.

The Grand Aggregate comprised 15 shot matches at 1000, 1100 and 1500 yards on the first day; 15 shots at 1000 and 1200 on the second day (the 1500 yard range being washed out); and 20 shots at 1500 yards on the final morning. All events were shot on the standard match rifle target (2400 x 1800mm) with 305mm centre bull and 610mm bulls eye - and 127mm Super V for F Class. Sighting Boards with markings the same as the target aiming mark and rings were placed on the top of the stop butt, aligned with each target to assist those whose scope rails did not allow for full adjustment back to 1500 yards. This gave these shooters 8-10 minutes of additional elevation, depending on the cartridge they were using.

Match Rifle Open was dominated by Philip Bain who won three ranges, the two daily aggregates, 1500 yard aggregate and Grand Aggregate; finishing with



Grand Aggregate Winners (l to r) Geoff Willis (FTR), Philip Bain (Match Rifle Open), Lou Shallis (F Open) and Dave Xuereb (Match Rifle Reserve)



Barry White at 1500

a 93.3/100 at 1500 yards and six points clear of Paul Monaghan in the Grand Aggregate.

Match Rifle Reserve saw Dave Xuereb take all the honours on day one, with Bill Freebairn similarly controlling day two. Dave Xuereb's great 83.2/100 at 1500 yards on the final morning proved the deciding factor, giving him both the 1500 yard aggregate and the Grand Aggregate in Match Rifle Reserve.

In F Open, Lou Shallis had a steady performance over the first two days and a fantastic 106/120 on the final 1500 yard range. He ended with a total of three range wins, one daily aggregate, the 1500 yard aggregate and the Grand Aggregate win - 14 points clear of Alan Fraser.

Geoff Willis proved hard to beat in FTR, winning four ranges, the two daily aggregates, the 1500 yard aggregate and the Grand Aggregate.

A number of entrants had not shot past 1000 yards before but proved up to the challenge. Dave Xuereb (Explorers), shooting Match Rifle for the first time, took out the Match Rifle Reserve Grand Aggregate and placed fifth overall in Match Rifle Open. Clubmate



The line up at 1500 yards

John Dixon (Explorers), also a newcomer to the long distances, placed third overall in the grand aggregate for F Open and Peter Duncan (West Wallsend) took out the day one aggregate in F Open before he had to head home.

The NSW Match Rifle Association would like to thank the Coonabarabran Rifle Club for their help in holding this event; they have a great range and facilities and many took advantage of the onsite camping/caravan arrangements. Thanks also go to John Oddy (Range Officer), Chris Roberts (Butts Officer) and markers - Ron and Ross Aldridge, Jarod and Angus.



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No.1 DRA Open Championship

Article and photos by Grant Lewis

The No.1 (Adelaide Plains) DRA annual Open Championship was held on Saturday October 28, 2017 at the Lower Light Rifle Range, north of Adelaide. For once, the weather was relatively kind, with overcast conditions and light variable winds. There were 51 competitors and, for the first time, the FTR discipline was included, with five shooters taking part.

The Target Rifle competition was won by Warren Breeding of Yunta Rifle Club, with an aggregate score of 146.5 points. Top F Open shooter was Richard Braund of Cyclists-Torrens Valley Rifle Club with a score of 174.12. The top scorers at each range and match were:


Discipline	Name	Club	300m
TR A	Paul Savage	Port Pirie	50.07
TR B	Shane Bland	Phoenix Target Rifle	49.00



Phil Bradshaw (CTV) picks up the No. 3 Badge in Target Rifle A Grade



Lee Stoddard (CTV) receives a medal for winning the 500 metre F Open event



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New Members

SARA would like to welcome the following new members: Dean Scifleet, Karen Scifleet and Colin Bootle from West Broken Hill; Aiden Cooling from Loxton; Michael and Caleb Hancock from Tumby Bay; Tony Green and Andrew McArthur from CTV and Megan Erskine and Lill-Marie Carroll from Whyalla.

Office Closure

The SARA office will be reopening on Tuesday January 9, 2018.

We hope everyone is enjoying the holiday break and had a lovely, safe Christmas and New Year.

Australian Target Rifle

TR C	David Lindner	Kapunda	45.01
F Open	Richard Braund	Cyclists-Torrens Valley	60.04
F Standard	Cameron What	Phoenix Target Rifle	59.06
F TR	Stephen Smithson	Kapunda	58.02



Warren Breeding (Yunta) receiving the Aggregate Trophy



Lynton Wakefield (Maitland) seems happy to receive a medal for winning the 800 metre range in A Grade Target Rifle

South Australia

Discipline	Name	Club	500m
TR A	Tony Kasparian	Mt Gambier	50.06
TR B	Allen Hucks	Yunta	49.08
TR C	Shane Akkermens	Phoenix Target	47.02
F Open	Lee Stoddard	Cyclists-Torrens Valley	60.05
F Standard	Chris Papageorgiou	Kapunda	58.03
F TR	Stephen Smithson	Kapunda	58.03

Discipline	Name	Club	800m
TR A	Lynton Wakefield	Maitland	50.02
TR B	Malcolm Flavel	Whyalla	49.03
TR C	Andrew Dayman	Walleroo	46.01
F Open	Chris Martens	Cyclists-Torrens Valley	60.05
F Standard	Eddy Kanik	Kapunda	59.04
F TR	Stephen Smithson	Kapunda	57.05

Discipline	Name	Club	Aggregate
TR A	Warren Breeding	Yunta	146.05
TR B	Andrew Heard	Murray Bridge	144.06
TR C	Andrew Dayman	Walleroo	132.03
F Open	Richard Braund	Cyclists-Torrens Valley	174.12
F Standard	Eddy Kanik	Kapunda	173.09
F TR	Stephen Smithson	Kapunda	173.10



Richard Braund (CTV) receiving the No.1 Badge in F Open



The trophies and badges on offer

Yunta Christmas Shoot

Article and photos by Ros Breeding

Visiting shooters have seen all sorts of weather at Yunta in the North East of South Australia during the past twelve months; including a hot, breezy 38° at the 2016 Christmas Shoot; and an arctic wind and sleet saw a maximum temperature of 15° for the inaugural two-day Open Shoot in August. Thus, visitors to the 2017 Christmas Shoot on November 25 were pleasantly surprised with a 28° maximum temperature, 50% cloud cover - and NO wind or rising dust to hinder shooting.

