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DEADLINE

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

Front cover

NQRA Queens Winner Jason Kuchel.

Photograph supplied by Olivia Matthews.

Next Cover: Mark Thurtell, winner of the Northern Territory Queens, 2018. Photograph supplied by Phil West.

Chairman's Message

No doubt that by now many of you will have renewed your 2018-19 subscription, part of which relates to the NRAA. For 2019 \$65 has been assessed as necessary for the National body to continue its present role. Like you, I despair when confronted by increasing costs.

I have asked around and the NRAA fee is on the lower end of National bodies in Australia. Past that, I then sought the competitor cost in other sports and was shocked at what people are charged. A six year old who has chosen to play Rugby is required to pay \$320. To put this in perspective their season is less than six months.

In Netball an eight year old is charged \$372, again for only half a year.

As players get older and gain a level of skill then the costs substantially increase. At State standard the extra fees of almost \$200 are added on to local club fees, plus uniforms suitable for the level of play become an extra cost burden.

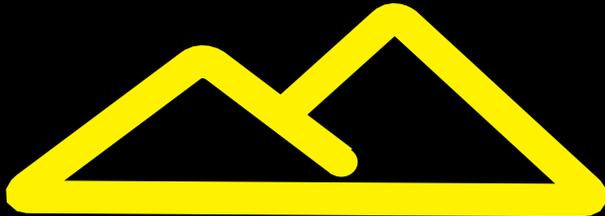
My whole point is that provided NRAA continues to work essentially based on volunteers, the costs are not unreasonable. Should we move to paid positions, then the annual subscription would well increase up to four times the current level.

Shooting Australia, the pinnacle of shooting administration in Australia, is set to recognise shooters in any discipline who have achieved much in their

chosen field but go unrecognised because they are not classed as ISSF events. Especially in full bore rifle shooting, James Corbett has been unrecognised despite winning three Grand Championships in Great Britain as well as the Bisley Queens Prize. Apart from that, amongst other things he has won the Queens prize in Australia 35 times.

Nomination for the position of Director of the NRAA will be called soon. Should you have an interest please be on the lookout for the nomination forms. Many of you have plenty to say, but rather than just saying it on the red phone - make it a priority to nominate.

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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.

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“The Club is the core element of our organization’s structure.

Members need to connect with the purpose of their club and become engaged.”

Zonta International.

- At the typical club or association:
- 5% of members run the club and show up for almost every event;
- Another 15% of members regularly participate;
- Another 20% occasionally participate;
- The remaining 60% never show up for anything!

Many clubs have a turnover rate of 15-20% per year. People leave because they lose interest, they have health or financial problems, they move away or pass away, or because they are no longer being served by the club and the “product” it offers. Some clubs lose people because they cannot even get renewal notices sent out reliably, so members have no idea that it’s time to renew.

Some clubs just don’t market themselves very well, figuring that “passion” alone is enough to keep people interested and paying their dues. But most of the time it isn’t!

With these statistics in mind, how do you build strong and vibrant clubs and associations that actually grow and survive? People get disillusioned or tired out and

others need to step in and take up the mantle of responsibility. Running a club can be a huge amount of work, with the only compensation being the complaints of other members.

And yet as we all know, being a member of a club and participating in its activities has enormous rewards. We get to share our passion with others who have the same passion. We learn new things all the time and make new and lasting friendships. We get to do good deeds, strengthening our communities and the environment; and building bonds with other communities, sometimes across the country.

So, the question that all club and association leaders need to ask is: how do we create a strong club or association, one that members want to join and renew; one with a strong and growing core of active members; one with a “virtuous cycle” of people who get involved; which in turn generates more events and discussion and knowledge-exchange; which in turn gets more people to join and renew?

Let’s Look at Membership Fees:

Recently I conducted a survey of all State and Territory Associations, seeking a copy of their Membership Fees structure. I did so on the understanding that those results would not be published. However, what I did find that can be shared is that there is a huge variation across the Associations in the amount charged, and the variations in fee structure.

