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## Commonwealth Silver Medal to Jim Bailey

Congratulations to Jim Bailey on winning a silver medal in the individual fullbore shooting at the Commonwealth Games.

Gold went to David Luckman from England and Parag Patel from England was awarded the Bronze.

Ben Emms placed in ninth position.

A full article on the shooting events in the Commonwealth Games will be provided in the next edition - ATR 135.



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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.

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**ISSUE DEADLINES**

The deadlines for acceptance of copy for the next two issues are

(ATR 135) **May 11**  
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# Chairman's Message

The Ladies National Teams Championship will be conducted at Belmont in conjunction with the National Queens Series in June 2018. The Matches celebrate fifty years since the inaugural event. By then it is planned to invite participants from prior years at a dinner along with the Trophy Presentations.

In April the Commonwealth Games shooting events were competed for at Belmont with all types of shooting contested. Fullbore Target Rifle, Pistol, Clay Target, Smallbore and Air Rifle events were showcased. Ben Emms and Jim Bailey, Australia's representatives had been spending quite an amount of time practising at home, at Belmont and other places under the tutelage of the Team Coach, Stuart Collings. Wishing them the very best in their shooting, the results were Silver to Jim in the individual and a ninth placing to Ben. David Luckman from England took Gold and Parag Patel from England was awarded the Bronze. In the pairs the placings were taken by England, Wales and Scotland.

There are a significant number of Games volunteers who have assisted in the running of the events. The practical problem for the volunteers is just getting to the venue and returning home. It would seem that the bureaucrats have not actually gone outside their offices to see how the public transport system operates. The restrictions placed on travel are significant and a cause of major stress levels on the volunteers.

SARA will be hosting the National Veterans Teams Matches during the time of their own State Championships in May. Any State who still wishes to be a part of the competition will be able to enter should that be their desire.

As an extension of the normal functions of the NRAA, at the invitation of the Tasmanian Rifle Association, I attended a Council meeting in Launceston on Sunday 18 March. TRA is facing a difficult time of it and have done for a number of years now. The main areas of concern are membership not expanding, resulting in a strain on finances and administration; and the loss of rifle ranges around the State. Unfortunately, as in all State Associations there are members who pick faults in personnel and procedures with implications of incompetence and even fraud. This type of person should put their hand up to be part of Council and perhaps propose a solution to what they see as the problems. Should there be implications of fraud or missing funds, then provided there is sufficient evidence of the claim - take the matter to the Police to be followed up.

Shooting Australia has recommended that all types of shooting take part in a "Come and Try" day any time in May. Details of the event are to be found at your own State Association or at Shooting Australia. Take it up and register to make this a memorable occasion and a possibility of attracting additional members.

G R Duncan,  
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 excellent article describing ways in which clubs and associations can enhance their Prize Meetings, especially in terms of attendance, was submitted to me by Alan Patrick. Alan is a professional marketer and we all would do well to read his ideas with the aim of implementing them for your next event.”***  
**George Wittorff - NRAA Director Membership**

***“There is no such thing as a new idea. It is impossible. We simply take a lot of old ideas and put them into a sort of mental kaleidoscope. We give them a turn and they make new and curious combinations. We keep on turning and making new combinations indefinitely; but they are the same old pieces of coloured glass that have been in use through all the ages.” - Mark Twain***

If this is true then how does a rifle club, DRA, State or National sporting body deliver more members or increase participation by existing members when there are no new ideas. Of course, the answer is that we do as Twain says. “take a lot of old ideas and put them into a sort of kaleidoscope...and they make new and curious combinations”.

In the world of fashion, advertising and promotions, a casual observation by anyone over the age of 60, of which there are many target shooters, will know that with the new ideas of fashion whether it be wide ties, narrow ties, pointed toe shoes, mini skirts, long skirts, long hair or short hair, the cycles of trends repeat themselves. So why as a sport are we not applying the experience of past ideas to give them a turn and present them in a different and creative way to bring a new life to the sport?

One reason might be that change is something that takes effort and willingness to accept. But remember, change brings life and happiness. Remember what a pacemaker does for those who have them, or heart, lung and kidney transplants and antibiotics to name a few. These inventions and discoveries came about because the search for change and discovery to find why and then why not, were taken to a successful result - which I suspect has delivered many a shooter further time to enjoy their sport.

So, to help the sport rediscover old ideas and present them differently so more people participate in this sport, consider the list of what you can do to make successful change to your club:

1. Review your next prize meeting and consider what you are offering. If your numbers are the same each year, seriously consider changing what you are offering. Add a component to spice it up. It does not have to be a change to distance, no. of shots etc but how about mixing Target Rifle, F Classes or different club members together rather than the one club. This might well ensure there is a greater sharing of social and shooting experiences.
2. Review your graphics presentation of the event. My observations are that most clubs do not change their invitation except for the date; and colour almost seems an unknown concept.
3. Do not rely on broad advertising through existing channels such as Target Rifle Magazine and State websites. Continue using them but develop your data base to all clubs and your existing range membership. Ensure you repeat your advertising at least three times when initiated by your club or organising committee.
4. Consider your promotional strategy if you have one. Have you changed what you offer competitors in terms of prizes? Have you included a special teasing prize which is almost too good to believe but unless a person asks or comes to the event they will never know if it is real or not?
5. Give a gift to every person who participates and promote it in your flyer. But maybe don't say what it is. Make it a surprise. Make sure the gift is related to your event and those likely to attend. Remember you must consider all ages and all classes of participants. Consider giving prizes to non-participants such as family members who always are left out. Reflect on just who your target market is and who has influence over the decision to attend a prize meeting, if your objective is to get more people there. It might be a family, partner

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or business effect has as much influence as the competitor. All this helps make your place of sport be a welcoming and friendly place to visit.

6. Make sure the place you have your event at is presented in a welcoming, colourful and positive way. Ranges are usually mowed, tidied and made ready for BBQs, presentation and a drink after the event. But do you have a colourful welcome banner out? Do you have a welcome greeting group of people who are given the task of ensuring every attendee is made very welcome? Remember the last time you were given an unconditional greeting anywhere and what that made you feel and do. I bet you went back, or at least gave it a continued good wrap to those closest to you for some time afterwards.
7. When you have an event, make sure you gather the first and last name, mobile and landline number and address of each person. This is obvious but what do you do with this information after the event? Make sure you follow up with a quarterly email (or other timing as appropriate) with an informative flyer, bringing your activities and future invitations to them.

Make sure you implement a personal email campaign for the next event and give the potential participant an offer to encourage them to come.

Don't rely on the idea they came last time and they'll come again.

This says you care and are inviting to them to return and not just to the annual event. Your website, Facebook or direct email communication to participants is an essential vehicle of communication.

8. Change your offer at each event. The shooting might remain the same but the way you present it and the social activity offers after shooting activities, can and should change.
9. During the event, interview competitors and visitors. Use your phone to video the comments from people. Get their testimonials. Some clubs have done this and in regional parts the local newspaper and TV will take it up.
10. Ask a professional event, Public Relations or marketing person to help. They can make all the difference, even if there is a small cost. Offer them a day on the range if they are not a shooter.

When all ten to do's are implemented, you are guaranteed to increase your event participation numbers. This has been experienced by one DRA with over 30% participation increase in their prize meetings when creative, colourful and well communicated information was delivered to a wide potential audience.

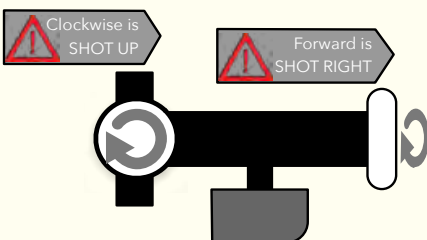
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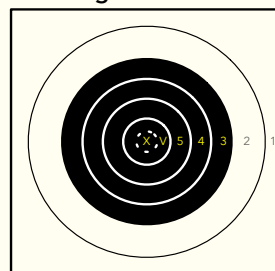
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|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Yards  | 4       | 4       | 5       | 5       | 6       | 6       | 8        |
| Meters | 5       | 5       | 6       | 6       | 8       | 9       |          |

#### Target Scoring



| Target | Target Rifle | F Class |
|--------|--------------|---------|
| X      | V            | X       |
| V      | V            | 6       |
| 5      | 5            | 5       |
| 4      | 4            | 4       |
| 3      | 3            | 3       |
| 2      | 2            | 2       |
| 1      | 1            | 1       |

| Yards to Meters | 3-300 | 4-400 | 5-500 | 6-600 | 7-700 | 8-800 |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                 | 0.5   | 0.5   | 1     | 1     | 2     | 3     |



# 121st Tasmanian Queens Prize

By Andrew Cowlrick,

Photos by Rodney Winwood

The 121st Tasmanian Queens Prize Meeting was held from March 8 - March 12, 2018 in almost perfect weather for the six ranges of the lead-up David Llewellyn Series and the ten ranges of the Queens. However, gentle variable winds were the norm, varying in both strength and direction with quite a few ranges involving fishtails from the north east to south east. The range faces directly south. This did create perhaps more issues for competitors than the strong westerly (3 o'clock) winds normally encountered, due to the rapidity with which changes were happening.

Entries were again down from the previous year, despite the return to the six range lead up. For competitors bringing handloads to compete in all the competitions, planning and coordination with other competitors



Tony, Michael and Sandi

coming from the mainland is suggested in order to freight reloads across Bass Strait at a reasonable cost (information is available on the TRA website).

Our SMT targets were again used throughout the prize meeting and again performed exceptionally well. An issue identified is that the tablets may be hard to read due to the ever-present sun in the northern sky facing directly onto them. This is something that the Association is working to correct with more shade. More and more competitors are using their own tablets etc, which are usually of better screen brightness and quality than the Association can afford!

The David Llewellyn Series was shot over the six ranges of 500, 600, 700, 800, 900 and 1,000 yards in very settled and calm conditions.

## Llewellyn Aggregate Results

| A Grade |                  |                    |        |
|---------|------------------|--------------------|--------|
| 1       | Anthony McGuigan | Mosman/NBay NSW    | 297.27 |
| 2       | Nicholas Cock    | Bathurst NSW       | 293.29 |
| 3       | Eric Christie    | Townsville Qld     | 290.32 |
| 4       | Graham Aitchison | Canberra ACT       | 289.31 |
| 5       | David Rich       | Kaniva Vic         | 283.20 |
| 6       | Vivian Hunt      | C.Q.T.S. Qld       | 282.20 |
| 7       | Kevin Schwebel   | Holsworthy NSW     | 280.18 |
| 8       | Mark Walters     | Launceston VDC Tas | 278.16 |
| 9       | Peter Maher      | Lilydale Vic       | 277.27 |
| 10      | Neil Harris      | Brisbane Qld       | 277.14 |
| B Grade |                  |                    |        |
| 1       | Sandi Moore      | Mosman Neutral NSW | 280.16 |
| 2       | David Phippard   | Murwillumbah NSW   | 272.15 |



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The Scots College shooters

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|---|--------------|---------------------|--------|
| 3 | Thomas McRae | Mount Gambier SA    | 264.14 |
| 4 | John Hope    | Tas NthWest TRC Tas | 264.09 |

**C Grade**

|   |                 |                    |        |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|--------|
| 1 | Phillip West    | DarwinNT           | 253.09 |
| 2 | John Cooper     | Mosman Neutral NSW | 248.08 |
| 3 | Peter Hannaford | Launceston VDC Tas | 247.10 |

**F Class Open**

|   |                |                    |        |
|---|----------------|--------------------|--------|
| 1 | Terry Sheedy   | Townsville Qld     | 349.19 |
| 2 | Stephen Clark  | Launceston VDC Tas | 334.15 |
| 3 | Gilbert Walker | Launceston VDC Tas | 329.13 |

**F Class Standard A Grade**

|   |                   |                   |        |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 1 | Darryl Stehbens   | Smithton Tas      | 332.17 |
| 2 | Neville McKinnell | Campbell Town Tas | 329.15 |
| 3 | Robert Chiswell   | Werribee Vic      | 318.11 |
| 4 | Brendon Hunt      | Sandford Tas      | 314.04 |
| 5 | Phillip Oliver    | Sandford Tas      | 307.11 |

**F Class Standard B Grade**

|   |                 |              |        |
|---|-----------------|--------------|--------|
| 1 | Gerald Upchurch | Sandford Tas | 300.08 |
|---|-----------------|--------------|--------|

**FTR**

|   |                 |                    |        |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|--------|
| 1 | David Dalrymple | Launceston VDC Tas | 300.09 |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|--------|

On Saturday March 10, the first day of the Queens Badge competition again dawned fine and mild, but with developing light and highly variable winds.

The Monday morning and the final two ranges of 900 and 1,000 yards saw a return to some of the weather normally associated with this time of the year, with





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a cool and brisk southerly. The A Grade Target Rifle winner of the Queens was Michael Millen (Mosman Neutral Bay, NSW) on 488.44, from the 2017 winner, Peter Maher (Lilydale, Vic), on 482.44.

The F Class Standard A Queens Aggregate was won by Robert Pedersen (Wodonga) with 577.44 from Neville McKinnell (Campbell Town, Tas) on 566.27.

The F Class Standard B Queens Aggregate was won by Gerald Upchurch (Sandford, TAS) on 503.08 from Derek Hadfield (Devonport Latrobe, TAS) on 495.12.

The C Grade Target Rifle Queens Aggregate (Target Rifle C Grade had the biggest entry in the QPM) - was this year won by Archie Horton (The Scots College, Sydney) on 450.18, followed by Axel Melkonian also from The Scots College on 448.16.

The B Grade Target Rifle Queens Aggregate was won by Sandi Moore (Mosman Neutral Bay, NSW) on 470.36, from David Phippard (Murwillumbah, NSW) on 464.16.

The F Open competition was won by Terry Sheedy (Townsville, QLD) on 574.41 followed by Stephen Clark (Launceston VDC) on 571.26.