Clubs represented by the 27 shooters competing included: Murray Bridge, Mount Barker, Balaklava, Kapunda, Maitland, Spalding, Port Pirie, Port Augusta, Whyalla, Broken Hill and Adelaide clubs.

The program of two 500 metre ranges and a post-lunch 300 metre range began at 9am. Whilst the weather was near-perfect, there



Yunta winners, Malcolm Hill (F Std) and Warren Breeding (TR)

was a mildly flickering breeze and a tricky mirage to keep shooters 'on their toes'.

Nevertheless, five possibles over the two disciplines (Target Rifle and F Class) were scored at the first range. Rob Paech, who is currently ranked third in Australia, took the honours

at the first 500 metres in target rifle with 50.6. Mick Casey (Port Augusta) led B Grade with a 50.3 and Neville Kairl (Whyalla) scored a 49.4 in C Grade. Malcolm Hill scored a 60.7 followed by Richard Steel (Yunta) with 58.4 in F Class.

After the second 500 metre range was shot, the leaders were:

A Grade: Rob Paech on 100.13, followed by Bluey Noll and Warren Breeding, both on 100.7.

B Grade: Gordon Harrison led with a 98.9 followed by Mick Casey with 97.5 and Don Merritt with 96.9.

C Grade: Chris Green led on 97.6 from Neville Kairl, 96.8.

F Standard: Malcolm Hill shot a credible 129.10, followed by Brent Webley 128.7.

Following the usual sumptuous buffet lunch, the targets were moved to the 300 metre mark and it was proven that things can still go awry even at the shortest of ranges. Conditions had deteriorated with a strong mirage and a little more breeze, with no possibles achieved. Winners of the 300 metre were: in A Grade Nick Rasheed 49.7, B Grade Gordon Harrison 48.3; C Grade N Kairl 44.3 and F Standard Jerome Ziersch 59.5.



Screens were removed for Sundays 'Hair of the Dog' shoot





Jim Caspers shoots F Class



Yunta

The Winners

The days aggregate was won by YRC captain Warren Breeding, winning his first home shoot; the first Yunta RC member to do so in the past 40 years. Warren said he was deeply honoured to win the Yunta Legends' Shield which honoured former Club notables (being Warren's father Vic Breeding, Alby Sherriff, Brian Hucks and Vin Pfeiffer). Warren's 149.13 was followed by Rob Paech's 148.19 and Bluey Noll's 147.12.

B Grade: Gordon Harrison with 146.12, Don Merritt 143.11, Michael Casey 142.6.

C Grade: Neville Kairl with a 140.11, Chris Green 137.7, Don Flynn 124.3.

F Standard A Grade: saw Malcolm Hill win his fifth title at Yunta in recent years with a 178.14. In second place was Jerome Ziersch 176.17 and in third was Brent Webley with 176.11. Richard Steel (Yunta) was fourth with 174.10.

A Pair's Shoot at day's end was won

by Yunta shooters Nick Rasheed and Warren Breeding.

At the presentation of prizes (which included leg hams, legs of mutton, Christmas Puddings and wines) the Yunta Captain (just returned from the ACT Queens) sincerely thanked the 28 shooters for attending -as well as the donors of prizes. Also, sincerely thanked was Don Flynn (Roxby Downs) who travels throughout South Australia and beyond, managing the recording and uploading of electronic scores with quiet efficiency.

The Yunta girls, Kerry and Ros were ably assisted in the kitchen by six visiting ladies, thus the usual renowned buffet lunch featuring leg ham and local mutton and followed by a (mellow) wine trifle and Christmas pudding, satisfied the hungry crowd.

The usual social banter echoed down the range on Friday and Saturday nights with barbecue meals enjoyed on the balmy evenings.

For the ten stayers, a 'Hair of the Dog' (with a twist!) shoot on the 500 metre range took place on Sunday morning. Following the two sighters, the Hexta monitors were



Chris Green (CTV), Rob Paech (Murray Bridge), Richard Steel (Yunta) and Jim Caspers (Murray Bridge)



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removed from shooters' view for the next 15 shots. This makes for an interesting result - and some cheery remonstrating! B Grader Bill Pryde of Spalding won target rifle with a credible 74.9, on a count-back from Mick Casey and Tony Green (CTV) won F Class with 87.6.

Yet another weekend of fun, fellowship and good shooting at Yunta!



Hexta Targets in use.



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Margie Harrison, Bill and Lorraine Pryde (Spalding)

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North Arm - Lilley District Prize Meeting



By Grant Larsen,
Photographs by Des Voght
and Gordon Collie

Challenging wind conditions tested competitors at the North Arm Rifle Club and Lilley District Prize Shoot at North Arm; the last Open event for 2017. Ashley Bidgood took out the Grand Aggregate in Target Rifle A Grade, while Dave Boreham won F Open. Gusts had shooters constantly cranking their sights in an attempt to try and stay on target, with even the best challenged to stay on top.

Ashley Bidgood from Crows Nest scored a win on Saturday and also took out the North Arm Rifle Club trophy and the two-day aggregate at the end of shooting on Sunday. Colin Cole won the Lilley District trophy for Sunday's shoot.