Based on those findings, the following is put forward for members’, club and Association office bearers to consider:

Here are some common membership and fee mistakes that clubs and Associations make:

- Inflexible membership plans
- Relying on manual processes
- Never sending renewal notices
- Making it harder to renew than it needs to be
- Not accepting credit cards
- Not charging enough!

Membership Plans

Clubs and Associations should be flexible in the membership plans they offer. Too many clubs have a single option which is OK for the majority of members but which doesn’t help grow membership or maximise revenue collected to support club activities.



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Australian Target Rifle will soon need a new **Deputy Editor**. The ideal person will be highly literate, well organised and reliable. Knowledge of magazine layout and sub-editing desirable. Involvement in or knowledge of target rifle shooting would be advantageous. **Australian Target Rifle** is a bi-monthly publication so it is a part time role, though one that requires a steady flow of attention with extra emphasis closer to both material submission and publication deadlines. Would suit somebody with other responsibilities working from home.

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For example, does your club have multi-year plans, offering a small discount for people to pay two or three years in advance? The discount doesn't have to be huge but the commitment from members is significant and getting the money upfront certainly helps. If you do this, watch the accounting/budgeting issues; you are incurring a liability for future services that needs to be paid off.

If your club is focused on people who join through their personal lives do you offer family plans to get both spouses and the kids involved in club activities? If your association is focused on members who join through their business or professional lives, do you offer small business plans for 3-5 people from the same company, or "sponsor" plans targeted towards larger corporations?

Renewal and Expiration Notices

Many clubs and associations don't send formal renewal notices! That's a guaranteed way to crimp your growth by up to 60% every year. A page in the newsletter is not enough to get people to renew, and collecting dues at the first event of the season also won't catch most people. You are setting yourselves up for hours of phone calls reminding people that it's time to renew.

Most members need continual reminders, including a first notice around 60 days before the expiration date, a second notice 30 days before, an expiration notice if they just didn't get around to it, periodic reminders in the President's regular emails, and yes, a full page "ad" in the newsletter. But if you send out these notices and then make it as easy as possible to renew, members will do it. Clubs will get a much bigger percentage of their dues up front, making it easier to plan and budget for the year, and simplifying the follow-up phone calls.

If you have your membership in an Excel spreadsheet, it's not hard to learn how to do a Word mail merge and send everyone a renewal notice. That's the bare minimum!

But no matter how automated you make it, there will still be some laggards and you do need to call to give them a final nudge, or if they're not renewing, to understand why.

Don't Make it Hard to Sign up or Renew!

Some clubs and Associations require members to sign up anew every year! Please don't do that.

Everyone accepts cheques or cash at an event, but taking the time to print out a membership application or renewal form, fill it in, write a cheque, envelope it and stamp it is an artificial barrier that some people won't jump across.

Ideally, the number one thing clubs and Associations can do to simplify signups and renewals is to accept credit cards through your web site. New members can click a "Sign Me Up Now" button, enter some basic information, pay, and be an active member four minutes later. Renewing members can click a link in an email,

login, click a "Renew" button, walk through a two-page wizard and they are done, paid and active in less than two minutes. (If your credit card is already stored securely in the system, it takes less than 30 seconds.)

The above may seem like a pipe dream, but investigations by the NSWRA and NRAA into a National database may have this method of renewal within a few years.

And finally:

Charge Reasonable Dues

Does your club charge \$30 a year in dues?

Have you raised the dues in the past five years?

What is the value to being a member compared to the price?

I talk to people a lot about strengthening and growing clubs and I like to ask them if they spend more than \$5,000 a year on their sport of shooting. I usually get close to 100% "Yes" responses.

My argument is that most clubs don't charge enough for membership, considering the benefits that members get. Clubs are perpetually poor and this stops them from adding programs, beefing up their newsletter, offering more services and value to members and creating a richer experience that encourages more members to sign up and renew. It's a vicious cycle that never allows the club to thrive and grow.

While the above statement may be controversial to some, *remember that perception is critical*. Members are attracted to a club that takes their passion seriously. This can best be done if the club has the resources it needs. This means charging reasonable dues.

But remember that member expectations are higher; they want to see some real benefits from the higher dues, including more events, a bigger and better newsletter, a web site with lots more content, discount programs. Funds can be used for marketing programs to spread the word, letting more people know that the club exists and how it can help members.