**Queens Aggregate**

| <b>A Grade</b> |                |                        |        |
|----------------|----------------|------------------------|--------|
| 1              | Michael Millen | Mosman-Neutral Bay NSW | 488.44 |



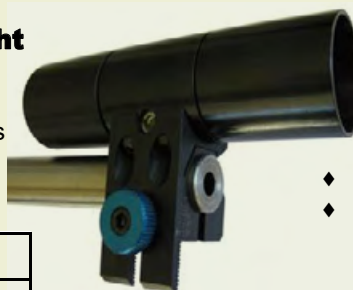
*The number one badge*

|   |                  |                 |        |
|---|------------------|-----------------|--------|
| 2 | Peter Maher      | Lilydale Vic    | 482.44 |
| 3 | Anthony McGuigan | Mosman/NBay NSW | 482.41 |
| 4 | Eric Christie    | Townsville Qld  | 481.43 |



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Anthony McGuigan winner of the Llewellyn lead up



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|    |                  |                    |        |
|----|------------------|--------------------|--------|
| 5  | Nicholas Cock    | Bathurst NSW       | 479.42 |
| 6  | David Rich       | Kaniva Vic         | 475.38 |
| 7  | Graham Aitchison | Canberra ACT       | 475.32 |
| 8  | Mark Walters     | Launceston VDC Tas | 474.32 |
| 9  | Vivian Hunt      | C.Q.T.S. Qld       | 474.29 |
| 10 | Kevin Schwebel   | Holsworthy NSW     | 468.32 |
| 11 | Neil Harris      | Brisbane Qld       | 465.32 |
| 12 | Micheil Sweet    | Sandford Tas       | 463.25 |
| 13 | Sue Schwebel     | Mosman-Neutral NSW | 460.29 |
| 14 | Ian Griffiths    | Grafton RC NSW     | 451.16 |
| 15 | Bill Barry       | Holsworthy NSW     | 440.22 |

**B Grade**

|   |                |                        |        |
|---|----------------|------------------------|--------|
| 1 | Sandi Moore    | Mosman Neutral Bay NSW | 470.36 |
| 2 | David Phippard | Murwillumbah NSW       | 464.16 |
| 3 | Graham Kelly   | Coonabarabran RC NSW   | 462.28 |
| 4 | Thomas McRae   | Mount Gambier SA       | 455.21 |
| 5 | John Hope      | Tas NorthWest Tas      | 448.20 |
| 6 | Roland Watzl   | Sandford Tas           | 437.22 |

**C Grade**

|    |                    |                       |        |
|----|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| 1  | Archie Horton      | The Scots College NSW | 450.18 |
| 2  | Axel Melkonian     | The Scots College NSW | 448.16 |
| 3  | George Cheney      | The Scots College NSW | 444.26 |
| 4  | Phillip West       | Darwin NT             | 439.15 |
| 5  | Wyatt Melkonian    | The Scots College NSW | 437.17 |
| 6  | Yves Platt         | The Scots College NSW | 433.15 |
| 7  | Peter Hannaford    | Launceston VDC Tas    | 432.17 |
| 8  | Yanni Hall         | The Scots College NSW | 422.16 |
| 9  | John Cooper        | Mosman Neutral NSW    | 422.13 |
| 10 | Matthew Fung       | The Scots College NSW | 420.13 |
| 11 | Jack Jefferson     | The Scots College NSW | 419.17 |
| 12 | Alec McLeod        | The Scots College NSW | 413.12 |
| 13 | Harry Clyne        | The Scots College NSW | 389.06 |
| 14 | William Carruthers | The Scots College NSW | 378.08 |
| 15 | Janice Baker       | Coonabarabran RC NSW  | 336.05 |
| 16 | Thomas Browning    | The Scots College NSW | 328.08 |

|    |               |                       |        |
|----|---------------|-----------------------|--------|
| 17 | Thomas Reilly | The Scots College NSW | 326.06 |
|----|---------------|-----------------------|--------|

**F Class Open**

|   |                 |                        |        |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|--------|
| 1 | Terry Sheedy    | Townsville Qld         | 574.41 |
| 2 | Stephen Clark   | Launceston VDC Tas     | 571.26 |
| 3 | Alister Larmour | Birchip Rifle Club Vic | 567.36 |
| 4 | Gilbert Walker  | Launceston VDC Tas     | 559.19 |

**F Class Standard A Grade**

|   |                   |                    |        |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|--------|
| 1 | Bob Pedersen      | Wodonga Vic        | 577.44 |
| 2 | Neville McKinnell | Campbell Town Tas  | 566.27 |
| 3 | Phillip Oliver    | Sandford Tas       | 559.25 |
| 4 | Robert Chiswell   | Werribee Rifle Vic | 525.14 |
| 5 | Darryl Stehbens   | Smithton Tas       | 523.15 |
| 6 | Brendon Hunt      | Sandford Tas       | 515.17 |

**F Class Standard B Grade**

|   |                 |                       |        |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | Gerald Upchurch | Sandford Tas          | 503.08 |
| 2 | Derek Hadfield  | Devonport Latrobe Tas | 495.12 |

**FTR**

|   |                 |                       |        |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | Indy Cooney     | The Scots College NSW | 417.01 |
| 2 | Myles Rodriguez | The Scots College NSW | 391.03 |

Indi Cooney (The Scots College, Sydney) won the FTR Queens Aggregate competition with a score of 417.01 from Myles Rodriguez also from The Scots College on 391.03.

**Grand Championship Aggregate 2018**

**A Grade Llewellyn + Queens**

|   |                  |                         |        |
|---|------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 1 | Anthony McGuigan | Mosman/NBay NSW         | 779.68 |
| 2 | Nicholas Cock    | Bathurst NSW            | 772.71 |
| 3 | Eric Christie    | Townsville Marksmen Qld | 771.75 |
| 4 | Graham Aitchison | Canberra ACT            | 764.63 |
| 5 | Peter Maher      | Lilydale Vic            | 759.71 |





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Across the mound

|    |                |                    |        |
|----|----------------|--------------------|--------|
| 6  | David Rich     | Kaniva Vic         | 758.58 |
| 7  | Vivian Hunt    | C.Q.T.S. Qld       | 756.49 |
| 8  | Mark Walters   | Launceston VDC Tas | 752.48 |
| 9  | Kevin Schwebel | Holsworthy NSW     | 748.50 |
| 10 | Neil Harris    | Brisbane Qld       | 742.46 |

**B Grade Llewellyn + Queens**

|   |                |                        |        |
|---|----------------|------------------------|--------|
| 1 | Sandi Moore    | Mosman Neutral Bay NSW | 750.52 |
| 2 | David Phippard | Murwillumbah NSW       | 736.31 |
| 3 | Thomas McRae   | Mount Gambier SA       | 719.35 |
| 4 | John Hope      | Tas NorthWest TRC Tas  | 712.29 |

**C Grade Llewellyn + Queens**

|   |                 |                        |        |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|--------|
| 1 | Phillip West    | Darwin NT              | 692.24 |
| 2 | Peter Hannaford | Launceston VDC Tas     | 679.27 |
| 3 | John Cooper     | Mosman Neutral Bay NSW | 670.21 |

**F Class Open Llewellyn + Queens**

|   |              |                         |        |
|---|--------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 1 | Terry Sheedy | Townsville Marksman Qld | 923.60 |
|---|--------------|-------------------------|--------|

|   |                |                    |        |
|---|----------------|--------------------|--------|
| 2 | Stephen Clark  | Launceston VDC Tas | 905.41 |
| 3 | Gilbert Walker | Launceston VDC Tas | 888.32 |

**F Class Standard A Grade Llewellyn + Queens**

|   |                   |                         |        |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 1 | Neville McKinnell | Campbell Town Tas       | 895.42 |
| 2 | Phillip Oliver    | Sandford Tas            | 866.36 |
| 3 | Darryl Stehbens   | Smithton Tas            | 855.32 |
| 4 | Robert Chiswell   | Werribee Rifle Club Vic | 843.25 |
| 5 | Brendon Hunt      | Sandford Tas            | 829.21 |

**F Class Standard B Grade Llewellyn + Queens Aggregate**

|   |                 |              |        |
|---|-----------------|--------------|--------|
| 1 | Gerald Upchurch | Sandford Tas | 803.16 |
|---|-----------------|--------------|--------|

The Association welcomed to the presentation Mr David Llewellyn who presented the Queens badges. The Tasmanian Rifle Association is looking forward to seeing all our old friends and new competitors in March 2019, when we will again be running a five day competition, including a six range lead-up with the ten range Queens.



Sunrise on the last day



# 1000 Yard Championships

Article and photos by Rodney Winwood

The 1000 yard Championship Match was fired after the presentations had finished for the David Llewellyn Series. With at times quite strong and tricky winds to contend with, making for an interesting afternoon of shooting, the match attracted 21 shooters for the 15 shot event.

In A Grade, first place went to Graham Aitchison of



Kevin scoring



Lining up



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Having a snooze

Canberra with 73-05; second was Anthony McGuigan Mosman/Neutral Bay on 70-03; followed by Ian Griffiths of Grafton Rifle Club with 67-04, Peter Maher Lilydale 66-05, Mark Walters VDC 64-02, David Rich Kaniva 63-01, Nick Cock Bathurst Rifle Club, 62-01, Kevin Schwebel Holsworthy 59-02 and Michael Sweet from Sandford with 51-01.

In Target Rifle B Grade, Sandi Moore from Mosman Neutral Bay was first with 57-01 and Tony McRae of Mount Gambier was next with 48-01.

In Target Rifle C Grade, John Cooper from Mosman Neutral Bay finished ahead on 54-02, followed by Phillip West of Darwin on 46-01.

The winner in F Standard A Grade was Neville McKinnell with a score of 75-0. Next was Bob Pedersen from Wodonga scoring 71-00, then Darryl Stebens 64-00, Robert Chiswell Werribee 61-00 and Phillip Oliver 59-00.

In F Class, F Open was won by Stephen Clark with 79-01, with Terry Sheedy from Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club next on 76-03, followed by Gil Walker with a score of 74-02.



Michael Sweet



Three almost wise men



The Griffon



All over



# Tasmanian Match Rifle

Article and photos by Rodney Winwood

The Tasmanian Match Rifle Championships were held on March 3 and March 4, 2018 at the Campbell Town Rifle Range. We had a good turn up of 16 shooters competing from Tasmania, Victoria, ACT, SA, NSW and from Townsville, Queensland.

All were 15 shot matches on day one, starting at 1000 yards. The weather was fine with a light breeze going across the range. By days end all shooters had to work hard for their scores.

In Match Rifle Open at 1000 yards, Peter Maher from Victoria was top with 75-08, next was Paul Monaghan from Tasmania on 74-09. In Match Rifle Reserve, David Rich was the victor with 74-06, next was Mark Walters of Tasmania on 73-07. In F Open Long Range, Terry Sheedy from Townsville Marksman, Queensland was top with 89 followed on 80 by Neville McKinnell. One shooter in FTR was Alan Routledge, who recorded a score of 78.



Rob Halloran, runner up in Match Rifle Open



Paul Monaghan the Winner

Back to 1100 yards, the breeze was starting to pick up and the scores slightly dropped on average. In Match Rifle Open Shaun Wingrove was in good form with 73-06, next was Barry Southern on 72-05. In Match Rifle Reserve Steve Clarke was on top with 70-05, with Mark Walters next on 70-03. In F Open Long Range Terry was top again with 76, Neville next on 71. In FTR Alan scored 65.

After the dinner break it was back to 1200 yards and in Match Rifle Open Robert Halloran was top with 69-02 and next on 68-03 was Shaun Wingrove. In Match Rifle Reserve Steve Clark was ahead with 66-02, David Rich followed with 62-02. In F Open Long Range Terry was top again with 74, Neville next on 62 and in FTR Alan shot a 68.

The first day aggregate winner in Match Rifle Open was



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All the Champions



Barry Southern



David Rich



Peter Maher



Paul and John





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Shaun Wingrove on 215-14, followed by: Peter Halloran 214-13, Paul Monaghan 213-14, Peter Maher 210-15, Shane Courtney 210-11, Barry Southern 209-16, Philip Bain 204-13 Peter Rix 198-07 and Chris Halloran 191-11. In Match Rifle Reserve aggregate winners were: Steve Clarke 209-10, Mark Walters 204-11, David Rich 198-10 and Gilbert Walker 184-03. In F Open Long Range success went to Terry Sheedy 239 followed by Neville McKinnell 213. In FTR Alan Routledge recorded an aggregate score of 211.

Day Two saw much better shooting conditions, with just a gentle breeze across the range. There were two 15 shot matches and one 20 shot match at 1200 yards. At the first range in Match Rifle Open, Paul Monaghan was in good form with 75-11 and next was Shane Courtney with 75-08. In Match Rifle Reserve, Steve Clarke was on top again with a good 74-07 and also on 74.07 was Mark. In F Open Long Range Terry was top with 84, followed by Neville with 79. FTR Alan scored 69.

Back to 1100 yards in Match Rifle Open, Paul was top shooter again with 74-05 and in second place was Shaun Wingrove on 72-07. In Match Rifle Reserve Mark was top with 70-05 and next was Steve with 70-03. In F Long Range Neville was first with 81; Terry next with 79 and in FTR Alan recorded 75.



*Neville and his flies*

In the 20 shot match at 1200 yards, in Match Rifle Open Paul again was in great form carding 94-06, followed on 93-04 by Paul Halloran. In Match Rifle Reserve David was top shooter with 89-04 and Mark was next with 88-01. In F Open Long range, Terry shot



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The shooters

a 105, with Neville next on 97. In FTR Alan shot 92.