The six-range winning aggregate with only four missed bulls posted by Ashley, reflected the conditions and made slow progress for the big field of over 80 shooters at the two-day event on October 28 and 29.

A big contingent of F Class competitors shot on electronic targets at one end of the mound; and .303 enthusiasts at the other.

In B Grade, Murwillumbah shooter Alan Cronk took the North Arm and Aggregate trophies, while Jessica Crawford from Gympie/Kilkivan won everything in C Grade.

North Arm local, Denis Aarons, made a clean sweep of the strong F Standard scope rifle events and Brisbane's Frans Knox dominated the FTR class. Dave Boreham from North Arm took all of the F Open scope trophies.

Peter Richards from the Queensland Military Rifle Club put on a dominant display, winning the .303 rifle competition.

The North Arm Rifle Club Aggregate prizes were presented by North Arm patron and Member for Maroochydore, Fiona Simpson MP.

Badge-winning aggregate results for North Arm's Saturday competition are:



John Kinricks from Wondai shot in F Standard at North Arm

A Grade

First	Ash Bidgood (Crows Nest/Goomb)	149.19
Second	Shane Abood (Albert)	148.14
Third	Rod Prayle (Maryborough)	148.12
Fourth	Karen Cole (North Arm)	146.13
Fifth	Ken Lobwein (Ipswich)	146.11
Sixth	Colin Cole (North Arm)	145.11

B Grade

First	Alan Cronk (Murwillumbah)	147.13
Second	Joshua Turner (Bundaberg)	147.11
Third	David Pippard (Murwillumbah)	144.09
Fourth	Russell Saxby (Goondiwindi)	144.06
Fifth	Shane Kao (Darling Downs)	142.09
Sixth	Dennis Bidgood (Crows Nest/Goomb)	141.12

C Grade

First	Jessica Crawford (Gympie/Kilk)	146.11
Second	David Nicol (Ipswich)	144.10

F Class Standard A

First	Denis Aarons (North Arm)	175.17
Second	Glenn Rush (Ipswich)	169.06
Third	Jim Claypole (North Arm)	168.09

Fourth	Brian Pickles (Natives)	168.07
Fifth	Andrew McKillop (Bundaberg)	167.08

F Class Standard B

First	Riley Crawford (Gympie/Kilk)	172.08
Second	Timothy Riddle (North Arm)	169.07
Third	Grant Larsen (North Arm)	166.10
Fourth	Damien Tansley (Ipswich)	166.09
Fifth	John Kelly (Bacchus Marsh)	164.05

F Class Open

First	Dave Boreham (North Arm)	177.12
Second	Mick Franz (North Arm)	177.07
Third	Scott Mitchell (Bundaberg)	175.14
Fourth	Andrew Burns (North Arm)	174.13
Fifth	Steve Connolly (Bundaberg)	174.12

FTR

First	Frans Knox (Brisbane)	173.10
Second	Ron Millingen (Murwillumbah)	160.08

.303

First	Peter Richards (QMRC)	133.05
Second	Bob Bull (North Arm)	126.08



Brian Whalan, North Arm with Natives member Kim O'Loghlen

Fourth	Brian Pickles (Natives)	168.07
Fifth	Glenn Rush (Ipswich)	168.05

F Class Standard B

First	John Kelly (Bacchus Marsh)	168.03
Second	Timothy Riddle (North Arm)	167.02
Third	Timothy Pilcher (North Arm)	165.07
Fourth	Riley Crawford (Gympie/Kilk)	165.03
Fifth	Damien Tansley (Ipswich)	164.09

F Class Open

First	Dave Boreham (North Arm)	177.16
Second	Julie McEwan (Dalby/Tara)	176.16
Third	Jim Dunsmore (North Arm)	174.12
Fourth	Andrew Burns (North Arm)	174.10
Fifth	Graham Sells (Dalby/Tara)	174.08
Sixth	Tony Berry (Beaudesert)	173.10

FTR

First	Craig Pratt (Natives)	168.09
Second	Frans Knox (Brisbane)	165.10

.303

First	Peter Richards (QMRC)	137.09
Second	Bob Bull (North Arm)	115.02



Lilley District Rifle Association Prize Meeting

On Sunday, 84 competitors contested the Lilley District Rifle Association Prize Meeting conducted over 500 yards and two 600 yard ranges. Conditions were similar to Saturday and the variable wind had many shooters bewildered.

Badge-winning aggregate results for Lilley District's Sunday competition are:

A Grade

First	Colin Cole (North Arm)	148.16
Second	Rob Avery (Cessnock)	148.15
Third	Ash Bidgood (Crows Nest/Goomb)	147.16
Fourth	Shane Abood (Albert)	147.12
Fifth	Rod Prayle (Maryborough)	147.09
Sixth	Charles Arrowsmith (Biloela)	146.18

B Grade

First	Des Voght (North Arm)	148.10
Second	Alan Cronk (Murwillumbah)	146.12
Third	David Pippard (Murwillumbah)	145.09
Fourth	Bret Harling (Jandowae)	144.10
Fifth	Russell Saxby (Goondiwindi)	142.06
Sixth	Dennis Bidgood (C/Nest/Goomb)	140.07

C Grade

First	Jessica Crawford (Gympie/Kilk)	147.09
Second	David Nicol (Ipswich)	140.12

F Class Standard A

First	Denis Aarons (North Arm)	171.09
Second	David Brown (Crows Nest/Goomb)	171.05
Third	Anthony Harris (Murwillumbah)	170.15



Tim Pilcher North Arm, Dennis Brown, Crows Nest and John Kelly, North Arm



Lilly District Open winner Colin Cole, North Arm, with runner up Rob Avery, Cessnock

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The Lilley District Rifle Association Aggregate and Grand Aggregate prizes were presented by Lilley District patron and Member for Nicklin, Peter Wellington MP.