Yes, a small number of members will complain and a smaller number will leave in a huff. Every organisation has complainers who don't want anything to change. But if they see the club thriving, most of these will quietly come back.

The sting in the tail is that the above strategy will ultimately lead to bigger club membership numbers, which in turn will facilitate the provision of better resources and lead to lower fee increases in the future.

If your club is 'undercharging', my recommendation is to start with a bigger jump (say \$10) and plan to add \$5 every 3-5 years. Explain why you're doing this and stand firm. Be resolute and united as a board. Remember that the naysayers are always more vocal than the silent majority.

(Reference: Building Strong Clubs: Dan Ehrmann)

And finally, remember to **Always Promote Shooting As a Positive Sport**.

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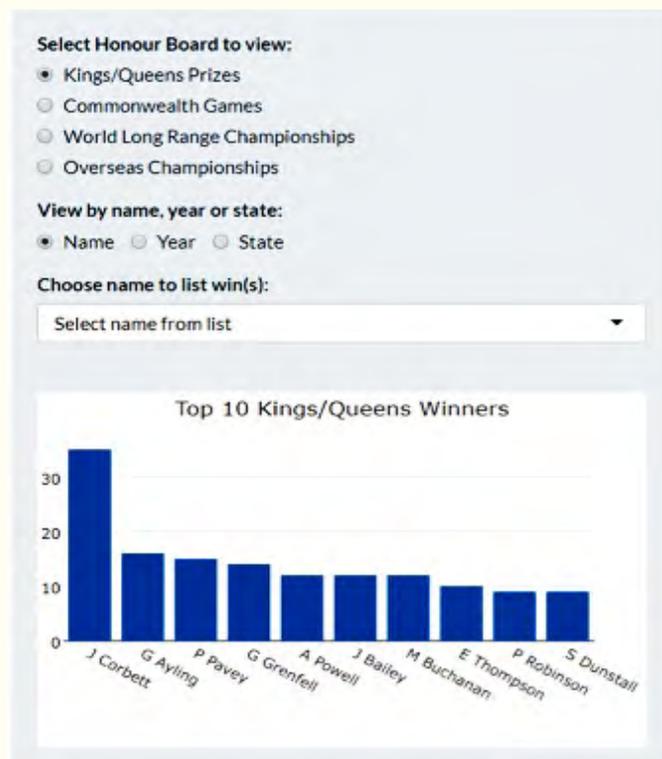
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An online Target Rifle Honour Board has been put together by Scott Dalwood, largely with data Jim Bailey had recorded from various National and State Association websites. It includes historical Kings/Queens Prize winners, our medallists at the Commonwealth Games and Australia's podium performances at major events, for example, the World Long Range Championships.

Any errors or omissions are purely oversights and feedback is welcomed at scottdalwood@gmail.com.

Target Rifle Honour Board National Rifle Association of Australia

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	Name	Kings/Queens Prize Count
1	J Corbett	35
2	G Ayling	16
3	P Pavey	15
4	G Grenfell	14
5	A Powell	12
6	J Bailey	12
7	M Buchanan	12
8	E Thompson	10
9	P Robinson	9
10	S Dunstall	9
11	G Kerr	8
12	H Griffiths	8
13	P Salamon	8
14	S Negus	8
15	R Rush	7

U/25 Shooters Rising to the Top

By John Maguire, Manager Australian U/25 Team

Four U/25 Shooters have been named in both the U/25 Squad and Senior Palma Squad for New Zealand in 2019. They are Mitch Bailey, Alex Davies, Chris Schwebel and David Smith - a great achievement for them all. Recently, at the NRA Queens Mitch picked up No. 2 A Grade Badge in the Queens and Chris picked up No. 5 A Grade Badge; whilst Alex won Day Two of the Presidents in A Grade with a 149.19. All shooters are pushing one another in healthy competition and rivalry.

The other members of the U/25 team to NZ are Dean Enslin (Captain), Ryan Biss, Angus Martin and Alex Hoffman, all of whom performed well at the NRA Queens as well. This was used as a practice and bonding session for the upcoming World Championships in NZ.