In the second day aggregate scores, Match Rifle Open Paul Monaghan was first with 243-22, followed by: Robert Halloran 239-16, Shane Courtney 237-19,



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Mark scoring



Philip Bain



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Philip Bain 234-15, Shaun Wingrove 233-16, Chris Halloran 231-14, Peter Maher 231-13, Peter Rix 231-08 and Barry Southern 229-12. In Match Rifle Reserve Mark Walters was the winner with 232-13, then Steve Clarke 228-12, David Rich 222-13 and Gil Walker 218-10. In F Open Long Range, Terry Sheedy was first 268 and Neville McKinnell second with 257. In FTR Alan Routledge scored 236.

All that was left to do was add up the Grand Aggregate and hand out the trophies and badges. In Match Rifle Open Paul Monaghan was the overall winner with a grand score of 456-36. Next were: Robert Halloran 453-29, Shaun Wingrove 448-30, Shane Courtney 447-30, Peter Maher 441-28, Philip Bain 438-28, Barry Southern 438-28, Peter Rix 429-15 and Chris Halloran 422-25. In Match Rifle Reserve Steve Clarke was the winner with 437-22, followed by Mark Walters 436-24, David Rich 420-23 and Gil Walker 422-13. In F Open Long Range, Terry Sheedy was top shooter with 507, Neville next with 470 and in FTR Alan Routledge was 447.

All up, a great weekend of shooting was had by all. There was a little bit of wind, no rain, good food thanks to Nolene and some good marking as well.



*Alan Routledge*



*David Rich*



*In the club house*



*Mirage on the targets*





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*Paul Monaghan*



*Paul getting ready to shoot*



*Gil and Neville*



*Peter Rix*



*Three Tasi's*



# 1500 Yard Match Rifle

Article and photos by Rodney Winwood

With the Match Rifle finished for yet another year, it was time for the boys to have a crack at 1500 yards. The mound is situated behind the club house, which can't be seen as it is way below the line of fire and well out of the safety zone.

With an early start, eleven shooters geared up for a top day of shooting. The flags were hanging down the poles at the start of competition but after the first detail, the wind started to have a flick and the point of aim was on the move. The match was a 15 shot competition, which was fired three times, making quite a long day of shooting for all the shooters and markers.

In Match Rifle Open, Paul Monaghan, still in great form after the weekend, fired a 71-02 with Philip Bain next



First shot



The range



What a great view



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with 67-01. Long Range F Open had one shooter Terry Sheedy from Townsville MRC, who scored 76. In Long Range FTR Alan Routledge recorded 50. The next 15 were fired with Paul again top with 61-01 and next on 60-01 was Chris Halloran. In Long Range F Open Terry Sheedy shot a 67 and in Long Range FTR Alan shot a 38.

After dinner it was round three and again Paul was way out in front. His score of 62-04 was the only one to crack the 60 mark. Next was Philip Bain with 55-00. Terry Sheedy shot a 60, giving him an aggregate score of 203. Alan shot a 44 which gave him an aggregate score of 132. In the Match Rifle Open Aggregate, Paul Monaghan finished off a great three days of shooting, taking out both shoots. His aggregate was 194-07, next was Mark Walters with 170-03, David Rich 169-03, Philip Bain 168-01, Peter Maher 161-02, Robert Halloran 154-04, Gil Walker 153-05, Chris Halloran 150-05 and Steve Clarke Ret 79-03.

Congratulations go to Paul for winning the Merton Vale 1,500 Yards Championships. To the scorers and Andrew and Nolene for the office and catering work, we thank you for your great work.



*Terry Sheedy*



*Steve assesses the situation*



*Alan shooting off the bench*



*Gil lines up*



*David ready to shoot*



*Chris Halloran takes aim*





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That far out



The targets way out there



Peter Maher and David Rich



Rob Halloran



Terry and Alan



Chris Halloran



The Merton Vale Trophy



About to start



# Match Rifle in Australia - Commemorating 25 Years

By James Freebairn and Susan Weisser

The 2018 Australian Match Rifle and Long Range F Class Championships to be held in Coonabarabran (NSW) in October this year, will mark 25 years of National Match Rifle competition in Australia.

The first Australian Match Rifle Championships were held at the Woomera Rifle Range in South Australia from October 6-9, 1993 with 36 hardy Australians and two brave Englishmen lining up for the competition.

Below, James Freebairn (founding President and Honorary Life Member of the Australian Match Rifle Association), shares his memories of this inaugural competition.

"It was held on the Woomera Rifle Club range, which is on the former Australian Woomera Rocket Research facility, about 20 kilometres North West of the town on the original 'G Range' of the rocket era. Leftover buildings of use were the Mess Hall, showers and toilets, as well as a shed suitable for target making and storage. The aspect of the range was east to west which caused problems about mid-afternoon when the sun shone directly into sights and spotting scopes. Shooting was planned to be over for the day by then.

The range is situated on a piece of flat desert country with gibbers, small salt bush and no trees. Tony Hoare (AMRA Hon. Life Member) and helpers were able



Shooting at 1200 yards



At the TRA Match Rifle Championships in 2014, Philip Bain reloads

to have the range enlarged from the original four targets up to 1000 yards, to 10 targets up to 1200 yards. Among the 40 or so competitors were NRAA Chairman, Alistair McPherson; Deputy Chairman, Colin Kuchel; Philip Saul (a back-gunner), who at the time was Treasurer of NRAGB; and Michael Davis (also from England) who was a front-gunner and the only shooter with a telescopic sight.

Alistair McPherson, on behalf of NRAA, welcomed everybody and then fired the opening shot.

The three classes of competitors included Open Match Rifle under the same rules as present, with shooters using bullets such as 185gn Berger, 155gn Sierra, 168gn Sierra and others. Suitable projectiles were not readily available, so whatever could be obtained was used. Reserve grade had the same rules as Open Match Rifle but was restricted to Australian B and C graders. B Class was for those shooting ADI 144gn bullets, which was standard for Target Rifle shooting at the time.



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International Match Rifle - Both Teams April 2010

The desert wind that blows from the north and then from the south, usually vigorously, created havoc several times.

**Day 1:** a light North Wester,

**Day 2:** a solid North Wester out to 20 minutes with Berger 185gn and much more with ADI 144's. An extra target was put up to allow all competitors the opportunity to aim off an extra 12 feet, as many of the iron sights wouldn't turn far enough.

**Day 3:** a very strong North Wester (and hot). Shooting was abandoned halfway through the first range (1200 yards) because conditions in the pit were not safe, with targets breaking. Michael Davis came off the mound and said "that is enough wind, I am convinced".

**Day 4:** came with a solid southerly in which 1000 yards and 1100 yards were completed, but at 1200 yards nobody could get a hit, even with lots of help from the markers. So, that range was reshot at 1000 yards.

No matter the conditions, we had winners - Match Rifle Open: Peter Robinson (Canberra Rifle Club, ACT); Match Rifle Reserve: Trevor Haythorpe (Adelaide Rifle Club, SA.); Class B Geoff Ayling (Metropolitan Rifle Club, SA).

After the individual matches, the inaugural Freebairn Teams of four competition was shot. This should have been at 1200 yards, but because of the rude weather was pruned to 10 shots to count with two sighters and fired at 1000 yards. The winning team was Reg Rowlands, Bill Martin, Peter Robinson and Geoff Ayling.

When the shooting was done, the competition was completed with the presentation dinner at the Woomera Hotel where the woes of the previous days were talked about or forgotten, but the congenial company was enjoyed. During the evening the markers and Stan Edwards (NRAA Chief Range Officer at the time) wrote

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a poem relevant to this shoot, which was presented to the gathering and received with much hilarity.

From this event, Match Rifle in Australia has grown to where there are now State Championships held annually in five States - Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales, Tasmania and Queensland - in addition to the National Championships. These provide high level competition throughout the year for long range enthusiasts.

In 1997, the first International Match Rifle competition was held in Australia with Great Britain sending a team to Tasmania to compete against Australia for the inaugural Woomera Trophy. The 8th Woomera Trophy competition between Australia and Great Britain is coming up in 2019 with a 16-person Australian Match Rifle Team heading for Bisley in the United Kingdom in July next year.

In 1997, the inaugural State Teams event for Match Rifle, the Rowland's Trophy (four shooters over three ranges), was also introduced and this was followed by the introduction in 2008 of the Maloney State Match Rifle Team Trophy (four shooters, no sighters at 1200 yards). In 2011, the Mincham Aggregate Trophy was introduced as the aggregate trophy for the Rowlands and Maloney event. The donors of these trophies, Reg Rowlands, Ken Maloney and Graham Mincham, were all competitors in the inaugural 1993 competition and strong supporters of the development of Match Rifle shooting in Australia.

In 2000, Long Range F Class was introduced to the National Championships held in Queensland with Ken Larkin, John Skinner and Andrew Larkin being the inaugural F Open competitors in the Nationals. In 2013, the first State Teams competition for long range F Open was held and in the same year the individual competition was expanded to include long range FTR.

### Australian Match Rifle Open Champions

|             |                |               |        |           |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|--------|-----------|
| <b>1993</b> | Peter Robinson | ACT           | 473.18 | 8 ranges  |
| <b>1995</b> | John Myles     | NT            | 701.37 | 10 ranges |
| <b>1997</b> | John Pugsley   | Great Britain | 597.61 | 9 ranges  |





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In November 2017, Match Rifle Open Badge Winners were (left to right) – Paul Monaghan, Shaun Wingrove, Chris Halloran, Lew Horwood, Peter Maher, Philip Bain, Shane Courtney

|             |                       |               |        |           |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------|-----------|
| <b>1998</b> | David Bullen          | ACT           | 743.61 | 10 ranges |
| <b>2000</b> | Kerod Lindley         | QLD           | 729.40 | 10 ranges |
| <b>2002</b> | Adrian Abbott         | NSW           | 754.81 | 10 ranges |
| <b>2003</b> | Greg Warriar          | WA            | 672.35 | 9 ranges  |
| <b>2004</b> | Stuart Collings       | Great Britain | 693.37 |           |
| <b>2006</b> | John Kielly           | QLD           | 742.38 | 10 ranges |
| <b>2007</b> | John Kielly           | QLD           | 749.38 | 10 ranges |
| <b>2008</b> | Lew Horwood           | VIC           | 761.67 | 10 ranges |
| <b>2010</b> | Graham Mincham        | SA            | 755.61 | 10 ranges |
| <b>2011</b> | Peter Hill            | QLD           | 722.41 | 10 ranges |
| <b>2013</b> | John Kielly           | QLD           | 758.57 | 10 ranges |
| <b>2014</b> | Philip Bain           | NSW           | 733.50 | 10 ranges |
| <b>2016</b> | Alex Cargill Thompson | Great Britain | 761.70 | 10 ranges |
| <b>2017</b> | Philip Bain           | NSW           | 759.68 | 10 ranges |
| <b>2018</b> | Will this be you? -   |               |        |           |

Talking to some of those early match rifle competitors it is obvious how much the sport's equipment, skills and knowledge base has developed over the past 25 years. Compared with the 1993 shooters using their standard target rifle (13" twist with peep sights), today's Match Rifle shooters are generally using a 9 or 10" twist barrel with 20+ power telescopic sights. From the old stuffed chaff bag being used as a rest for the front hand, there are now a wide variety of front rests in use - from the simple to the sophisticated - but suffice to say, anything that can provide a level of stability and some height adjustment will get you started.

The discussion on best bullet weight and projectiles to use back to 1200 yards is still being debated for hours! Generally though, most are using upwards of 210 or 215 gr projectiles with a powder combination to give velocities of > 2650fps muzzle velocity.

One of the major positives coming from match rifle shooting is improved wind reading. Practicing at distances back to 1200 and even 1500 yards, hones wind reading skills like nothing else! As shooters 25 years ago quickly discovered, even small wind changes at these distances can easily take you off target. Whilst

the 1993 event was shot in some pretty 'atrocious' conditions, other years at other venues have been equally challenging (we all know what Campbell Town and Lower Light can blow like) yet overall scores show how the shooting standard is steadily improving.

The next Australian Match Rifle and Long Range F Class Championships will be held at Coonabarabran in October 2018 with the Individual event going from October 2-5 and teams events held on October 5 and 6. Further details are available through the Match Rifle website at [www.matchrifle.org](http://www.matchrifle.org)



Willy Schaffner - 2015 winner in Match Rifle Open



One of the match rifles 2016



# Crows Nest Goombungee

By Dennis Bidgood

Crows Nest-Goombungee and District Rifle Club Inc. 28th Prize Meeting was held at the Bill Dukes Rifle Range on Sunday February 11 and the Sweepstakes was conducted on Saturday 10th.

Another year and another hot February weekend to endure, but thanks to the ample shade covers provided by the Crows Nest/Highfields Heritage Community Bank, one of our major sponsors, all competitors and visitors at the 500 yard firing mound were protected from the sun.

This year was the first time Silver Mountain Electronic Targets (SMET) have been used for the Prize Shoot and thanks to the Gatton and Goondiwindi Rifle Clubs SMET's combined with ours, they were a success after overcoming a minor hiccup on one target on Saturday. There are four clubs within the Darling Downs Rifle Association that use SMET's each week and all have agreed to share them at their respective Prize Shoots. Competitors unfamiliar with the SMET's did not take long to become familiar with the monitors



Crows Nest range

and scoring process on the tablets. Electronic Targets are obviously becoming the norm these days, and our Butts Officer Max Bidgood and his Marker Team are relieved especially after marking targets in 40 degree heat last year. Sunday's shoot finished at 3:30pm, which was one hour earlier than previous years, so it's thumbs up here for ET's in the future.

The Saturday afternoon Sweepstakes Shoot over 2 x 10 shot matches at 500 yards attracted 57 entries in low to mid 30 degree heat combined with a flukey L-R 1-3 minute breeze.

North Arm shooter Colin Cole mastered the conditions with a perfect score of 100.8 to win TR A Grade from local Ash Bidgood with 99.10. In TR B Grade, another perfect score of 100.8 was posted by Gympie-Kilkivan shooter Bob Crawford from daughter Jessica with 97.6.