The Grand Aggregate results for the two days are:

A Grade

First	Ash Bidgood (Crows Nest/Goomb)	296.35
Second	Shane Abood (Albert)	295.26

B Grade

First	Alan Cronk (Murwillumbah)	293.25
Second	David Pippard (Murwillumbah)	289.18

C Grade

First	Jessica Crawford (Gympie/Kilk)	293.20
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F Class Standard A

First	Denis Aarons (North Arm)	346.26
Second	Glenn Rush (Ipswich)	337.11

F Class Standard B

First	Riley Crawford (Gympie/Kilk)	337.11
Second	Timothy Riddle (North Arm)	336.09

F Class Open

First	Dave Boreham (North Arm)	354.28
Second	Andrew Burns (North Arm)	348.23

FTR

First	Frans Knox (Brisbane)	338.20
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.303

First	Peter Richards (QMRC)	270.14
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Jessica Crawford won the Fairhill Nursery prize for Ladies' Grand Aggregate score.

The grocery hamper raffle was won by John Hinricks.

The North Arm Rifle Club and Lilley District Rifle Association sincerely wish to thank the competitors for attending and making this special weekend a success; the club members and supporters who work behind the scenes to run a very professional competition; the excellent team of markers; and all the sponsors.



North Arm club mates Denis Aarons and Dave Boreham who dominated F Standard and F Open competition respectively



Debbie Cain and Nikki Broom from Beaudesert who competed in F Open at North Arm



Jessica Crawford from Gympie-Kilkivan made a clean sweep of C Grade at North Arm



Peter Richards, QMRC, was among the .303 enthusiasts at North Arm



Frans Knox, Brisbane and Graham Sells, Dalby-Tara at North Arm

Ravenshoe/Mount Garnet Annual Prize Shoot

By Betta Gianasi, photos by Lorraine Mischlewski

Twenty-four shooters from Mossman to Bowen and the Tablelands gathered in Ravenshoe on Sunday October 1, 2017 for the Ravenshoe/Mt Garnet Rifle Club Annual Prize Meeting. The shoot was competed over three ranges: 500 yards and double 600 yards - all 10 shot matches.

The weather was pleasant with plenty of sun and particularly hot conditions for Ravenshoe for the time of the year. The day started with light winds at the 500 yards, but got more challenging at 600 yards, with heavy mirage settling as it became sunnier and hotter and with the wind progressively changing to moderate.

At 500 yards, Target Rifle Division 1 (TR1) was taken out by Bob Boulter (Atherton) with a possible score of 50.5; only one V bull over Mark Beecham (Mareeba). In Target Rifle Division 2 (TR2) Steve Durham (Mareeba) won the range with a score of 49.5. In F Standard the only possible was scored by Ross Harvey (Cairns) with a score of 60.5 in Division B (FSB), while John Lorimer (Townsville) won F Standard Division A (FSA) with a score of 59.2. In F Open Howard Simpson was pleased to have made



Target Rifle Division 1 winners - from left to right - Dudley Ford, Bob Boulter and Mark Beecham



From left to right - Ross Harvey, Steve Durham, Trevor Armstrong, Mark Beecham, Jim Blomfield and Betta Gianasi

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the journey all the way from Ayr, winning with a score of 60.7 by countback from Trevor Armstrong (Cairns). Jordan Drew (Cairns) won FTR with another possible and the highest F Class score of 60.8.

After smoko to refresh and refill (thanks to Sandy Wood's excellent cakes), it was the first 600 yards and by now the light winds had become more rapidly switching and the mirage started to nicely set in - just to remind the shooters that they were in Ravenshoe. Weather conditions did not seem to worry Mark Beecham or Dudley Ford (Mareeba) in TR1 with both scoring a possible 50.3 (the only possibles for the range) and victory went to Mark by countback. Gary Moss (Atherton) got the handle of it in TR2, scoring a 49.1 and leaving everybody else at least two points behind. FSA went to Jim Blomfield (Bowen) with a score of 58.3 and FSB to Ross Harvey with a score of 56.3. In F Open it was a tied score of 59.5 between Trevor Armstrong and Terry Sheedy (Townsville), with Trevor winning the countback this time. The same score of 59.5 was recorded by Betta Gianasi (Ravenshoe) who won FTR.

It was then time for everybody to have lunch and enjoy once again Sandy's catering; and let the conditions become a bit trickier before approaching the second 600 yards with more mirage and winds increased to moderate. In TR1, Bob Boulter won the range with a score of 49.5 but it was not enough to win the aggregate that went to Mark Beecham with a score of 148.10. In TR2, Steve Durham won the range with a score of 48.2 and comfortably won the aggregate with a score of 144.9. In FSA Murray Wilson (Ravenshoe) won the range by countback from Jim Blomfield with a score of 57.3 and kept the lead head to head with Jim, both finishing the aggregate with a score of 172.10. The FSA aggregate winner was therefore decided by a shoot off won by Jim Blomfield. In FSB, Harvey Ross made a habit of being first of the class, once again winning the range with a score of 57.2 and indisputably winning the aggregate with a score of 173.10, the highest in F Standard. In F Open, Peter Burg (Atherton) won the second 600 yards with a score of 59.6 but it was not



F Standard Division A winners - from left to right - John Lorimer, Jim Blomfield and Murray Wilson



F Open winners - from left to right - Terry Sheedy, Trevor Armstrong and Peter Burg



Target Rifle Division 2 winners - from left to right - Rick Mischlewski, Steve Durham and Gary Moss

enough to catch Trevor Armstrong who won the aggregate with a score of 177.15. In FTR Betta Gianasi won the range with a score of 58.2, which was one point enough to win the aggregate with a score of 173.10 to Jordan Drew.