Another junior shooter, Josh Pratt, had an outstanding performance - winning the NRA B Grade Presidents Match and The Queens. He also won the Kaltenberg Cup against all comers with the only perfect score recorded at 1000 yards with a 75.6. This was certainly a great effort and is a name to watch. Another quiet performer is Bas Hopkins who secured the No. 2 Queens Badge in B Grade.

Two young U/25 ladies Laura Brindley and Isabelle Cameron gained selection in the NSW Ladies Team and secured a win in the Presidents Match at the recently held State Championships held at the Belmont Range, with both gaining valuable experience from this event.



Kaltenberg: Alex Davies, Josh Pratt and Chris Schwebel



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Australian Rifle Team to Bisley 2018

By Geoff Grosskreutz, Captain

149th Imperial Meeting, Bisley, UK - 2018

The NRAA called for nominations for the positions of Captain, Vice-Captain and shooters for the 2018 Australian Rifle Team to Bisley UK on or around August 2017. Geoff Grosskreutz nominated and was successful in his appointment to the Captain's position and further appointed James Corbett as Vice-Captain and Joanne Corbett as Manager.

There were a further sixteen applications received and accepted for the remaining positions in the team.

One team member subsequently notified the Captain he would be withdrawing from the team due to family travel in the UK prior to the meeting.

The final team numbered 18, comprising shooter/coach Captain (1), shooter/coach Vice Captain (1), Manager (1), team shooters (13), Armourer/shooter (1) and Historian (1) with members from Queensland, Victoria, NSW and the ACT.

NRAA Team - Bisley 2018

The appointment of Di Wood, who is an experienced book-keeper, as the team's Treasurer formalised management of the team finances.

Team members were provided with an advance program informing them of details for both official and friendly team matches as well as social events.

The Bisley Camp - home of the National Rifle Association since 1890 - is in large part a Victorian and Edwardian time warp <https://nra.org.uk/who-are-we/history/>. The social invitations associated with the various rifle clubs situated along Club Row are as much a part of the Bisley experience and tradition as is the shooting, over the two weeks of matches.

We were privileged to receive formal invitations from the Chairman of the NRA; the Officers of the British Commonwealth Club; the President of the Army Rifle Club; and the President of the Canadian Rifle Club; to attend dinners and receptions at their respective clubs.

We reciprocated their hospitality by inviting the club presidents and officials to the Australian team's formal dinner held on the second Monday (July 23) at the City Rifle Club. Guests enjoyed pre-dinner drinks followed by a sit-down meal of delicious roast meats and vegetables.

Team Matches

There were members in this year's team for whom it was



NRAA Australian Rifle Team Bisley 2018



photo Tim Webster

(Standing)

Barry Wood Matt Shepherd Ian Griffiths Chris Maher Shaun Wingrove Don Thompson Angus Bell Mark Buchanan Keirin McCamley Jim Jeffery Peter Maher

(Seated)

Mark Horsnell James Corbett (Vice Captain) Joanne Corbett (Manager) Geoff Grosskreutz (Captain) Jim Bailey Steve Negus

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The MacKinnon

their first trip to Bisley. Selection for the early friendly matches was based on allowing these 'first timers' a run before the more serious matches commenced so they could be better prepared.

British Commonwealth Match

The British Commonwealth Match held on the afternoon of Tuesday July 17 was a friendly match between England, Canada, Australia and Kenya held on Century Range over 300, 500 and 600 yards x 10 shots. England, with shooters enough to field several teams on their home range were hard to beat and the Australian team with some still recovering from their air travel had to contend with fourth place. <http://www.nraa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/BisleyDayTwo.pdf>

Inaugural Australian Rifle Team vs UK Army Rifle Club Match

In March 2017, the Australian Rifle Team Captain received an invitation from the President of the Army Rifle Club - Brigadier Andy Storruck and Captain Nick Healy - inviting the Australian Rifle team to a friendly match. The inaugural match held on Wednesday July 18 over 300, 500 and 600 yards (10 shots) was extremely close, with the Army winning by one point.