FSA was won by Clermont's Margy Kerlin with 116.7 in a count back from North Arm's Denis Aarons, also with 116.7. FSB was taken out by North Arm's Bob Bull with 113.5 from Clermont shooter Paul Kerlin with 112.7.

F Open was won by Peter Broom from Beaudesert with 119.9 from Goondiwindi's Lowell Tillack on 117.10. Our Captain Shawn Birch won FTR with 108.4 from Russell Saxby from Goondiwindi on 99.0.

Saturday night's meal was spit roasted pork done by our range neighbour and prepared with veggies and salads followed by a variety of sweets thanks to our hard-working ladies in the kitchen.

On Sunday we woke to a sunny day with a prediction of around 35 degrees and little to no wind; the temperature was about right but shooters were confronted with wind strength varying from 15 minutes throughout the day. Seventy Entries were received and proceedings got underway at 8:00am at 600 yards.

Range winners were: TR A Grade, Rod Prayle, Maryborough 50.7; TR B Grade, Jessica Crawford, Gympie-Kilkivan 50.4; TR C Grade, Catherine Jones, Beaudesert 45.2; FSA Margy Kerlin, Clermont 59.3; FSB Craig Clark, Gatton Glenore Grove 58.2; FO Julie McEwan, Dalby-Tara 59.3; FTR Franz Knox,



Ron Millengen from Murwillumbah keeping cool





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Brisbane 60.3.

Moving to the 500 yard mound by 10:15am, and by then appreciating the shade covers, firing got underway after the bullseye change on the targets. Range winners were: TR A Nick Abraham, Grafton 50.7; TR B Bob Crawford, Gympie-Kilkivan 50.4; TRC Catherine Jones Beadesert 41.2; FSA Tim Riddle, North Arm 59.3; FSB Neil Austin, Crows Nest-Goombungee 56.5; FO Peter Broom, Beadesert 60.3; FTR Les Pedersen, Darling Downs 56.4.

The second 500 yards got underway after a short break during which time our reliable ladies in the kitchen ensured everyone kept up their sustenance. Range winners: TRA John Gilliland, Crows Nest Goombungee 50.6; TRB Des Voght, North Arm 49.6; TRC Catherine



Shooting gets underway at Crows Nest



L-R Ray O'Neil, Chris Tyler, Max Bidgood, Crows Nest-G and Jim Breeze Darling Downs

Jones, Beadesert 46.1; FSA Norm Cross, Gemfields 58.4; FSB Ron Millingen, Murwillumbah 58.4, FO David Brown, Crows Nest-Goombungee 60.6; FTR Frans Knox, Brisbane 60.2.

Presentations commenced by Captain Shawn Birch presenting long term Member Rick Vlietstra with a Life Membership. Patron Cr Paul Antonio, Mayor, Toowoomba Regional Council, presented

the days Aggregates: TR A Grade Colin Cole North Arm 150.12; TR B Bob Crawford, Gympie-Kilkivan 146.9, TR C Catherine Jones, Beadesert 132.5; FSA Margy Kerlin, Clermont, 174.9, FSB Neil Austin, Crows Nest-Goombungee 166.9; FO Peter Broom, Beadesert 177.11; FTR Frans Knox, Brisbane 174.5.

Grand Aggregate Prizes were presented by Aimee Skaines,

Manager Heritage Community Bank Crows Nest-Highfields. TR A Colin Cole, North Arm 250.20; TR B Bob Crawford, Gympie-Kilkivan 247.17; FSA Margy Kerlin, Clermont 290.16; FSB Craig Clark, Gatten Glenore Grove 276.14; FO Peter Broom, Beadesert 275.13; FTR Shawn Birch, Crows Nest-Goombungee 263.6.

The Benchmark Barrel, jointly sponsored by Grenfell Armouring Service and Heritage Community Bank, was won by Anthony Harris, Murwillumbah Rifle Club. The complete list of the CNGRC Prize Shoot Scores is available on the NRAA Website.



Brian Pickles and Shawn Birch





QUEENSLAND RIFLE ASSOCIATION INC.

BELMONT SHOOTING COMPLEX, BRISBANE

# 128<sup>th</sup> QUEENS PRIZE MEETING

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

### August 7-11, 2018



### Queens Badges

**30 A Grade, 10 B Grade, 3 C Grade**

**7 F Class Std A, 6 F Class Std B, 7 F Open, 7 F/TR**

**DUNCAN BADGES - GRAND AGGREGATE BADGES**

**EARLY BIRD INCENTIVE**

Submit your entry form for the Queens Series before July 31 to receive a \$30.00 discount.  
To receive discount, competitors may submit Entry Form before July 31 and pay when collecting cards

### INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

*The QRA Board reserves the right to alter the Programme,  
Badges and Prize Money according to entries.*

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**Closing date for entries: Duncan, 1 pm, August 6; Queen's 1 pm August 8.**  
**Entries will not be accepted after closing times.**

**Electronic Targets:** The Duncan and Queen's will be conducted using electronic targets.

**Duncan and Queens Prize Money:** Those entering the 'Open' category in the Duncan and Queens Series will earn prize money according to their aggregate position. Those entering the 'Trophies Only' category in the Duncan and Queens Series are not eligible to receive prize money.

**Squadding:** Competitors' target allocation and shooting position will be available when cards are collected.

**Accommodation Bookings:** All accommodation including powered and unpowered sites must be booked by contacting the QRA Office on (07) 3398 4309 or email to [qra@qldrifle.com](mailto:qra@qldrifle.com)

**Caravan Hire:** QRA does not arrange caravan hire. Entrants must contact hire agents directly.

**Catering:** Meals, snacks and drinks available on Belmont Complex at QRA Bar and Cafe.

# NOMINATION FORM/ACCOMMODATION REQUEST

OFFICE USE ONLY Chq/Auth  Date Received ..... / ..... / 2018 Date Paid ..... / ..... / 2018  
 Amount \$  Invoice

QUEENSLAND RIFLE ASSOCIATION INC.  
**128th QUEENS PRIZE MEETING**  
**POST TO:**  
**PO Box 38, CARINA, Qld 4152**  
 Email: qra@qldrifle.com  
 Ph: 07 3398 4309 Fax 07 3395 2777

Surname .....  
(Block Letters Please)  
 Given names .....  
 Phone (.....) .....  
 Address .....  
 .....  
 State ..... Postcode .....  
 Email .....  
 Club .....

**COMPULSORY:** Entry will not be accepted if not completed

NRAA SID .....

Licence No. ....  
*Competitors must sign below*

I certify that I am eligible for the categories as indicated below at the time of entry.

I understand and accept the Conditions of Entry.

Competitor Signature .....

Please tick relevant boxes below

Grade  **A**  **B**  **C**  **FO**  **FSA**  **FSB**  **F/TR**

**Veteran**  **Lady**  **Under 25**

**Left Handed** Request squadding with other left handers.

**Do you intend to shoot from a bench**   
 (Letter of exemption must be produced)

Make all Cheques & Postal Orders payable to:  
**Queensland Rifle Association Inc.**

Charge mv  Mastercard  Visa

No.

Expiry date: ..... / ..... \$ .....

Name of Card holder: .....

Signature: .....

**ENTRY NUMBER**  Office Only

**Duncan Series (All Grades) August 7-8**  
 (Entries will not be accepted after 1 pm, August 6)

Entry - Open \$ 120.00

- Trophy only \$ 90.00

- .303 Trophy only \$ 90.00

**Queens Series (All Grades) August 9,10,11**  
 (Entries will not be accepted after 1 pm, August 8)

Entry - Open \$ 160.00

- Trophy only \$ 115.00

(Entry Fees listed above are inclusive of "Early Bird" discount)

Entries received AFTER July 31 (early discount ends), Add \$30.

**+\$30.00**

**Charges for Pre-Booked Accommodation**

Please confirm accommodation/van site availability with QRA Ph: (07) 3398 4309 Email: qra@qldrifle.com  
**QRA Members 10% discount on accommodation**

Arrival Date ..... Departure Date .....

| Daily Rate               | Non Members | QRA Members |                      |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Powered caravan site     | \$20.00     | (\$16.00)   | <input type="text"/> |
| Powered tent site        | \$20.00     | (\$16.00)   | <input type="text"/> |
| Unpowered caravan site   | \$13.00     | (\$10.00)   | <input type="text"/> |
| Unpowered tent site      | \$13.00     | (\$10.00)   | <input type="text"/> |
| Chalets                  | \$120.00    | (\$108.00)  | <input type="text"/> |
| Family Unit              | \$90.00     | (\$81.00)   | <input type="text"/> |
| Motel Unit               | \$75.00     | (\$67.50)   | <input type="text"/> |
| Double Suite             | \$60.00     | (\$54.00)   | <input type="text"/> |
| Bunk Rooms (per person)  | \$22.00     | (\$19.80)   | <input type="text"/> |
| Dormitories (per person) | \$18.00     | (\$16.20)   | <input type="text"/> |

**TOTAL CHARGES** \$



# CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

**QUEENSLAND WEAPONS ACT:** Persons in possession of firearms must have (and carry at all times) a current firearms licence or 'Visitors Licence' issued by their State or Territory authority. Storage of, or transportation of firearms must be in accordance with the Queensland 'Weapons Act 1990' at all times.

Each competitor MUST sign the Range Register, which is on the first scorecard of the day, each day before they commence their shoot.

**AMMUNITION:** Loaded ammunition and hand loads in accordance with Standard Shooting Rules must be used in all matches.

**MUZZLE ENERGY:** It is the Competitor's responsibility to ensure muzzle energy of ammunition used does not exceed 3500 foot pounds (4742.5 joules).

**Ammunition & Stores:** Ammunition and Stores will be available from the Q Store 30 minutes before shooting commences. The QRA is not permitted to buy back any unused ammunition that was purchased from the Q Store.

**Zero Range:** The 25 yard zero range will be available from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. daily.

**GRADING:** As per NRAA Standard Shooting Rules for Australian Rifle Clubs as amended - 2018. ALL entrants must produce their Firearms Licence on request.

**F Class Standard Grading:** F Class Standard competitors will be graded according to NRAA Grading Rules. The QRA reserves the right to split all entries in F class Standard into two equal numbers in each grade if considered necessary.

**Range Matches:** Shoot offs will not be conducted for individual range awards for the Duncan and Queens range matches. First position in each class will be awarded to all shooters who achieve an equal highest score after count back according to Standard Shooting Rules.

**Double Ranges:** When a single distance is contested twice consecutively either prior to or after the lunch break, then squads will remain on the same target for both matches but there will be a short break between them. Shooters will advance up the board as with other ranges.

**Shooting Benches:** Competitors are allowed to shoot off a shooting bench provided they produce an exemption from their state shooting authority. All competitors will be allocated the same target.

**Medals:** When there are fewer than five shooters in a grade or category, a gold medal only will be awarded, with extra medals determined by entries.

# PROGRAMME

| DATE                      | ACTIVITY  | LOCATION        | START TIME |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------|------------|
| <b>Saturday August 4</b>  |   |                 |            |
|                           | Brisbane Rifle Club Prize Meeting   | Duncan Range    | 8.00 am    |
| <b>Sunday August 5</b>    |   |                 |            |
|                           | MDRA Prize Meeting  | Duncan Range    | 8.00 am    |
| <b>Monday August 6</b>    |   |                 |            |
|                           | Archer Trophy & F Class Challenge<br>(Entry Form on QRA website <a href="http://www.qldrifle.com/queens/queens-2018">www.qldrifle.com/queens/queens-2018</a> ). | Duncan Range    | 1.30 pm    |
| <b>Tuesday August 7</b>   |   |                 |            |
|                           | Duncan Series (300, 500, 600 & 600 yards)   | Duncan Range    | 8.00 am    |
|                           | Daily Presentations   | QRA Club        | 5.00 pm    |
|                           | Council Meeting   | Jim Rush Centre | 6.00 pm    |
| <b>Wednesday August 8</b> |   |                 |            |
|                           | Duncan Series (900 & 1000 yards)  | Duncan Range    | 8.00 am    |
|                           | Duncan Club Teams Match (4 Shooters)  | Duncan Range    | 1.00 pm    |
|                           | F Class Standards State of Origin Teams Match   | Duncan Range    | 1.00 pm    |
|                           | F Class Open State of Origin Teams Match  | Duncan Range    | 2.30 pm    |
|                           | Zillman DRA Teams   | Duncan Range    | 2.30 pm    |
|                           | Daily Presentations   | QRA Club        | 5.00 pm    |
| <b>Thursday August 9</b>  |   |                 |            |
|                           | Queens Series - Day 1 (300, 500, 600 & 600 yards)   | Duncan Range    | 8.00 am    |
|                           | Daily Presentations   | QRA Club        | 5.00 pm    |
| <b>Friday August 10</b>   |   |                 |            |
|                           | Queens Series - Day 2 (500, 800, 900 & 900 yards)   | Duncan Range    | 8.00 am    |
|                           | Daily Presentations   | QRA Club        | 5.00 pm    |
| <b>Saturday August 11</b> |   |                 |            |
|                           | Queens Series - Day 3 (900 & 1000 yards)  | Duncan Range    | 8.00 am    |
|                           | Daily Presentations   | QRA Club        | 1.30 pm    |
|                           | Queen's Presentation  | QRA Club        | 2.00 pm    |



# SWDRA Easter Prize Meeting

By George Wittorff

Sixty shooters and their families converged on the Coolilup Range over the Easter Long weekend to compete in the SWDRA's annual Easter prize meeting.

The South West DRA's program is considered unique in that three separate competitions are conducted simultaneously, with the historic Coolilup Cup being contested over 300, 500 and 600 metres on the Friday; the SWDRA Open Championship on Saturday and Sunday; and with the Service Rifle Championship straddling the Friday and Saturday shoot to incorporate the 300 - 600 metre matches.

Clear blue skies blessed the entire weekend and the daily temperatures were ideal for comfort. Each day presented shooters with a steady and strengthening southerly breeze which, while predominately from the left, had a tendency to fishtail, ensuring shooters needed to keep a sharp weather-eye out, especially at the longer ranges.