Aggregate winners are shown in the Table below. For complete results go to: www.nraa.com.au/ravenshoe-t-garnet-rifle-club-prize-meeting-2017-nqld-results/

Aggregate scores of the winners of first, second and third place who received a wooden trophy made by the Ravenshoe Men Shed:

Target Rifle Division 1		
Mark Beecham	Mareeba	148.10
Bob Boulter	Atherton	147.13
Dudley Ford	Mareeba	142.8
Target Rifle Division 2		
Steve Durham	Mareeba	144.9
Gary Moss	Atherton	137.7
Rick Mischlewski	Mossman	135.8
F Standard Division A		
Jim Blomfield	Bowen-Collinsville	172.10
Murray Wilson	Ravenshoe	172.10
John Lorimer	Townsville	166.2
F Standard Division B		
Ross Harvey	Cairns	173.10
Ian Bruce	Townsville	161.3
Dennis Russell	Cairns	158.8
F Open		
Trevor Armstrong	Cairns	177.15
Terry Sheedy	Townsville	176.15
Peter Burg	Atherton	176.14
F/TR		
Betta Gianasi	Ravenshoe	173.10
Jordan Drew	Cairns	172.15
Garry Venables	Cairns	172.9

Thanks go to head Chef Sandy Wood and Rebecca and Ashley Langley who together took care of catering. Thanks also to Yvonne Burg for coming to Ravenshoe and preparing one of her great salads. We also thank all club members who helped to get the range into such a good condition and especially Paul Padgett who also undertook the very important job of Range Officer with very positive feedback.

Finally, the Club would like to thank Mark Beecham (C&IDRA President and NQRA Councillor) for presenting medals and prizes to the winners and Ravenshoe Hardware for their ongoing support of our Prize Meeting.



F Standard Division B winners - from left to right - Ian Bruce, Ross Harvey and Dennis Russell



FTR winners - from left to right - Jordan Drew, Betta Gianasi and Garry Venables



Club Captain John Anderson takes in Betta's last instructions before presentations



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	Thurs 17 May	Wilson Day 2: 700m, 800m & 900m x 10 shots
	Fri 18 May	Queens Day 1: 500m, 600m & 600m x 10 shots NQRA Champion of Champions: 600m x 15 shots Fraser Shield: 600m x 10 shots
	Sat 19 May	Queens Day 2: 700m, 800m & 900m x 10 shots NQRA Champion of Champions: 900m x 15 shots
	Sun 20 May	Queens Day 3: 800m & 900m x 10 shots

I agree to abide by all conditions that are or may be set for using the Hervey's Range Shooting Complex and camping thereon, and for the conduct of this meeting. I understand that Standard Shooting Rules are to apply throughout this meeting except where notified by the Chief Range Officer.

I certify that I am a current financial member of the NRAA Limited, and I understand that I must maintain that status to be eligible to compete in this meeting. I agree to submit evidence of my grading and of my NRAA affiliation, and my firearms licence for inspection as required by the promoting bodies of these events.

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Another First for Pinjar

By Anna Whittemore,
photographs by Ray Hurley

The City of Subiaco Rifle Club held its Prize Meeting on Sunday November 12, 2017. With just four weeks to prepare, Kerry Samuel took on the role of convener, and with the help of a number of fellow club members ran a very successful meet.



Garry Craigie Target Rifle Winner

Sixty four shooters came from as far as Esperance in the south and Chapman Valley in the north. The weather was hot, starting with an easterly breeze turning to the west in the afternoon.

The competition was over five, 10 shot ranges - easily done with the setup of Pinjar having three galleries side by side.

Target Rifle was won by Garry Craigie of Yarloop with 244.22, followed by Gary Carlsen of Albany 243.14 and Ian Syme from Dalwallinu 243.14. Division two in target rifle was won by Brad Whisson Subiaco with 240.18, followed by Cath Tuckey also Subiaco on 236.13 and S Sakich Mundaring third on 236.13.



Anna Whittemore FTR Winner

F Class Standard was won by the unstoppable Bill Hallam from Subiaco on 292.2. Next were G Doney Perth Fremantle 287.14 and L Lippie Geraldton Greenough 283.16. Division two was taken by D Alford Bassendean Bellevue 280.12, fellow club mate R Littlely 277.15 and with South Perth's R Hurst third on 275.13. F Open was won by new fullbore shooter Jason Rushton from Perth Fremantle with 295.24, followed by B Yates Busselton 287.16 and D Cole Yarloop 277.12.



Jason Rushton F Open winner

FTR was won by A Whittemore from Subiaco with 270.14. Next were N Mann Perth Fremantle 268.7, with fellow club mate D Bliss 257.7 third.

Club President Neil Carver welcomed all to the presentation, with one of his famous rhymes entitled Home, giving a bit of history of the Club and our move to Pinjar.

Tables groaned with the weight of food prepared by Steve and Gillian Tuckey and their band of willing helpers. The day started with breakfast, followed by morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea - all included in the very low entry fee of \$55.00. Thank you.



Bill Hallam F Class Standard Winner

To Kerry with his list of allocated jobs, to all his helpers, to RO's G Gribble and T and A Whittemore, the target party who brought in 35 targets, and Sarah and Helen doing the statistics - we thank you all.

For full range by range results please see the Results page on the NRAA website.

<https://www.nraa.com.au/city-of-subiaco-rifle-club-pm-results/>

Bathurst Annual Open Prize Meeting

By John Coghill, Photographs by Terry Howell

A new era for rifle shooting on Mount Panorama was born on Sunday October 22 with the first full electronic target competition held at the Bathurst Rifle Range for the Annual Open Prize Meeting for 2017.

The Club was very grateful to David Waters from Katoomba Rifle Club for supplying and managing additional targets to allow a full gallery of six Silver Mountain Targets for the two days of shooting. The results were brilliant, with the shoot completed inside seven hours without a problem and the 51 shooters left only to enjoy or lament their success or failure, with nature's forces the only influence on their efforts.