Following the match, the Australian team and attached members were treated to a barbecue dinner hosted by the Army with prizes awarded to the highest scorer from each of the respective teams. Subsequent discussion with the Army recommended we alternate shooting positions for next year's teams à la Army/Australia/Army/Australia to gain experience with the UK style of coaching and back plotting. <http://www.nraa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/BisleyDayThree.pdf>

Opening Shot Match

Australia was able to field three teams in the Opening Shot held on Thursday July 19. Teams competing in the Opening Shot match must have a maximum of two X grade and a minimum of two A/O grade shooters. We were fortunate this year in that the majority of our team met the entry eligibility.

The three Australian teams managed 7th, 12th and 14th placings in a field of 21 teams.

<http://www.nraa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/BisleyDayFour.pdf>

Later that day the team held a "Meet and Greet" for the Australian team members held at the rear of the Pavilion. Our gratitude is extended to Di Wood and Sue Weissner for organising the get together.

Overseas Match

The Overseas Match held on Thursday July 26 was the first of the official and more serious team matches. Held on Century Range over 300, 500 and 600 yards x 7 shots, the match day belonged to the Australians, who shot consistently across the three ranges with a winning score of 1212.125v. Guernsey came in second with 1198.101v and Canada third on 1190.96v. The next best scores were Jersey 1174.94v and Kenya 1154.98v

Kolapore Match

The second of the official team matches was the Kolapore, shot on Friday July 27 over 300, 500 and 600 yards x 10 shots on Century Range.

Teams competing in the Kolapore were Australia, Great Britain, Canada, Kenya, Jersey, Guernsey and GBMP Germany. Muster was at 8am for an 8.30am start.

Australia had a reasonable start at 300 yards on 391.37v, coming in second behind Canada (394.42v) and with GB third (390.43v).

The 500 and 600 yard ranges proved more difficult for Australia, due in part to the extreme weather conditions and the unpredictability of ammunition and how it was performing in individual's barrels. Subsequently they were unable to maintain their 300 yards level of shooting and finished in third place.

The final score for the Australians was 1165.107v behind Canada in second place on 1178.98v and Great Britain in first place with 1179.130v.

<http://www.nraa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/BisleyDay12.pdf>



The Kolapore

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A united Australian team

Mackinnon Match

The morning of the Mackinnon teams match, Saturday July 28, was particularly challenging weather-wise for all the teams shooting at 900 and 1000 yards on Stickledown.

Although temperatures were cooler, the gusting winds were anywhere between 12 to 16 mph, making it very difficult to read the Stickledown wind flags due to their light weight.

Team captains drew for targets at 900 yards. At 1000 yards, teams were allocated to targets in order of their team's placing after 900 yards.



The City Dinner

All teams were struggling with the strength of the wind. However, with the prevailing wind from the West, those teams that had drawn targets up on Stickledown's higher and less protected ranges, the going was far more difficult.

Unfortunately, Australia's draw and subsequent placing after 900 yards meant the team shot both 900 and 1000 yards on the higher level ranges.

The other factor making Australia's task difficult was the inability for coaches, plotters and the master coach to be able to effectively communicate with one another during the shoot. Australia was the only team amongst the competitive nations such as GB, Canada and Jersey to not be operating with wireless headsets. Compounding this was the fact that Australia had drawn three targets - one of which was separated and distanced from the other two Australian teams by a row of flag poles.

Nine teams contested the Mackinnon: England, Wales, Scotland, Canada, Australia, Ireland, Kenya, Guernsey and Jersey.

At the close of 900 yards Australia trailed in sixth place with 533.32v. After the final range of 1000 yards Australia had managed a finish in fifth place on 1040.59v behind Guernsey (1060.69v) Ireland (1065.66v) Wales



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Overseas Match

(1070.73v) and England in first place on (1085.74v).

<http://www.nraa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/BisleyDay13.pdf>

<http://www.nraa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Bisley-Update-Day-Fifteen-Monday-30th-July.pdf>

This year Australia was successful in winning the Dominion Prize with a score of 3417.291v. The trophy is awarded to the overseas team whose scores in the Kolapore, Mackinnon and Overseas matches make up the highest aggregate.