The South West's preparation of the range, with significant assistance from the resident caretaker, Barry Griffiths, resulted in a picture perfect sight with manicured green mounds framing seven fully furnished electronic targets that had been renovated and proven for accuracy prior to the competition.

The result was a smooth running meeting, devoid of any queries or complaints regarding the reliability of the scores gained. CRO Wayne Oldfield's management of the meeting in general and any issue that arose with equipment failure or a procedural issue was handled in an efficient and totally professional manner.

## The Coolilup Cup

The Coolilup Cup is a one-day competition, fired over 300, 500 and 600 metres. The winner of the main event, the Target Rifle Coolilup Cup was John Moore, taking off the honours for the third time and in this case, for a consecutive win.

Dennis Blechynden took out



John Moore Target Rifle - Coolilup Cup winner

F Standard honours, while Bob Kinnear won the F Open. FTR newcomer George Wittorff received the badge for that division.

## Service Rifle Championship

Eleven Service Rifle enthusiasts gathered to shoot for the SWDRA's Service Rifle Championship. This competition was over two days with the day one's course of fire being

over 300, 500 and 600 metres and day two consisting of 300, 400, 500 and 600 metres. All competitors in this category are passionate about the discipline in general, and their beloved service firearms in particular.

As in past years Busselton's Jack





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Nixon showed good form, running out overall winner. He was seriously challenged on day two by fellow clubmate Julian Davey, who top scored on the day.

**SWDRA Open Prize Meeting**

The main event of the weekend, the SWDRA's Open Championship was contested over two days, and over seven ranges - 300 to 900 metres. The standard of the competition was high over day one which consisted of the 'shorts'. Leonora's John Moore, fresh from his win in the Coolilup Cup the previous day was the leading target rifle shooter, taking the daily aggregate honours on a count back from Subiaco's Peter Watkins. Both marksmen scored 197.16.

The F Standard top score was achieved by Boddington's Mahlon Reid with a score of 228.11. F Open's daily aggregate winner was Brett Bunyan from Boddington with a score of 236.17 while Bunbury's George Wittorff won the two-man competition in FTR with a score of 210.7.

Day two proved to be more of the same weather-wise, with a mainly left wind breeze, punctuated with the occasional fishtail.

The daily honours for day two went to Manjimup's Mick Forsberg, who scored 148.20, followed closely by Paul Watkins of Chapman Valley, six "V" Bulls behind and Mark



Dennis Blechy F Standard winner - Coolilup Cup

Milentis a further two "V"s down. F Standard belonged to Subiaco's Cathy Keogh who blitzed the field with a 177.11, seven points clear of second placed Dennis Blechynden.

F Open was won by Brett Bunyan on 177.17, two points clear of Busselton's Brad Day and FTR was taken off by Albany's Gavin Hathaway.

When the final results were tallied, the winners were:

| <b>Target Rifle:</b> |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Mick Forsberg        | 344.36 |
| Mark Milentis        | 344.25 |
| Paul Watkins         | 341.29 |
| John Moore           | 341.27 |

Shayne McDonald 337.25

**F Standard:**

Cathy Keogh 401.21  
Mahlon Reid

**F Open:**

Brett Bunyan 413.34  
Bill Hallam

**South West DRA Easter Prize Meeting: Coolilup Range: 2018**

**Coolilup Cup: Target Rifle:** Div 1: John Moore 149.14: Div 2: P Joyce 145.7

**F Standard:** Div 1: D Blechynden 174.8: Div 2: N Cunningham 166.8

**F Open:** B Kinnear



Bob Kinnear Coolilup Cup F Open winner

**FTR:** G Wittorff 155.1.

**Service Rifle 2 Day 300,400,500, 600m:**

J Nixon 278.5  
J Davey 265.4  
R Davis 232.0

**SWDRA Prize Meeting:**

**Day 1 Aggregate:**

**Target Rifle:** Div 1: J Moore 197.16; P Watkins 197.16; M Forsberg 196.16: Div 2: G Turner 191.9; K Sue 189.14; B Whisson 187.11: Div 3: T Schlink 192.12; C Dods 191.16; K Lidgard 189.13

**F Standard:** Div 1: M Reid 228.11; N Carver 228.9; D Littlely 224.11: Div 2: F Nielson 215.9; A Dhu 214.7; R Lidgard 213.8

**F Open:** B Bunyan 236.17; B



Jack Nixon and Julian Davey - service rifle winner and runners up





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Hallam 233.16; B Day 229.13

**FTR:** G Wittorff 210.7:

**Day 2 Aggregate:**

**Target Rifle:** Div 1: M Forsberg 148.20; Paul Watkins 148.14; M Milentis 148.12: Div 2: B Whisson 142.5; A Trease 141.8; K Sue 138.13: Div 3: P Joyce 142.8; T Schlink 139.11; S Sakich 139.5

**F Standard:** Div 1: C Keogh 177.11. D Blechynden 170.15; M Reid 169.9: Div 2: A Dhu 165.11; R Lydiate 163.6; F Nielson 163.4

**F Open:** B Bunyan 177.17; B Day 175.16; S Stoffels 173.12

**FTR:** G Hathaway 162.8:

**Grand Aggregate:**



*Aggregate F Standard No 1 - Cathy Keogh*



*Caretaker Barry Griffiths receives his presentation*



*F Class Trio Graham Oates Brad Day and Shaun Stoffels*

**Target Rifle:** Div 1; M Forsberg 344.36 (Open Badge No1); M Milentis 344.25 (Open Badge No2); Paul Watkins 341.29 (Open Badge No3); J Moore 341.27 (Open Badge No4); S McDonald 337.25 (Open Badge No5): Div 2: B Whisson 329.16; K Sue 327.27; A Trease 322.15; Div 3: T Schlink 331.23; P Joyce 329.25; C Dods 324.26

**F Standard:** Div 1: C Keogh 401.21; M Reid 397.20; N carver 396.18; Div 2: A Dhu 379.18; F Nielson 378.13; R Lydiate 376.14

**F Open:** B Bunyan 413.34; B Hallam 405.27; B Day 404.29

**FTR:** G Hathaway 368.16.

Two acknowledgements also took place at the presentations. A gift from the SWDRA was presented to our retiring caretakers of 12



*George Wittorff receives his 50 Years Certificate in recognition of his service*



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years, Barry and Janelle Griffiths. Barry and Janelle's contribution to the SWDRA over their tenure has been significant. The top class presentation of the range, the condition of the mounds, the excellent relationship we have enjoyed with the Department of Defence and other users of the range are in the main due to their care of our facilities and their ability to communicate and deal with the various organisations and individuals over the years. The presentation was underscored with loud applause.

In addition, Bunbury member George Wittorff was presented with his 50 Years Membership Certificate. Bunbury President and club mate Keith Sadler read a citation that outlined George's significant contribution to the sport over the years.



*Aggregate Target Rifle winner Mick Fosberg - presenter Nola Marino MP and SWDRA Patron*



*Service Shooters*



*Aggregate F Open No 1 - Brett Bunyan*



*FTR winner Gavin Hathaway*



# **NORTHAMPTON RIFLE CLUB**

**110th ANNIVERSARY SHOOT  
2018 ANNUAL PRIZE MEETING  
15th and 16th SEPTEMBER**

Saturday: 2 x 500yds 10 shots-12.30pm start.  
Sunday: 2 x 300yds 10 shots-8.30am start.  
2 x 600yds 10 shots.

Complimentary Badge to each entry, TR, FS, FTR. Entry Fee \$75  
Cloth Badges to Winners of each Division. Trophy's First Three of each Division.

Free Campiing on Range. Hot Showers available on Range.

All Meals provided to Entrants & Sponsors. Others \$5.00.

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Simon Drage: Mobile 0429 341 159



# Ovens and Murray DRA OPM and Wangaratta Rifle Club OPM

Article by Matt Powell and Paul Diffey,  
Photos by Rohan Baker.

Bright sunny skies and light winds opened the Easter weekend's two days of competition at the Glenrowan Rifle Range in North East Victoria for the 103rd No. 6 Ovens and Murray DRA and Wangaratta Rifle Club open prize meetings on March 31 and April 1, 2018.

On Easter Saturday, 77 shooters from across Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales took to the range for two 500 yard 10 shot matches and a 600 yard 15 shot match. The competition was held on a combination of Hexa electronic and manual targets. There was an excellent display of shooting skills with 11 possible scores from the Target Rifle competitors and 21 from the F Class competitors across the three ranges for the day.

The first 500 yard range, held in gentle early morning conditions saw range winners in Target Rifle A Grade (TRA) Michelle Fletcher 50.8, Target Rifle B Grade (TRB) Peter Kelley 50.5, Target Rifle C Grade (TRC) Brian McKenna 48.2, F Class Standard A Grade (FSA) Trevor Rhodes 60.7, F Class Standard B (FSB) Alex Brown 60.5, F Class Open (FO) Robert Bant 60.7 and F Class Target Rifle (FTR) Michael Hall 60.9.

With the wind and mirage conditions picking up for the second 500 yard range of the day, the winners in each class were TRA Brett Thurtell 50.6, TRB Peter Daldy 49.5, TRC Brian McKenna 48.3, FSA Alan Fuge 60.6, FSB Alex Brown 60.4, FO Phil Jonker 60.7 and FTR Michael Hall 60.5.

With scores close and the quality of competition strong across all classes, this left just the 15 shot 600 yard range to sort out the day. As anticipated, after a hotly contested first two ranges of competition, the 15 shot 600 yard range brought



*Peter Maher Wangaratta OPM Winner*

out some of the best in each of the competitors. Winners for the third range were TRA Brett Thurtell 74.7, TRB Doug George 75.8, TRC Brian McKenna 70.4, FSA Colin Firth 89.6, FSB Warwick Sides 85.6, FO Paul Deehan 89.7 and FTR Liam Hall 88.7.

With the three matches completed it was time to tally up the scores and declare the day's winners.

In Target Rifle A Grade, Brett Thurtell from the Wodonga Rifle Club once again proved himself a specialist at the Glenrowan Rifle Range, finishing with a score of 174.17, dropping only a single shot for the entire day. In Target Rifle B

Grade, an excellent final range saw Doug George of the Wangaratta Rifle Club winning the first day's competition with a score of 169.15. In Target Rifle C Grade, Bruce McKenna from Moe City Rifle Club had a big day out, winning all three matches and finishing the day with a score of 169.15.

In F Class, F Standard A saw a three-way tie between Trevor Rhodes, Bob Pederson and Alan Fuge who all finished with a score of 206.16. This led to a shoot off between the three competitors to determine the places taken on the





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Wangaratta OPM and 2 Day Aggregate Winners

Hexa Electronic Targets. Trevor Rhodes was the eventual winner of the shoot off despite cross firing a super centre onto Bob's target with one of his sighters.

In F Standard B Grade, David Wallace from the East Central DRA finished strongly to win the grade with a score of 203.14. F Open saw Paul Deehan from Corryong Rifle Club win with a strong third range with a score of 209.18 and in FTR it was Liam Hall finishing well to out shoot his dad for top honours on the day with an aggregate score of 207.17.

There was strong showing from both juniors and veterans on Easter Saturday with Blade Lacey from Maryborough Rifle Club winning with seventh overall in Target Rifle B Grade with a score of 162.11. Alex Brown won top junior in F Standard B Grade, finishing third overall in his grade with a score of 201.10. Liam Hall not only won the day as top FTR shooter, but

also top junior for his class with his excellent score of 207.17. The hotly contested veteran shooter winner for Target Rifle was Shepparton/Nathalia Rifle Club Len Hayes, finishing seventh in Target Rifle A Grade with a score of 170.14 and in F Class it was Wangaratta Rifle Club's own Phil Jonker, finishing fifth in F Open with a score of 205.18.

Easter Sunday greeted the range with more early morning sunshine and 64 keen and enthusiastic participants ready to tackle the three 10 shot matches at ranges of 300, 500 and 600 metres. As per the OMDRA competition the day before, competition was held on a combination of Hexa electronic and manual targets with competitors eager to see if the Easter bunny would bring them joy or whether the April fool was going to spoil their day.

The excellent display of rifle skills continued on Easter Sunday with

another 11 possible scores from the Target Rifle competitors and 18 from the F Class competitors across the three ranges for the day.

In this day and age many fullbore rifle shooters have a view that the shorter ranges are easier with today's modern equipment and advancements in ballistic technology. The 300 metre range was to show that you can never underestimate any range in a prize meeting, especially on the first of April.

The range proved difficult to read for some, whether it was the hard to read the breeze or early morning moisture in the air, with eventual range winners of: TRA Gayle Sewell 50.7, TRB Blade Lacey 50.8, TRC Chris Livingston 47.2, FSA Dean Moore 60.7, FSB Brendan Powell 59.6, FO Phil Jonker 60.4 and FTR Michael Hall 60.6.





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With winds still light but increasing and conditions starting to turn overcast, the second range at 500 metres was won by: TRA Peter Maher 50.6, TRB Greg Cavanagh 50.8, TRC Gary Mull 45.2, FSA Jenny Davies 60.7, FSB Brendan Powell 60.4, FO Michelle Giddens 60.8 and FTR Liam Hall 60.4.

The overcast conditions settled in for the afternoon, although still a pleasant mid to high twenty degrees for the third and final range of 600 metres. Competition, much like day one was close and hotly contested. The winners for the third range were TRA Terry Hickey 50.4, TRB Peter Daldy 49.4, TRC Chris Livingston 44.2, FSA Graeme Kerr 58.3, FSB Brendan Powell 58.3, FO Robert Bant 59.6 and FTR Michael Hall 59.4.

With the two days now complete, scores were again tallied and results announced by Wangaratta Club President Ian Sandford, who had worked tirelessly in the background for the two days to ensure a smooth and successful running of the events.