And nature in the form of a whirling, swinging breeze played with shooters all day. Starting in the morning, a gentle northerly breeze produced a fishtail which then dissipated and gradually swung 180 degrees from north to south through all points west of the range, increasing in strength as



The "black box with tablet"



General range view

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the day wore on. F class shooters seemed less comfortable, with only one possible all day. The target rifle group were on song with a total of eleven possibles over the three ranges.

Shooters from Sydney to Central Coast, Dubbo to Broken Hill and Junee to Canberra shared the winning spoils, with Mark Thurtell of the Lyndhurst Rifle Club taking out the Target Rifle A Grade Aggregate. The win was courtesy of two very strong possibles just ahead of Katherine Kent, also from the strong Lyndhurst Club.

Paul Simons (Canberra) took out the day's aggregate in Target Rifle B Grade and Michael Cubillo (Fashions Mount) in Target Rifle C. In the F Class divisions John Simons (Broken Hill) won F Standard A Grade, Ben Wright (Bathurst) F Standard B Grade, and Peter Duncan (West Wallsend) took out the F Open Aggregate.

The Central West was well represented among the winners in the 500 yard first stage, with Thurtell, Ian Barrett (Eugowra), Mike Cubillo, Daniel Galea (Narromine-Dubbo) and local Bathurst shooters Ben Wright and Jeff Eppleston, rounding out the winning divisions. Eppleston shot the only F Class possible of the day.

The first 600 yard range saw a remarkable last to first turnaround by Angus Martin from the Roseville Rifle Club, who topped Target Rifle A Grade with the only possible of the stage, all divisions included, whilst those that travelled furthest seemed to dominate the prize positions in the other grades. Paul Simmons (Canberra), Mike Cubillo, John Simons, Ben Wright, and Andrew Beavis (North Sydney) emerged victorious.

The defining second 600 saw Thurtell seal his win with his second possible, a 50.07, whilst Paul Simons also put his stamp on a win with a score of 49.04. Alan Reilly (Katoomba), who was busy all day assisting with the electronics, popped up with a Target Rifle C Grade win.



Presentation to Mark Buchanan



Presentation to Ben Wright F Standard B Grade winner



Graeme Bright (right) presenting Mark Thurtell with winning TRA prize



Presentation to Paul Simmons Target Rifle B Grade (Roger Northcott in background)



Presentation to Chris Schwebel Target Rifle A Grade



Presentation to Michael Cubillo Target Rifle C Grade



The mound

In F Class A Grade, competition was such that a different shooter won each range and this time Ralph Garlick (Lyndhurst) emerged triumphant. Bathurst Rifle Club members Colin Howell (F Standard B Grade) and Jeff Eppleston used their local knowledge to grab wins in the final stage.

The Rotary Club of Bathurst catered for the near 100 visitors without a single grizzle.

Full results and prize lists can be viewed on the NRAA website at: <https://www.nraa.com.au/bathurst-rifle-club-open-prize-meeting-2017-nsw-results/>



Presentation to John Simons F Standard A Grade



The mound



Presentation of prize money to Katherine Kent

Ninth Dragon Diesel Challenge

By Robert Chaffe, photos by Brian Houlihan

The Violet Town Shooting Complex was the site of the Ninth Dragon Diesel Challenge on Saturday October 14, 2017. The Deer Hunters narrowly took victory. The outstanding spring day was complemented by the fact that the notorious Violet Town wind that has recently plagued the East Central District Rifle shooters, took a holiday. The event attracted 40 participants from the Australian Deer Association, Euroa Clay Target Club, East Central District Rifle Association and adjacent rifle clubs, with each competing for recognition among their clubs as "top shots". A significant difference for this, the Ninth Challenge, was the strong female contingent from the hunters, including a guest appearance by the honourable Steph Ryan MLA Euroa and Deputy Leader of the Nationals, who joined in and shot a credible



The event was honoured by a visit by Euroa MLA Steph Ryan, a consistent advocate of participative sport in regional communities. Here she is competing in the 300 yards event where she achieved a creditable score of 21 points out of a possible 30 points. ADA committee member Andy Friedel (right foreground) assists, while in the background ADA's leading lady hunter Sarah Wynd (with the telescope on the tripod) from Euroa calls the adjustments to the point of aim as the wind varies.

21 out of 35 at 300 yards. The format for the event was modified

Launceston Annual Prize Meeting

By Des Flood

The Launceston VDC Rifle Club held its annual prize meeting at the Campbell Town rifle range on Saturday November 25, 2017. Overcast conditions and light drizzle did not impede the shooting, as it cleared late morning to be followed by light westerly winds during the afternoon.

The results were:

F Open	
Steve Clark	233.15
Gilbert Walker	231.14
Allan Routledge	230.18
George Crisp	230.11
Will Diprose	222.10
Alister Cameron	221.10
Jeremy Brown	DNF
F Standard	
Neville McKinnell	234.14
Stephen Tomassy	226.12

Phillip Oliver	225.9
Bruce Johnson	221.7
Brendon Hunt	219.10
Barry Gough	219.5
Gerald Upchurch	216.4
Derek Hadfield	215.6
Darryl Stebhens	207.5
Samuel Scheske	DNF
Sheryle Dolman	DNF

FTR

Paul Monaghan	209.8
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A Grade

John Hope	193.13
Mark Walters	191.4
Micheil Sweet	182.8

B Grade

Peter Evans	124.3
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C Grade

Roland Wastzl	182.6
Peter Hanniford	180.7

to reward those competitors who were true "all round" sportspersons, with events that represented the challenges of the Olympic Biathlon event (shooting off-hand at 100 yards distance), the Commonwealth Games target rifle event (shooting deliberately from the prone position at 300 yards distance) and the Olympic Trap Shooting event (shooting clay targets with a shotgun).