Recommendations

1. It was evident, particularly in the major matches of the Kolapore and the Mackinnon's long ranges at 900 and 1000 yards, the Australian teams were significantly disadvantaged by not having an effective form of communication between coaches, the master coach and Captain. The more competitive countries' teams such as England, Wales, Canada and Jersey all operate with wireless talking headsets. Recommendation 1 - That a

set of eight wireless headsets be purchased and permanently stored over at Bisley for use by future Australian Bisley teams.

2. Accurate and timely communication between team officials and team members is crucial for the smooth running of a team. Despite modern day technology and the wide use of electronic devices and smart phones and a team notice board on the Corbett van, there were still some missed communications. Recommendation 2 - Designate two specific communication mediums such as email and telephone. Each team member must ensure prior to departure and on arrival in UK that they can access either communication medium by purchasing a UK sim card.
3. Informal feedback on the NRAA Bisley Team Blog and daily Bisley Updates has been positive. Recommendation 3 - That the NRAA consider expanding the website to include all blogs from travelling teams.



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The Army BBQ

4. The appointment of a treasurer to manage team finances ensured transparency and accountability with team funds. Collection of monies was coordinated with receipts and invoices issued and a number of the team's match entries and ammunition paid via online funds transfers. Shooting team members averaged between 83 and 181 pounds spend depending on the number of matches entered and any additional costs for family members travelling. Recommendation 4 - That future Bisley teams appoint a treasurer to collect the equivalent of 100 pounds up front prior to departure for Bisley. This provides a money float for the team expenses and allows for online funds transfers where appropriate.

Summary

2018 is the sixth consecutive year the NRAA has fielded a team in Bisley.

This year, as in previous years, a number of our team's state-level shooters were keen to gain international experience.

We continue work on familiarising team members about travelling with firearms and sufficient kit to compete at a high level.

The NRA of Great Britain has again expressed their gratitude for our commitment to sending an Australian team each year and our commitment to fostering relationships between our team members and the international shooters attending Bisley.

It is estimated that in the last six years the Australian Bisley team has spent around \$600,000. Annualising



Aussie Drinks

this amount indicates a team expenditure of \$100,000 per year, averaging \$5,000 per person (estimated on 20 people per team).

This must be considered by any measure to be a great personal commitment by the individual team members.

We strongly recommend the NRAA maintain its support for the concept of the Australian team to Bisley, thus providing the necessary experience and training required by Australian shooters to remain competitive at an international level and creating a pathway for those participating in other ICFRA competition and team events such as the Palma and Australia Match.

NQRA Queens Prize Fun meets Friendly

Article by Stanley Frofontop

Photos courtesy of Olivia Matthews

There is something special about being able to camp the night and arise to the slow stirring of other campers. The sounds of the Kookaburras and Cockatoos, the embers of last night's fire and the rich smell of coffee on the boil. What makes it even more special is when the camp stirs and everyone who passes by is a near and dear friend, with everyone about to share in the fun and camaraderie of the 2018 Queens Prize at Hervey's Range in Townsville.

From the camping area which includes many powered sites, the leisurely stroll over to the rifle range proper doesn't take longer than about four minutes and by 8.30 in the morning most were already well on the way to heading onto the range for the 9am start of day one of the Queens Prize. Overnight there had been a little light drizzle and the morning was a little overcast but this meant fairly stable conditions and good sighting to kick off the day at 500 metres. Mirage was a very gentle left to right drift with almost nothing on the flags. Scores were correspondingly high and the rifle range eased everyone very gently into proceedings. Not that anyone was fooled, this range has a wonderful habit of throwing up a variety of challenges over the course of a three-day competition and conditions here don't stay static for long at all.

As we all know, the NQRA Queens Prize is called the friendly shoot and that all our friends are special and held in the highest regard. Recently a long-time member of the NQRA and Cairns Rifle Club, Charlie Forster passed away. His funeral service was underway



Jason Kuchel - winner of NQRA Queens

in Port Douglas at precisely the same time just prior to the first 600 metres, and as a mark of deep respect, one minute's silence was held by all competitors in memory of a true friend known and loved by many of those present. It was a true honour to be able to have known and shot with Charlie over these past years and Cairns members will always remember Charlie and his selfless contribution to the club.



