



NEWS FROM THE BOARD No.7

October 2016

Annual General Meeting.

The members are reminded that due to flooding around the Lower Light range, the AGM (and the East v West match) has been postponed until the

27th of November.

- **Lower Light and the floods.** As many will know, the Light River broke its banks near Lower Light. As a result of this we were unable to gain access to the range for nearly a week. The water covering the road has now nearly all gone but there is still quite a bit of water lying on the range. Shooting will be able to commence straight away especially at 600m and 700m, it will only be a week or two before all metrages are usable. There was only slight damage to the internal tracks.

Water did enter the Big Hut but it appears that it was only one or two millimetres deep, leaving a dirty stain but no other "water" damage. We did lose one of the ventilators (whirly bird) off the roof and another is making a nasty noise. Building wise we got any quite lightly.

- **Licence requirements for club members.** In order to clarify the situation we sought clarification from the Firearms branch in regards to members licence requirements. They have confirmed that:-
 - Club members do need POU1 "Club Use" on their licence, and need to produce a chit for licence renewal. It would apply to the class of firearm used (A or B or both) depending on what they shoot.
 - A person can shoot on approved club grounds as a guest without POU1.
 - How many times a person can shoot as a guest is usually set by the club rules, and usually they do not gain points or win trophies as a guest.
 - A guest has no rights and can only shoot with the approval of the club (which can refuse them the right to shoot).
 - Guests must be supervised by a club member (unless they are a visitor with POU1 qualified from another club).
- **Gawler Show and Lower Light Open Day.** No1 DRA recently had a stand at the Gawler Show. Great interest was shown by passersby. The show was followed up by an Open Day several weeks later on the Lower Light range where 87 visitors attended. How successful the event was in getting new members is yet to be seen, but

I think all will agree that it was a positive move and can only help to enhance our sport and our image.

The Board hopes to use the lessons learnt by No.1 DRA to put together a package to support other clubs or DRAs in the promotion of our support and the running of Open Days.

- **Country Teams inclusion of City clubs.** Members will recall that we recently held two surveys regarding DRA and Country teams. A majority responded that:-
 - They are happy with the two events on one week-end
 - The country members were happy for the city clubs to compete on the "Country teams" day but they wished to keep existing trophies for country club competition only.

As there will need to be two new shields (TR and F-Class) to accommodate the introduction of the open Club Teams we are looking for sponsors who may wish to make a donation to the cause. It is envisaged that a donation of around \$200 would secure the naming rights to each of the new competitions.

The Competition Manual has been revised to accommodate the changes to "Country Teams" team composition as well as to clarify the issue of coopting members into teams. A copy of the manual, with the changes highlighted can be found [here](#).

If you would like to make comment please send a message to the office for the Board to consider.

- **East v West teams conditions.** Due to the difficulty in forming some teams, the rules have been modified in regards to team sizes and the makeup of the TR team (removing the need to specifically have B & C graders). Provision has also been made for either side to loan a maximum of two (2) shooters to the opposing side to ensure a competition.

Again, the revised Competition Manual can be found [here](#).

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- **Speed limits on Lower Light range.** In order to provide a safer environment, the Board has decided set speed limits on the range. They are:-
 - 10 km/h around club rooms and accommodation areas
 - 40 km/h on all other areas

- **State TR Team Captain.** Nominations are now being called for the positions of Captain and Manager for the State Target Rifle team. We ask that any interested members submitted their application to the SARA office by the 25th of November.

- **Associate members.** We currently have 57 Associate members. While this is a good start it would be terrific to see a lot more. Remember that numbers count when we are negotiating with Councils and Government departments etc.
- **Queens 2017.** Your Board is trying hard to identify ways of increasing entries at our State Championships (Queens). One issue that has been identified is the number of events crowded into first half year. We will be reviewing the calendar both sides of the Queens to see if we can move things around. Some decisions may not be popular but we think most members will agree something has to be done.
- **Range and Butts Officer courses.** The NRAA has recently revised the RO / BO course documentation. We are looking for an enthusiastic member, preferably with some training qualification, to step into the role of "facilitator" to help run these courses. The position will require some travel to country areas and would be compensated for expenses. A separate "vacancy notice" will be sent out in the near future (but you are welcome to contact the office beforehand).
- **By-Laws.** The SARA By-Laws have now been upgraded to conform to our new Constitution. We wish to thank Graham Hancock for his assistance. They can be found [By-Laws](#).
- **Strategic Plan.** Our 2016 - 2020 Strategic Plan has now been completed. A condensed version is available for members to read on the SARA web site. [Strategic Plan](#)