The day started well for the target shooters with Dave Wallace (ECDRA) taking both the 100 yard and 300 yard top score while the "Old Gnarly" .303 challenge went to Wally Dergacz (ADA). The 300 yard shoot marked the end of the rifle section and a chance to thank Rosco Davis for the excellent job he did in the butts. The scores showed that the Challenge could have gone either way at this point and it was time for lunch.

Lunch included the special treat for those choosing to try Richie Timms superb game sausages that were cooked to perfection by Geoff James. After lunch it was onto the final and deciding stage of the Dragon Diesel Challenge - the clay target round. Tony Rollick (ECTC)



Australian Deer Association member Wayne Stiff (left) accepts individual “best shot” perpetual trophy, and the Hunters v Target Shooters trophy on behalf of the ADA from Andy Friedel (right). This trophy sponsored by Dragon Diesel Mechanical Repairs is contested between the Australian Deer Association – Upper Goulburn Branch and the East Central District Rifle Association and Australian Clay Target Association – Euroa Club.

won this event in spectacular style by only missing one target.

With the shooting done it was time for a cuppa and a chat while the number crunchers tallied the scores. The team competition was decided by the average score of all shooters completing the three events, and after a full day of shooting the hunters’ average score was 54.3 and the target shooters 53.7. The difference was in the last round where only six broken clay targets across all the participants decided the event!

The individual winners were:

The grand aggregate: Wayne Stiff (ADA) 75/85, Matthew Frazer (ECDRA) 70/85

100 yards: Dave Wallace (ECDRA) 23/25, Bill Pemberton (ADA) 21/25

300 yards: Draw Dave Wallace (ECDRA) and Brian Houlihan (ECDRA) 30/30

“Old Gnarly” challenge (.303 rifle competition): Wally Dergacz (ADA visitor from Westernport Branch) 29/55, Graeme Kerr (ECDRA) 28/55

Clay targets: Tony Rohrlach (ECTC) 29/30, Rob Stackhouse (ECTC) 28/30

Andy Friedel (ADA) confirmed, as he distributed the Dragon Diesel trophies along with the special Clay Target trophy, that the event had been a great success. The event had again attracted active participation from both the hunters and the target shooters, improving skills, embedding safe practices and emphasising the special responsibilities of being a licensed shooter. Graeme Kerr (ECDRA)

responded by also acknowledging the significant contribution Andy Friedel had provided through weed control in preparation for the event and the advertising support from Ann Friedel Publishing.

Yes, the 10th Diesel Challenge will be contested in Autumn 2018 and you can be sure the competition will be even more intense as the target shooters try to regain the Dragon Diesel team trophy.



A highlight of the competition was the number of junior shooters competing in the event. Here Euroa Clay Target Club junior member, Ryan Mackrell tries his hand at the 100 yards rifle event under the watchful supervision of ECTC President Iain Towers (foreground) and ECDRA Range Officer Graeme Kerr (with orange vest).

ACT

14-18 ACT Open Championships Queens (Canberra)

NEW SOUTH WALES

January

7 Central West District Rifle Association OPM (Lyndhurst)
27 - 28 MDRA Festival of Sydney OPM 2 days (Anzac)

February

4 Blue Mountains DRA OPM (Lithgow)
17-18 Tumut Invitation (Tumut)

March

8-12 Tasmanian Open Championships Queens (Campbell Town)
10-11 NSW F Class Association TR, FTR, FOPEN F STD (Ungarie)
18 New England District Rifle Association OPM (Spring Ridge)
31-1-Apr Lyndhurst Rifle Club Easter OPM 2 Days (Lyndhurst)
31-1-Apr Inverell RSM Rifle Club Easter OPM 2 days (Anzac)

April

13-17 Victorian Open Championships Queens (Wellsford/Bendigo)
25 MDRA - Anzac Day OPM (Anzac)

May

2-6 South Australian Open Championships Queens (Lower Light)
6 Spring Ridge OPM (Spring Ridge)
7-8 National Veterans Team Event Teams (Lower Light)
16-20 NQRA Open Championships Queens (Townsville)
20 Riverina District Rifle Association OPM (Cootamundra)
20 Cessnock Rifle Club OPM (Cessnock)

June

7-11 NT Open Championships Queens (Darwin)
9-10 Wingham OPM 2 days (Wingham)
10 Eugowra OPM (Eugowra)
NRAA Championships Queens (Belmont)

July

1 West Wallsend OPM (Cessnock)
14-15 DRA Weekend including Country v City C of C, DRA TEAMS (Anzac)
16-20 Schools practice (Anzac)
21 All Schools Teams (Anzac)
22 Josephson Teams (Hornsby)

August

7-11 QRA Queens (Belmont)
19 Explorers Rifle Club OPM (Lockhart)
26 Narramine-Dubbo Rifle Club OPM (Narramine-Dubbo)

September

1-2 Ungarie Sweepstakes and OPM (Ungarie)
17-19 State Teams TR and U25 TEAMS (Pinjar WA)
21-28 West Australian Open Championships Queens (Pinjar WA)
29-30 Coonabarrabran Rifle Club OPM (Coonabarrabran)

October

1-6 Australian Match Rifle and Long Range Championships (Coonabarrabran)
3-7 NSWRA 142nd Open Championships Queens (Anzac)
7 Ultra long distance 1000yds - 1500yds Event (Coonabarrabran)
14 Cootamundra OPM (Cootamundra)
21 Gosford OPM (Kariong)
28 Bathurst OPM (Bathurst)

November

3-4 North Shore DRA 2 day OPM (Hornsby)
10-11 Coffs Harbour Rifle Club Field/Rimfire OPM (Dairyville)
14-18 ACT Open Championships Queens (Canberra)

December

2 Lithgow Rifle Club OPM (Lithgow)

QUEENSLAND

January

26-27 QRA Juniors - Australia Day Prize Meeting (Belmont)