In Target Rifle A Grade, consistent



*Brett Thurtell Benton Memorial Trophy Winner*



*Ian Sandford Wangaratta Rifle Club President congrats Blade Lacey Junior TR winner*



*Brett Thurtell Don Doig Memorial Trophy Winner*



*Day 2 Sponsors and Prizes*



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Day 1 OMDRA Winners

and strong shooting saw Peter Maher from Lilydale Rifle Club, having not dropped a shot the entire day, ride the winner's chair and receive the Wangaratta belt for the prize meeting with a final score of 150.14. In Target Rifle B Grade, it was Peter Daldy from Karramomus who finished the day on top with a score of 147.14 and in Target Rifle C Grade, Wangaratta's own Chris Livingston won the day with 134.5 - an especially good result since Chris has been away from shooting over the last 12 months and has had limited opportunity to keep up his skills.

Like the first day's competition the F Class competition was also strongly contested with Dean Moore from Lang Lang Rifle Club winning F Standard A with a score of 175.15. In F Standard B Grade, the prize was won by the youngest shooter at the range and Wangaratta Rifle Club member Brendan Powell, winning all three ranges and finishing with a score of 177.13, which not only won him B Grade, would have also won F Standard A Grade on the day; fantastic shooting from the junior shooter. He will keep many an experienced shooter on their toes

for years to come.

F Open again proved in this highly competitive class of shooting that to win you have to bring your best. It was South Bendigo's Robert Bant on 179.14 who won, dropping only a single shot for the day's competition. In FTR, it was the father's turn to shine with Michael Hall winning with a score of 179.13.

There was another show of proficiency by the juniors and veterans on Easter Sunday with Blade Lacey from Maryborough Rifle Club the best Target Rifle B Grade junior (fourth overall) with a score of 144.11. Brendan Powell was top junior in F Standard B Grade finishing first overall in his grade with his score of 177.13. Liam Hall showed off his skills finishing second in his grade with 176.10. The veteran winner of Target Rifle was the winner of the day, Lilydale's Peter Maher and in F Class it was South Bendigo Rifle Club member Robert Bant on 179.14 finishing both first in his Grade and top F Class veteran.

The two day aggregate winners saw two junior shooters taking out top honours for the weekend

with Brendan Powell in F Class Standard B and Liam Hall in FTR winning with total two-day scores of 377.28 and 383.27 respectively, showing that youth is no barrier to strong results in prize meeting competitions.

Target Rifle A Grade was won by Brett Thurtell on 322.32, narrowly beating Peter Maher with just six centres who finished on 322.26. Target Rifle B Grade was won by Peter Daldy with 315.22 and Target Rifle C Grade was won by Gary Mull, whose consistent shooting over the weekend saw him finish with a 289.14, narrowly beating Bruce McKenna by three centres.

In another narrow victory, Wodonga Rifle Club stalwart Bob Pedersen won F Class Standard A with 380.29 over Alan Fuge from Nagambie Rifle Club who finished on 380.25. In F Open Corryong Rifle Club member Paul Deehan won with 385.35 narrowly beat Greg Warrian from Tumut Rifle Club on 384.30.

In loving memory and tribute to the





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late Don Doig of the Wangaratta Rifle Club, the inaugural Don Doig memorial trophy was awarded to the top Target Rifle shooter from the No. 6 Ovens and Murray DRA and this was graciously accepted by Brett Thurtell who paid tribute to the contribution of Don, not only to the Wangaratta Rifle Club but the sport of fullbore target rifle in general.

No event like this can be run successfully without the efforts of all the volunteers behind the scenes. Too numerous to mention individually, they all know how hard they worked and that their efforts are greatly appreciated by all. The young troupe of markers was expertly marshalled by Trevor Diffey for the two days with praise from the shooters on the excellent quality of marking. We thank all those that supported this year's event and the excellent job done by all made both the Ovens and Murray DRA and Wangaratta Rifle Club proud for their assistance in putting on one of the best target sports events in Victoria.

We would also like to thank our sponsors and donors of the Easter Prize Meeting which were: Thales Australia; Mitre 10 Benalla; Wangaratta Audiology; Outdoor Adventure and Camping Wangaratta; Warby St Buchers Wangaratta; Jenny and Barry Davies; Joyce and Reg Asquith; Brett Thurtell; and Greg Cavanagh.

We look forward to next year's event on April 20 and 21 for the 104th running of O&M DRA and Wangaratta Easter Open Prize Meetings. We hope for even more participants to take part for an excellent competition.

**Results**

**No. 6 Ovens and Murray DRA OPM**

| Target Rifle |                   |                   |        |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 1            | Brett Thurtell    | Wodonga           | 174.17 |
| 2            | Ashley Maddison   | Wodonga           | 173.16 |
| 3            | Peter Maher       | Lilydale          | 172.12 |
| 4            | David Brewster    | Fitzroy/Caulfield | 171.22 |
| 5            | Peter O Dwyer     | Katandra          | 170.16 |
| 6            | Michelle Fletcher | Wodonga           | 170.15 |



On target...



...at the Wangaratta OPM



Looking down range



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|    |              |                |        |
|----|--------------|----------------|--------|
| 7  | Len Hayes    | Shepp/Nathalia | 170.14 |
| 8  | Owen Henry   | MCC            | 170.5  |
| 9  | Richard Wall | Karramomus     | 169.15 |
| 10 | Barry Wood   | Katandra       | 169.15 |

**Target Rifle**

|    |                |             |        |
|----|----------------|-------------|--------|
| 1  | Doug George    | Wangaratta  | 169.15 |
| 2  | Peter Daldy    | Karramomus  | 168.8  |
| 3  | Peter Kelley   | Wangaratta  | 167.9  |
| 4  | Paul Diffey    | Wangaratta  | 166.8  |
| 5  | Greg Cavanagh  | Wodonga     | 164.13 |
| 6  | Rodney Gerrett | Wangaratta  | 163.10 |
| 7  | Blade Lacey    | Maryborough | 162.11 |
| 8  | John Gullock   | Wangaratta  | 161.12 |
| 9  | Alan Benton    | Wangaratta  | 159.9  |
| 10 | Wayne Mitchell | Maryborough | 158.1  |

**Target Rifle**

|   |                 |            |       |
|---|-----------------|------------|-------|
| 1 | Brian McKenna   | Moe City   | 166.9 |
| 2 | Gary Mull       | Eskdale    | 161.8 |
| 3 | Andrew Habets   | Wangaratta | 146.3 |
| 4 | Myles McCormack | Lang Lang  | 143.4 |

**F Standard**

|    |                |                  |        |
|----|----------------|------------------|--------|
| 1  | Trevor Rhodes  | Maryborough      | 206.16 |
| 2  | Bob Pedersen   | Wodonga          | 206.16 |
| 3  | Alan Fuge      | Nagambie         | 206.16 |
| 4  | Jenny Davies   | Maryborough      | 206.13 |
| 5  | Graeme Kerr    | East Central DRA | 204.16 |
| 6  | Noel Uren      | Bacchus Marsh    | 202.14 |
| 7  | Colin Firth    | Lang Lang        | 202.12 |
| 8  | Bruce Serjeant | Werribee         | 202.12 |
| 9  | Craig Weaire   | Nagambie         | 202.10 |
| 10 | Joe Melbourne  | Nagambie         | 200.10 |

**F Standard**

|   |               |       |        |
|---|---------------|-------|--------|
| 1 | David Wallace | ECDRA | 203.14 |
|---|---------------|-------|--------|



Competitors on the mound

|    |                       |                       |        |
|----|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| 2  | Warwick Sides         | Ungarie RC Inc.       | 202.16 |
| 3  | Alexander Brown       | Wangaratta            | 201.10 |
| 4  | Brendan Powell        | Wangaratta            | 200.15 |
| 5  | Mike Purden           | Shepp/Nathalia        | 198.11 |
| 6  | Morrie Jackman        | Shepp/Nathalia        | 190.7  |
| 7  | Rohan Baker           | Wangaratta            | 183.6  |
| 8  | Robert Irving         | ECDRA                 | 183.4  |
| 9  | Brian Houlihan        | East Central District | 180.6  |
| 10 | Maurice Cevaal-Hewitt | Wodonga               | 174.5  |

**F Open**

|   |              |                      |        |
|---|--------------|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | Paul Deehan  | Corryong             | 209.18 |
| 2 | Greg Warrian | Tumut Rifle Club Inc | 207.18 |
| 3 | Ben Goodwin  | Explorers            | 207.18 |

|    |                  |                      |        |
|----|------------------|----------------------|--------|
| 4  | Michelle Giddens | South Bendigo        | 206.16 |
| 5  | Phil Jonker      | Wangaratta           | 205.18 |
| 6  | Don Laughton     | Lang Lang            | 205.18 |
| 7  | Philip Giddens   | South Bendigo        | 205.17 |
| 8  | Geoffrey Krake   | Mildura - Red Cliffs | 204.15 |
| 9  | Shaun Tinkler    | Shepparton/          | 203.11 |
| 10 | Spencer Dunstall | Ungarie RC Inc.      | 201.9  |

**FTR**

|   |                  |                       |        |
|---|------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 | Liam Hall        | South Bendigo         | 207.17 |
| 2 | Marty Kelly      | East Central District | 203.18 |
| 3 | Rod Mahon        | South Bendigo         | 203.16 |
| 4 | Paul Murphy      | Lilydale              | 202.15 |
| 5 | Michael Waites   | Warragul/Drouin       | 201.7  |
| 6 | Michael Hall     | South Bendigo         | 199.17 |
| 7 | Doug Chalmers    | Robinvale             | 199.9  |
| 8 | Rolf Carpeggiani | Fitzroy/Caulfield     | 195.9  |
| 9 | Mark Stanborough | DVUY                  | 192.5  |

**Wangaratta OPM**

**Target Rifle**

|   |                |                |        |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------|
| 1 | Peter Maher    | Lilydale       | 150.14 |
| 2 | Brett Thurtell | Wodonga        | 148.15 |
| 3 | Mike Rankin    | Wangaratta     | 146.8  |
| 4 | Terry Hickey   | Colac          | 145.10 |
| 5 | Owen Henry     | MCC            | 144.13 |
| 6 | Barry Wood     | Katandra       | 143.10 |
| 7 | Len Hayes      | Shepp/Nathalia | 139.7  |
| 8 | Trevor Viney   | Wodonga        | 137.7  |

**Target Rifle**

|   |               |             |        |
|---|---------------|-------------|--------|
| 1 | Peter Daldy   | Karramomus  | 147.14 |
| 2 | Greg Cavanagh | Wodonga     | 145.14 |
| 3 | Fred Guyatt   | Karramomus  | 145.11 |
| 4 | Blade Lacey   | Maryborough | 144.11 |



A beautiful day out





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|---|--------------|---------------|-------|
| 5 | Doug George  | Wangaratta    | 144.8 |
| 6 | Peter Kelley | Wangaratta    | 143.6 |
| 7 | Paul Diffey  | Wangaratta    | 140.7 |
| 8 | Tony McRae   | Mount Gambier | 136.4 |
| 9 | Alan Benton  | Wangaratta    | 135.3 |

**Target Rifle**

|   |                   |            |       |
|---|-------------------|------------|-------|
| 1 | Chris Livingstone | Wangaratta | 134.5 |
| 2 | Andrew Habets     | Wangaratta | 130.4 |
| 3 | Gary Mull         | Eskdale    | 128.6 |
| 4 | Myles McCormack   | Lang Lang  | 127.4 |
| 5 | Brian McKenna     | Moe City   | 123.2 |

**F Standard**

|    |                |                   |        |
|----|----------------|-------------------|--------|
| 1  | Dean Moore     | Lang Lang         | 175.15 |
| 2  | Bob Pedersen   | Wodonga           | 174.13 |
| 3  | Colin Firth    | Lang Lang         | 174.12 |
| 4  | Graeme Kerr    | East Central DRA  | 174.10 |
| 5  | Alan Fuge      | Nagambie          | 174.9  |
| 6  | Trevor Rhodes  | Maryborough       | 173.12 |
| 7  | Craig Weaire   | Nagambie          | 172.10 |
| 8  | Graham Crowe   | Explorers RC Inc. | 172.8  |
| 9  | Ron Haass      | Werribee          | 172.5  |
| 10 | Bruce Serjeant | Werribee          | 171.9  |

**F Standard**

|   |                       |                 |        |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 | Brendan Powell        | Wangaratta      | 177.13 |
| 2 | Morrie Jackman        | Shepp/Nathalia  | 174.10 |
| 3 | Alexander Brown       | Wangaratta      | 173.13 |
| 4 | Warwick Sides         | Ungarie RC Inc. | 168.5  |
| 5 | John Young            | Ungarie RC Inc. | 160.4  |
| 6 | Gunther Kopp          | Wangaratta      | 158.4  |
| 7 | Rohan Baker           | Wangaratta      | 157.2  |
| 8 | Maurice Cevaal-Hewitt | Wodonga         | 143.3  |

**F Open**

|    |                  |                    |        |
|----|------------------|--------------------|--------|
| 1  | Robert Bant      | South Bendigo      | 179.14 |
| 2  | Phil Jonker      | Wangaratta         | 178.15 |
| 3  | Shaun Tinkler    | Shepparton/        | 177.20 |
| 4  | Greg Warran      | Tumut RC Inc       | 177.12 |
| 5  | Paul Deehan      | Corryong           | 176.17 |
| 6  | Michelle Giddens | South Bendigo      | 176.15 |
| 7  | Ben Goodwin      | Explorers          | 176.11 |
| 8  | Geoffrey Krake   | Mildura-Red Cliffs | 174.11 |
| 9  | Philip Giddens   | South Bendigo      | 174.10 |
| 10 | Spencer Dunstall | Ungarie RC Inc.    | 171.9  |