Hervey's Range - postcard perfect

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As the day wore on and the overcast cleared, it was inevitable that the dampness would be baked out of the earth and the mirage would add its challenges to the day. By this stage the flags were showing a right to left drift with mirage not always in agreement. It was to be an act of delicate navigation to steer through both the hazy sighting and the conflicting information of the flags versus the mirage and there were certainly more than a few "gotchas" along the way. By request, the NQRA Queens has a reputation of favouring the longs and in these conditions the double 600 metres meant that one certainly had to maintain concentration.

At the end of day one the results were:

Target Rifle A Grade

1	Jason Kuchel	150.21
2	Anthony Wilson	149.19
3	Eric Christie	149.10

F Open

1	Steve Lazarus	179.24
2	Dutchy Lisiewicz	179.17
3	Ernie Mace	179.17

FTR

1	Tim Lawrence	174.10
2	Karl Vordewinkler	174.10

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Pair of Galahs, Steve and Marty with FCWC Gold Medals

F Standard A Grade

1	Norm Cross	180.12
2	Travis Kohn	177.13
3	Nick Williamson	177.12

Target Rifle B Grade

1	Bob Hawkins	147.11
2	Anthony Wilson	147.9
3	Tony Logan	146.11

Target Rifle C Grade

1	Don Flynn	139.7
2	Kevin Muffett	139.5

F Standard B Grade

1	Henry Mischlewski	172.10
2	Bruce Mahony	172.9
3	Peter Munro	169.9

Later that afternoon, presenter and NQRA chairman Bruce Scott invited Steve Lazarus and Marty Lobert up in lieu of the traditional special guests to present the trophies. The process was very much tongue in cheek given these pair of galahs were well known to all in attendance and some friendly ribbing was fair game. This turn of events provided a great deal of light hearted fun and joviality. At its core, our sport is serious and highly competitive, but once the day is done and the dust has settled, there is a great deal of enjoyment to be had by indulging in some good old-fashioned fun. Whilst not everyone may stand on the Dias, I can guarantee you though that everyone who attends an NQRA Queens will have a great time and come away with a broad smile.



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The Cairns Contingent

The second day of the Queens dawned without having had any overnight drizzle, but the clear crisp night meant that there was a layer of dampness on everything and the wary noticed that this included the flags. The competition got underway before the sun had enough time to fully dry the flags and in these crisp conditions, there was very little mirage to speak of. Scores were again high at the 700 metres but as was the case the previous day, shooters had to have a keen eye and maintain sharp focus and attention to detail to steer through. When scores are high, the difference in range rankings will come down to X or V count. With damp flags and mirage only displaying in a very subtle way at that hour, the aforementioned attention to detail was mandatory if one was to keep those counts up and be in the running. It certainly doesn't take much of a change at all to be blown out of the X at 700 metres with V's and X's being the yardstick on that first range of the day.

As is fairly typical for far north Queensland, the sun didn't take too long to make an impact. Not long after the 700 metres was finished, the mirage started in earnest, making sighting rather tricky at times. Correspondingly the flags had by now dried and were starting to show some real movement. During the afternoon the sighting remained quite variable and the conditions threw up many instances of vertical which competitors had to navigate through. One competitor in particular had his eye in, and by concentration and good management was not caught by any of this, but I will expand on that later.



Margie Ryder with Gary Gee who travelled all the way from the Northern Territory

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Fraser Shield winning QLD Team

To close out the last 900 metres the conditions became a touch more overcast again. The 900 metres is the holy grail of our sport and putting together a good score takes a great deal of skill. To be scoring alongside Josh Cox and watch him put down a 50.9 was a real treat and a display of some very fine shooting. In another display of some superlative shooting, the second leg of the Champion of Champions competition was held after the final range at a distance of 900 metres. I had the privilege of scoring for Jason Kuchel representing CIDRA. Shooting a 15 shot match at 900 metres, Jason put down a highly impressive 75.10. The mantra at the penultimate end of his shoot “Just one to go, stay focused” was a sign of the great things to come for his Queens bid.