February

10-11 Crows Nest-Goombungee Sweepstakes and PM

March

8-12 Tasmanian RA Llewellyn Series and Queen's Gattton Glenore Grove PM
11
30- 2 Apr Easter
[TBA] Central Qld Championships

April

4-15 Commonwealth Games * Belmont Ranges closed 25 Mar-16 Apr
15 North Arm .303
18-22 Victorian RA Syme and Queen's
28-29 QRA Champion of Champions and City v Country

May

2-6 South Australian RA Hunt and Queen's
5-7 Western District RA Muckadilla Shoot
5-6 Clermont Prize Shoot
7 May Day
16-20 NQRA Wilson and Queen's

19-20 Darling Downs DRA PM

June

2-3 Bundaberg-Burnett Rifle Club PM
7-11 NT Queen's
16-17 Natives Rifle Club PM
18-19 Ladies Teams Matches
20-21 NRAA President's Match
22-24 NRAA Queen's
[TBA] Darling Downs Rifle Club .303 Fromelles Shoot

July

7-8 Monto Sweepstake Shoot
15 Beaudesert Rifle Club PM
29 Ipswich & District Rifle Club PM

August

4 Brisbane Rifle Club PM
5 MDRA PM
7-8 QRA Duncan Series
9-11 QRA Queen's
18-19 Gemfields Rifle Club PM
25-26 Barcardine Rifle Club PM
31-2 Sept Goondiwindi Rifle Club PM

September

[TBA] NSW RA Lead-up & Queen's
21-28 WA Queens

October

1 Queen's Birthday (Wondai)
[TBA] South Burnett DRA PM
27 North Arm Rifle Club PM
28 Lilley DRA PM

November

14-18 Canberra Queens

December

[TBA] Darling Downs Rifle Club PM
8-9 Raglan Christmas Shoot

NORTH QUEENSLAND

February

25 Mareeba PM

March

24 - 25 Club Teams

May

12 Marian PM
12 - 13 MDTRA PM
15 TMRC PM
16 - 17 Wilson
18 - 2 Queens

July

14 - 15 Cairns PM
28 - 29 Pennants

September

1 - 2 Atherton PM

October

6 Herberton PM
7 Ravenshoe/Mt Garnet PM

November

3 C&IDRA PM
4 Mossman and District PM

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Feb

10-11 Tumbay Bay OPM (Tumbay Bay)

March

17-18 State Team Prac (Lower Light)

April

2 Match Rifle (Lower Light)
25 Father and Sons (Mt Barker)

May

2-3 Hunt (Lower Light)
4-6 Queens (Lower Light)
7-8 National Veterans Teams (Lower Light)
19-20 State Team Prac (Lower Light)

July

29 Match Rifle (Lower Light)

August

11-12 State Team Prac (Lower Light)
25-26 Match Rifle Champs (Lower Light)

VICTORIA

January

1 Port Campbell PM (Port Campbell)
14 No 11 DRA OPM (Werribee)
26 Australia Day Shoot (Castlemaine)

February

25 VRA Classic and Military Rifle State Championships (Wellsford)

March

1 Rosedale OPM Day 1 (Rosedale)
2 Rosedale OPM Day 2 (Rosedale)
11 Match 1 Victorian Precision Service Rifle Series (Castlemaine)
31 Ovens & Murray PM (Glenrowan)

April

1 Wangaratta PM (Glenrowan)
2 ECDRA PM (Violet Town)
13-14 VRA Syme (Wellsford)
15-17 VRA Queens (Wellsford)
25 Bacchus Marsh Anzac Day PM (Bacchus Marsh)

May

19 Shoot for Autism (Grantville)

June

24 Match 2 Victorian Precision Service Rifle Series (Castlemaine)

August

4 GV DRA PM (Karramomus)
5 Karramomus PM (Karramomus)
19 Match 3 Victorian Precision Service Rifle Series (Castlemaine)

September

22 Wodonga PM (Tallangatta)

November

18 Match 4 Victorian Precision Service Rifle Series (Castlemaine)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

TASMANIA

January

13 North West Prize Meeting 500/500/600 (Sheffield)
27 West Coast Prize Meeting 300/600/900 (Strahan)
28 Strahan West Coast Prize Meeting 600/300 (Strahan)

March

2 MR Practice from 1.00pm. (Campbell Town)
3 Tasmanian Match Rifle Champs 1000, 1100, 1200 (Campbell Town)
4 Tasmanian Match Rifle Champs 1000, 1100, 1200 (Campbell Town)
5 1500 Yards Championships 1,500 (Campbell Town)
8 Llewellyn Series 500, 600, 700, 800 (Campbell Town)
9 Llewellyn Series / 1000 Champs 900, 1000 : 1000 (Campbell Town)
10 Tas Queens PM Stage 1 500, 500, 600, 600 (Campbell Town)
11 Tas Queens PM Stage 2 700, 700, 800, 800 (Campbell Town)
12 Tas Queens PM Stage 3 900, 1000 (Campbell Town)
24 Sandford Prize Meeting 500/600/600 (Sandford)

April

7 Campbell Town Prize Meeting 500/600/900/1000 (Campbell Town)
28 Teams Match - Coached Pairs 900, 1000 (Campbell Town)

May

12 Palmerston Club Teams (long range) 800/900/1000 (Campbell Town)
26 TRA Long Range Prize Meeting 15 @ 900/1000 (Campbell Town)

Queens Series 2018

March 8-12 TAS Queens
April 8-22 VIC Queens
May 2-6 SA Queens
May 16-20 NQRA Queens
May 31- June 3....Alice Springs Open
June 7-11 NT Queens
August 7 - 11 QLD Queens
September 21-28WA Queens
November 14-18 ACT Queens

WA Queens

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North Arm Prize Meeting

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