**FTR**

|   |                  |                   |        |
|---|------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 1 | Michael Hall     | South Bendigo     | 179.13 |
| 2 | Liam Hall        | South Bendigo     | 176.10 |
| 3 | Marty Kelly      | East Central DRA  | 175.10 |
| 4 | Doug Chalmers    | Robinvale         | 171.9  |
| 5 | Rolf Carpeggiani | Fitzroy/Caulfield | 155.3  |

**Grand Aggregate**

**Target Rifle**

|   |                |          |        |
|---|----------------|----------|--------|
| 1 | Brett Thurtell | Wodonga  | 322.32 |
| 2 | Peter Maher    | Lilydale | 322.26 |
| 3 | Owen Henry     | MCC      | 314.18 |



Awaiting the presentations



A shot down range on day one

|   |              |                |        |
|---|--------------|----------------|--------|
| 4 | Barry Wood   | Katandra       | 312.25 |
| 5 | Len Hayes    | Shepp/Nathalia | 309.21 |
| 6 | Trevor Viney | Wodonga        | 304.19 |

**Target Rifle**

|   |               |               |        |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------|
| 1 | Peter Daldy   | Karramomus    | 315.22 |
| 2 | Doug George   | Wangaratta    | 313.23 |
| 3 | Peter Kelley  | Wangaratta    | 310.15 |
| 4 | Greg Cavanagh | Wodonga       | 309.27 |
| 5 | Blade Lacey   | Maryborough   | 306.22 |
| 6 | Paul Diffey   | Wangaratta    | 306.15 |
| 7 | Alan Benton   | Wangaratta    | 294.12 |
| 8 | Tony McRae    | Mount Gambier | 290.13 |

**Target Rifle**

|   |                 |            |        |
|---|-----------------|------------|--------|
| 1 | Gary Mull       | Eskdale    | 289.14 |
| 2 | Brian McKenna   | Moe City   | 289.11 |
| 3 | Andrew Habets   | Wangaratta | 276.7  |
| 4 | Myles McCormack | Lang Lang  | 270.8  |

**F Standard**

|   |               |                  |        |
|---|---------------|------------------|--------|
| 1 | Bob Pedersen  | Wodonga          | 380.29 |
| 2 | Alan Fuge     | Nagambie         | 380.25 |
| 3 | Trevor Rhodes | Maryborough      | 379.28 |
| 4 | Graeme Kerr   | East Central DRA | 378.26 |
| 5 | Colin Firth   | Lang Lang        | 376.24 |
| 6 | Jenny Davies  | Maryborough      | 375.25 |
| 7 | Craig Weaire  | Nagambie         | 374.20 |

|    |                |               |        |
|----|----------------|---------------|--------|
| 8  | Dean Moore     | Lang Lang     | 373.24 |
| 9  | Bruce Serjeant | Werribee      | 373.21 |
| 10 | Noel Uren      | Bacchus Marsh | 370.22 |

**F Standard**

|   |                       |                 |        |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 | Brendan Powell        | Wangaratta      | 377.28 |
| 2 | Alexander Brown       | Wangaratta      | 374.23 |
| 3 | Warwick Sides         | Ungarie RC Inc. | 370.21 |
| 4 | Morrie Jackman        | Shepp/Nathalia  | 364.17 |
| 5 | Rohan Baker           | Wangaratta      | 340.8  |
| 6 | Maurice Cevaal-Hewitt | Wodonga         | 317.8  |

**F Open**

|    |                  |                    |        |
|----|------------------|--------------------|--------|
| 1  | Paul Deehan      | Corryong           | 385.35 |
| 2  | Greg Warran      | Tumut RC Inc       | 384.30 |
| 3  | Phil Jonker      | Wangaratta         | 383.33 |
| 4  | Ben Goodwin      | Explorers          | 383.29 |
| 5  | Michelle Giddens | South Bendigo      | 382.31 |
| 6  | Shaun Tinkler    | Shepp/Nathalia     | 380.31 |
| 7  | Philip Giddens   | South Bendigo      | 379.27 |
| 8  | Geoffrey Krake   | Mildura-Red Cliffs | 378.26 |
| 9  | Robert Bant      | South Bendigo      | 377.30 |
| 10 | Spencer Dunstall | Ungarie RC Inc.    | 372.18 |

**FTR**

|   |              |                  |        |
|---|--------------|------------------|--------|
| 1 | Liam Hall    | South Bendigo    | 383.27 |
| 2 | Michael Hall | South Bendigo    | 378.30 |
| 3 | Marty Kelly  | East Central DRA | 378.28 |

# Precision Service Rifle Series

By Glenda Keel, Photos by Becc Jacobs and Will Bell

Great anticipation of a hectic, energetic, well patronised weekend with a high standard of shooting skill got match one of this year's series under way. Competitors attended from several States and enjoyed a weekend packed with activities.

Shooters began arriving at Castlemaine late Friday, some with tents/caravans/motel rooms or Bed and Breakfast's booked for themselves and their families. Once again, Castlemaine Rifle Club provided exceptional facilities, food, entertainment and shooting events to please all.

The weekend started with a practice on Saturday. This gave competitors a chance to settle in to the range conditions, fine-tune equipment, meet and greet others - some new faces and plenty of regular smiling faces, and to make full use of the newly renovated clubhouse. The day's practice was followed by a barbeque with an excellent array of meats, salads, desserts, fresh fruit and cheese.

The event was booked out and shooting was of an exceptional standard. The first event was shot from the 200 yard mound with competitors having to carry all their gear to 300 yards and finally 600 yards. It was



Competitors L to R Simon Ross, James Birck and Lukas McKennie

hot with a fair amount of mirage. Castlemaine had ten members compete with all shooting fairly well. The best for Castlemaine were in the Nato class with Barry Trait finishing in sixth position and Tyrone Keel in ninth. In the Open class, Max Elson was seventh and Drew Morgan placed tenth. In the Team section, John Bearsley and Drew Morgan came seventh, with next best being Tim Woodman and Max Elson in ninth place.

The winner in Nato class was Anthony Box from Lang Lang, with Spyros Spyro from Lang Lang second and Brian Kirkman from Sydney third.



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*Peter Bruem (Cowra) in sitting position*



*Competitors on the mound*



*Castlemaine's Barry Trait -sitting, supported*



*Shooter - sitting and supported*



*Chris Jolme (Castlemaine) shooting unsupported while partner, Phil Smith spots*



*Competitors moving back to 300 yards*



*Max Elson (Castlemaine) shooting sitting position at 200 yards*



*Moving back to 600 yards*





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The Open Class was won by Lukas McKennie also from Lang Lang, with James Birck second and Simon Ross of Canberra third.

The Team event was won by George Crisp (Tasmania) and Lukas McKennie (Lang Lang) with Anthony Box and Spyros Spyro of Lang Lang second.

This type of shooting is growing in popularity quite exceptionally, with the next round of the Australian Series to be held at Hornsby, NSW in April then back to Castlemaine for the Victorian match two on June 24.

For more information contact Jarrod Robertson on 0419 548 384 or Chris Jolme on 03 54 74 2552 or visit [www.australianprecisionrifle.com](http://www.australianprecisionrifle.com)



*Typical rifle and style used*



*Jarrod Robertson, Victorian Precision service rifle series Director doing the statistics*



*The 200 yard mound. Brian Kirkman (Hornsby) keeping an eye on things*



*Targets ready to turn*



*Castlemaine Rifle Club President Stan Smith with his wife, watching the presentations*



# Paech Shoots Well at Easter Event

By Janelle Traeger

On Easter Saturday, the Murray Bridge Rifle Club held its annual Open Championship at the Deed Rifle Range, Monarto. Fifty-five shooters from around the State, as far away as Woomera, Yunta, Mount Gambier and the Riverland, competed over 500 metres, 600 metres and 800 metres.

After early morning fog cleared a gentle breeze blew from the left. This changed direction later in the day and eventually changed to the right where it was very strong and the shooters had to make calculated guesses on the strength.

Local shooter Robert Paech was the winner with an excellent 148.17, winning all ranges and continuing his outstanding form.

The day began at 500 metres with easy conditions and some magnificent scores. Paech started well and won A Grade with an excellent 50.8. B Grade was won by Gordon Harrison (Murray Bridge) not far behind the A Grade score with 50.7. C Grade was won by Tim Bengner (Mount Barker) with 46.1.

The F Class shooters showed off at this range with some precise shooting. Edmund Kanik (Kapunda) won F Class Standard A with an outstanding 60.7. Bill Gillis



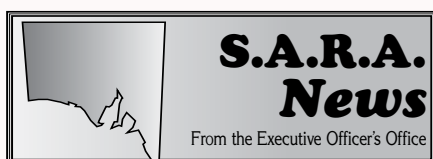
The view from Robert Paech - A Grade winner

(Maitland) won F Class Standard B with his first ever 60 and what a way to do it - 60.3. Jim Caspers (Murray Bridge) won FTR with 59.4. Richard Braund Cyclists/Torrens Valley) had a win in F Class Open with a superb 60.9 - just missing the last shot.

At 600 metres, Robert Paech (Murray Bridge) recorded another range win with 49.5. Gordon Harrison repeated his earlier effort and won B Grade with a splendid 49.4. Grant Charleston (Mount Barker) shot consistently to win C Grade with 44.1. Grant Lewis (Light River) had a win with 56.4

in F Class Standard A. Gillis added another win in F Class Standard B with 54.3 and Danny Blackmore (Phoenix Target) was the winner in FTR with an almost perfect 59.4. Stuart Braund (CTV) was the winner of F Class Open at this range with 58.7.

At 800 metres after a lunch break, the flags began to move around more and it was decided to change the number of shots to ten due to time restrictions. Paech added another 49.4 to his total and



## Annual Returns

Just a reminder that this year's annual returns are due by **June 1, 2018**.

## DRA and Country/Club Teams

A reminder that teams are due by **May 29, 2018**.

## New Members

SARA would like to welcome Chad Glover to the Tumby Bay Rifle Club, Adrian Davies to the Kapunda Rifle Club and Kiara Cayetano to the Whyalla Rifle Club.



C Grade winner - Tim Bengner



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Championship winners - Stuart Braund (FO), Bill Gillis (FSB), Danny Blackmore (FTR), Robert Paech (TRA), Gordon Harrison (TRB), Tim Bengert (TRC) and Cameron Whant (FSA).

proved again how unbeatable he is. John Hoerisch (Kapunda) put in a good effort and won B Grade with 49.2. Bengert had a marvellous performance and won C Grade with one of the only possibles - 50.5. Kanik finished well to win F

Class Standard A with 57.5. Gillis rounded out a very good day with another win in F Class Standard B with 58.3. Blackmore proved the best in FTR with 57.2 and Stuart Braund shot a wonderful possible - 60.5 in F Class Open.

At the end of the day the Kuchel Challenge was contested in honour of past member Colin Kuchel. This is a shoot-off for the top four shooters in F Class Standard, F Class Open and FTR. Gillis was the winner in the F Class Standard section ahead of Cameron Whant (Phoenix Target) Kanik and John Cranwell (Murray Bridge).

Peter Kanik (Kapunda) won the FTR section ahead of Blackmore, Caspers and John Shobbrook (Murray Bridge). Stuart Braund scored a win in F Class Open ahead of Tim Manning (Mount Barker), Richard Braund and Neville Roberts (Mount Barker).

Shooters returned to the Clubrooms for refreshments and to discuss the outcome. The Captain of the Club, Jim Caspers thanked all the people involved in the success of the day - the competitors, the sponsors and the members who had worked



Stuart Braund - happy with his good score





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Kuchel Challenge winners - John Cranwell (sponsor), Peter Kanik (FTR), Stuart Braund (FO) and Bill Gillis (FS)

hard on preparing the range for the shoot to run smoothly.

Paech thanked all the other shooters and was pleased with his continued success. Harrison was announced the winner in B Grade with 147.14.

Benger was the winner in C Grade with 138.7 and Whant won F Class Standard A with 169.7 in a close finish ahead of Kanik with 168.15. Gillis dominated all day and easily won F Class Standard B with 172.9.

Blackmore won FTR with 175.9. Stuart Braund won F Class Open with a wonderful 177.19 in a narrow margin to have bragging rights over his brother Richard with 176.15.

**Scores:**

**A Grade** - R Paech 148.17; L Wakefield (Maitland) 145.8; T Kasparian (Mount Gambier) 142.11.

**B Grade** - G Harrison 147.14; J Hoerisch 142.7; G Hancock (Mount Barker) 138.7.

**C Grade** - T Benger 138.7; G Charleston 135.5; D Flynn (Woomera) 133.7.

**F Class Standard A** - C Whant 169.7 E Kanik 168.15; J Cranwell 166.7.

**F Class Standard B** - B Gillis 172.9; C Papageoriou (Kapunda) 161.5; C Williams (Phoenix Target) 150.4.

**FTR** - D Blackmore 175.9; J Caspers 168.7; P Kanik 166.12.

**F Class Open** - S Braund 177.19; R Braund 176.15; T Manning 176.14.



Danny Blackmore - in action



# Tumby Bay Open Prize Meeting

Article by Brenton Carr,  
Photos by James Spooner  
and Mardi Hancock

Tumby Bay Rifle Club held its annual OPM on February 10 and 11 with a great turnout of 50 shooters attending; with several shooters enjoying camping on the range the night before. As shooters arrived for the morning start, many commented on how well the range was looking.

Shooters were welcomed at 300 yards by the club captain and shooting was underway in good time. A few light showers hung about at the start but the weather fined up for the rest of the weekend. Saturday consisted of 300, 500 and 600 yards. The drawn pairs match was run in conjunction with 600 yards with G Harrison and M Cocks taking out the target rifle and N Edwards and M Hancock the F Class.

At the end of the first day a fly shot was held in the early evening for



Taking aim



A lovely day out



A drone's eye view of the range



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those who were keen to test their skills at shooting a blowie from 500 yards, with Cameron What showing us how it's done. Sunday morning saw 700 and 800 yards being shot, with only eight counting shots in an effort to finish the day in reasonable time. Then it was back to 10 counting shots at 900 yards to finish the weekend off.

A big thanks goes out to all those who attended to make it a great weekend, to trophy donors and sponsors and to all those who helped out leading up to and on the weekend.



*Enjoying the competition*



*Winner of F Standard B Grade Dean Bartel with Tumby Bay Captain Brenton Carr*



*Malcolm Hill, Winner of F Standard A Grade*



*C Grade winner, Robert Watkins*



*Michael Cocks won B Grade*



*Jarrod Todd, F Open winner*



*Philip Bradshaw took out the number one badge in Target Rifle A Grade*



# NQRA History - Progress Report

By *Bernie Davis*

This article is issued in the interest of keeping people informed of progress relative to NQRA's History project.

## Project Workforce and Roles

At the outset of this project, five people were involved namely: Bruce Scott, Bernie Davis, Dick Crozier, Una Glavin and Gail Christie.

Bruce Scott as NQRA Chair heads the project team. Bruce has undertaken to compile the various tables associated with the project and to assemble photographs. Bruce also provides valuable guidance to the team.

Bernie Davis is author of NQRA's History, with the task divided into two sections. Section one involves the actual writing of the document and section two involves research for Chapter Three (firearms and equipment) as well as discussing and compiling contributions to the history project. Time wise the project is demanding - requiring anything from two to six hours per day, seven days per week.

Dick Crozier has provided the main body of research and has done an excellent job. Dick pays much attention to detail, which is imperative in a project of this nature. Without Dick's contribution this project would not have proceeded.

Bob Kennedy generously contributed his time in reviewing Chapter 3 (firearms and equipment) and made a significant and technically informative contribution. John Lorimer made comment relative to the F Class section of this chapter. Una did some early editing of the document. We thank all contributors for their assistance.

## Summary of Progress

Four of the seven chapters of NQRA's History are in an advanced state, requiring mainly revision only. In Chapter Two, a small section on Mount Isa needs to be added. Chapter Five covering the achievements of well performed NQRA lady members is in progress,

with a reasonable response from members. The document will be ready for the photographs to be added soon. There is a substantial work load ahead compiling tables which recognise the contribution of past administrators. Footnotes will need further work, which will be another substantial undertaking.

## The Various Chapters

There are seven chapters to this book:

**Chapter 1.** The Formation of NQRA and NQRA Rifle Clubs.

**Chapter 2.** NQRA Rifle Clubs by District - Past and Present from 1886 to 2017.

**Chapter 3.** Historical Rifles and Equipment Changes.

**Chapter 4.** Changes in Membership with Time.

**Chapter 5.** NQRA Lady Members.

**Chapter 6.** NQRA Male members.

**Chapter 7.** Where to from here - future direction.

Chapter one deals with the formation of NQRA which predates WW I. It identifies the first NQRA Chair, Captain (later Major) Henry Haldane and the reason behind the formation of rifle clubs.

Chapter two deals with the location and something of the history of individual rifle clubs across the North's various rifle districts. It also outlines why clubs were established. Over time there have been a total of 93 clubs in North Queensland, most of which were established before WW I.

Chapter three covers changes in rifle technology and equipment over time. It attempts to identify the reasons for changes in rifle technology and who drove those changes. In compiling this chapter an attempt has been made to identify why people moved from one rifle model to the next. It does not try to explain the technical aspects of each firearm in detail. If people want that sort of explanation there

is ample information on the internet. Chapter three also makes comment about the firearms/community relationship. Comments in this area have been presented because this book will be read by the non-shooting public. The message the author wants to convey is that rifle club members are responsible, law abiding members of the community.

Chapter four covers changes in NQRA membership over time. Rifle club numbers have stabilised to a high degree down from a peak of 93 to 13 now. Most of the decline in club numbers occurred soon after the end of WW I. Initially rifle clubs were established by the Army as recruiting venues for WW I. Today club numbers are a better measure of NQRA's health. Club numbers are declining slowly and, in this chapter, we have tried to identify why this might have happened. In the absence of definitive information, the suggested reasons are nothing more than speculation.

Chapter five covers the history of lady shooters in NQRA; it's a work in progress. Ladies graced the firing line as far back as the 1880's. Some of the early shooters have been identified. Unfortunately, there is no pictorial record showing the features of early lady shooters. There is one wonderful old photo of a lady shooter in a prone position on the firing line in a long dress. In addition to the full length dress the lady was covered with a blanket from the waist to the ankles. Such were the morals of the day. Profile contributors to NQRA's History will have a head and shoulders photo inserted into the document for future reference.

Bruce Scott has compiled a list of some former and current NQRA lady members with some having been approached to supply their history profile. Some profiles have already been written and returned to contributors for comment.

Chapter six covers some former and current male shooters.





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**Profile Submissions:** To date fourteen people have submitted their history profile. Eight profiles have been written-up. Depending on how much information people provide, it takes a minimum of two days and up to three days to get the job done for each individual. Five people have signalled that they are satisfied with their completed profile. Contact with two persons about their profiles is a work in progress and should be completed shortly.

All profiles are returned to the contributor for checking and sometimes getting things right takes an exchange of several emails. If errors in the content of any individual's profile document are brought to the attention of the author they will be addressed without hesitation.

Contributors will need to acknowledge by emailing Bernie Davis that the final copy of their profile is acceptable to them. In the absence of an acceptance note their profile will not be published. Contributors should contact Bernie Davis, Author NQRA History or Bruce Scott NQRA Chair if they have concerns with any aspect of the history project.

The author, in consultation with Bruce Scott and Dick Crozier has determined the direction the history project has taken. The author also determined the writing style applied to the history document. NQRA's History attempts to capture historical events accurately and deliver these with clarity and a reasonable standard of English. The history team would like to leave the reader with the thought "that was an interesting read" or "I didn't know that" or better still both. Ultimately, the author and NQRA's Chair takes responsibility for the document.

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## Australian Target Rifle

## Submission Guidelines

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### Requirements

All written material should be sent as plain text. No tables, headings or spreadsheets are needed - just a basic word document or email is best. All headings, tables and formatting are added in later as part of the typesetting process. Text in Times New Roman font at 12 point is preferred.

Photographs should be sent as a .jpg or .tiff format and can be submitted either as a separate attachment to an email or on CD mailed directly to the ATR Post Office Box. Please provide captions for all photographs - either as the filename of the photograph or listed in the report. Do not embed photographs into documents as this renders the photograph unusable for publication.

### Prize Meetings

Reports of any shooting events should include details of where and when the event was held, the conditions and competitors on the day and a summary of key scores such as aggregates. Additional material regarding the equipment used by the winners and photographs of the event are also welcome.

### Queens Prizes

Reports of Queens Prizes should include information about the conditions and competitors, the lead-up, Queens, teams and other associated events. Scores should be provided for all badge winners and included in the report as text. (i.e. Not in table or spreadsheet form).

Good photographs allow us to feature an event. Cameras should be set at as high a resolution as possible. It is often advisable to have more than one photographer and to include a variety of photographs by email or CD including shots of: the range, the competitors, the winners and trophies. Presentation photographs can also be included, but often the presentation area has poor lighting and doesn't allow adequate time to set up good photographs for publication purposes, so additional photographs of the event can be important.

### Cover photographs

Photographs suitable for a cover should be provided at very high resolution. (300 dpi and 2Mb or above). When taking cover photographs, consider the framing of the photograph with the subject in the foreground and allowing some background (sky or range) for the positioning of the ATR banner.

### Deadlines

Think ahead. Good publishing is all about planning. If you are advertising an event, it can be helpful to prepare and submit advertising material up to four months ahead. This allows time for the editing and publication process and assists readers to plan their attendance at your event. Deadlines for the next two issues of ATR are published in the front of each magazine.

Contributions to ATR are genuinely appreciated and these guidelines are intended to assist in making the process as easy as possible. If you have comments or questions about sending material please contact us at [atr\\_editorial@nraa.com.au](mailto:atr_editorial@nraa.com.au) for any clarification.



# Don Doig

1934 - 2018

Shooters in the country were sorry to hear of the death of Don Doig.

Donald Stewart Doig was born in Wangaratta on January 10, 1934. He was the youngest son and had two older brothers. His mother passed away when he was thirteen years old and no doubt life on the farm was not easy. He rode horses in local shows and I guess did what most teenagers did in those days. In April 1959, he married Beatrice Mathew and over the years they became the proud parents of Wayne, John, Susan and Ross. Tragedy struck when Ross drowned at three years old on the farm.

Don milked cows for a living and also reared pigs. He told me he often saved new born pigs with mouth to mouth to get them going.

In the early sixties, Don was taken to the Wangaratta Rifle Club by the late Frank Baker and the club almost became a second home. He was a very good shot and won many prize meetings and Queens badges. He shot in Veterans State Teams, Australian Veterans Teams and made the trip to Bisley in the Australian Team - only to return home before the event, when his mother in law passed away.

He spent 60 years with the Country Fire Authority and both sons have followed in his footsteps. He was a tireless worker for his club and spent several days a week on the range. He made and prepared the paper targets for years. He fixed anything that needed fixing and loved getting on the tractor and cutting the grass.

He was a life member of the Wangaratta Club and President of the VRA from 1998 to 2000. He was also a long time member of the Wangaratta small-bore club. Beatrice passed away in February 2016 and Don managed to live alone. The last few months he lived in St John's Village and always told me he should be out at the range.

Don was buried at the Wangaratta Cemetery after passing through a long Guard of Honour of rifle shooters. The Club members send their deepest sympathy to Wayne, John, Susan and their families.

Joyce Asquith





**ACT**

**November**  
14-18 ACT Open Championships Queens (Canberra)

**NEW SOUTH WALES**

**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 Narromine-Dubbo Rifle Club OPM (Narromine-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**

**May**  
5-7 Western District RA Muckadilla Shoot  
5-6 Clermont Prize Shoot  
7 May Day  
19-20 Darling Downs DRA PM

**June**  
2-3 Bundaberg-Burnett Rifle Club PM  
16-17 Natives PM  
[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 Barcaldine Rifle Club PM  
31-2 Sept Goondiwindi Rifle Club PM

**September**  
28-29 September - 1 October Central Queensland Championships (Raglan)  
29-30 Wondai SBDRM PM (Wondai)

**October**  
27 North Arm Rifle Club PM  
28 Lilley DRA PM

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

**NORTH QUEENSLAND**

**May**  
[TBA] Marian PM  
[TBA] 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**

**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)

**June**  
3 Long Range F Class (Lower Light)  
23 DRA Teams (Lower Light)  
24 Country/Club Teams (Lower Light)

**July**  
21-22 West Broken Hill (West Broken Hill)  
29 Match Rifle (Lower Light)

**August**  
4-5 Yunta OPM (Yunta)  
11-12 State Team Prac (Lower Light)  
25-26 Match Rifle Champs (Lower Light)

**September**  
9 Kapunda OPM (Kapunda)  
16 long Range F Class (Lower Light)

**October**  
14 No. 2 DRA OPM (Mt Barker)

**VICTORIA**

**May**  
12-13 Stawell PM (Stawell)  
19-20 Shoot for Autism (Grantville)

**August**  
4 GV DRA PM (Karramomus)  
5 Karramomus PM (Karramomus)

**September**  
8 Wodonga PM (Tallangatta)

9 Wangaratta Charity Shoot for Cancer (Glenrowan)

**October**  
13 Lang Lang PM (Lang Lang)  
20-21 DRA Teams & Champion of Champions (Wellsford)  
20 VRA AGM (Wellsford)

**2019**

**April**  
10-11 VRA Syme (Wellsford)  
12-14 VRA Queens (Wellsford)

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

**May**  
4 Moora Rifle Club PM (Moora)  
5-6 Midlands DRA PM (Moora)  
6 AFDRA Prize Meeting (Pinjar)  
19 2017 Champion of Champions (Pinjar)  
19-20 Metropolitan DRA Prize Meeting (Pinjar)

**June**  
2-3 Eastern Goldfields DRA (Kambalda)  
10 Billy Sing Service Snipers (Pinjar)  
24 Bindoon Rifle Club PM (Bindoon)

**July**  
1 WARA Council Meeting & Annual Meeting of Council (Pinjar)  
14-15 Meekatharra Rifle Club PM (Meekatharra)  
28-29 Chapman Valley Rifle Club PM (Chapman Valley)

**August**  
3 Geraldton Greenough RC PM (Greenough)  
4-5 North West DRA PM (Greenough)  
25-26 Carnarvon Rifle Club PM (Carnarvon)

**September**  
8-9 Central Wheat Belt DRA PM (Merredin)  
15-16 Northampton Rifle Club PM (Northampton)  
16 WA Veterans Championships (Pinjar)  
17-19 2018 National TR Teams (Pinjar)  
20 DRA Teams, Ray Miles Teams (Pinjar)  
21-22 Duke of Edinburgh & Queens PM (Pinjar)  
23 WARA Annual General Meeting (Pinjar)

21-24 Queens PM (Pinjar)

**October**  
6-7 Dowerin Rifle Club PM (Dowerin)  
28 Corrigin Rifle Club PM (Corrigin)  
31-2 Nov Australasian Police & Emergency Services Games (Pinjar)

**November**  
3-4 Busselton Service Rifle (Coolilup)  
10 WARA Council Meeting (Pinjar)  
11 City of Subiaco Prize Meeting (Pinjar)

**TASMANIA**

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

**NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**May**  
31 May - 3 June Alice Springs Open (Alice Springs)

**June**  
7-11 Northern Territory Queens (Darwin)

# Queens Series 2018

May 2-6 ..... SA Queens

May 16-20 ..... NQRA Queens

May 31- June 3....Alice Springs Open

June 7-11 ..... NT Queens

June 20-24 ..... National Queens

August 7 - 11 ..... QLD Queens

September 21-28 ..... WA Queens

October 3-7 ..... NSW Queens

November 14-18 ..... ACT Queens



# Faces of the Tasmanian Queens

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# Michael Millen winner of Tasmanian Queens

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