After the Champion of Champions was contested it was time for the Fraser Shield. The Fraser Shield is a team competition between QRA and NQRA that takes place every year. The event alternates each year between Belmont during the QRA Queens in August and Townsville during the NQRA Queens in May. Evolving as an event for target rifle shooters, in 2015 the format was changed to a mix of target rifle and F Class shooters. The Fraser Shield has a long history and has been fiercely contested over the years. If you want to take it to the next level and represent your state body, this is a fine opportunity.



FTR Winner Tim Lawrence

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1st place: QRA MSCI score 858.2

Captain: John Caske

TARGET RIFLE SQUAD

Coach: John Caske

SHOOTERS

Anthony Wilson, Helen Griffiths, Tony Logan, Ben Fouche, Don Thompson

F CLASS SQUAD:

Coaches: Nick Williamson and Ernie Mace

SHOOTERS

Ernie Mace, Norm Cross, Margy Kerlin, Myles Finger, Nick Williamson

After the dust settled, in the Queens the scores for day two were:

Day Two Results

Target Rifle A Grade

1	Josh Cox	149.20
2	Jason Kuchel	148.15
3	Anthony Wilson	148.11

F Open

1	Steve Lazarus	18.18
2	Terry Sheedy	179.12
3	Mark Azzopardi	178.15



F Open Winner Steve Lazarus

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FTR

1	Tim Lawrence	174.13
2	Karl Vorderwinkler	171.10

F Standard A Grade

1	Norm Cross	179.19
2	Travis Kohn	178.16
3	Nick Williamson	178.13

Target Rifle B Grade

1	Bob Hawkins	147.12
2	Marty Eiteneuer	146.12
3	Rex Waite	145.12

Target Rifle C Grade

1	Ben Munro	126.2
2	Don Flynn	125.6

F Standard B Grade

1	Paul Kerlin	173.12
2	Peter Munro	173.12
3	Craig Matthews	172.12



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F Standard A Grade Winner Norm Cross

Whilst the shooting for the day was done, in the evenings the fun did not let up. In an emerging tradition, Stanley, our “silent competitor” and pseudo Cairns Rifle Club team captain held court. For those not in the know, Stanley is a 50 litre, stainless steel receptacle, lightly pressurised with some CO2 and filled with the goodness of the grain. Each year Ernie Mace travels a long way from Brisbane to attend the NQRA Queens Prize. Considerable thanks must go to Ernie in “taking one for the team” and keeping Stanley’s pressure within limits by consistently ensuring his glass was full. Thanks also to John Kielly who travels together with Ernie from Brisbane to oversee the Queens as Range Officer. John made sure the grape was also represented and a very jovial evening was had by all.

The final day of the Queens incorporates two ranges. To say it is an easy run is a mighty understatement. Those two ranges are 800 metres and 900 metres and all the solid foundations of the previous two days shooting can

be brought crashing down at these longs. Thus, there were plenty of challenges in store when competitors awoke and arrived at the 800 metres mound with a choppy left to right breeze, occasional contradictory right to left mirage and variable sighting. As per the previous days, the conditions sometimes threw up some vertical, which to most was unexplained.

Seasoned shooters know the feeling, sometimes you just see everything and you are completely in tune. Other times you’re just not in tune and you simply get caught left, right and centre. In far north Queensland winds are often not as big as in the southern states and correspondingly the art becomes picking up on the subtle changes, unwavering attention to detail and ongoing concentration on cues. Undoubtedly one of the prime frustrations for shooters is when the wind comes through centre and points are lost because the impending change is recognised too late. Watching flags for coarser shifts in direction or strength is very important. But equally important is watching for changes in mirage. Flags respond to wind changes, whereas mirage IS the air mass. When a change through centre is occurring, quite often the change is manifested in the mirage a good few seconds before it manifests on the flags. In keeping with the necessity of watching for subtle cues it is very important to keep a watch on both indicators. Keeping the shooting cycle going to make use of a static condition but instantly recognising a change is coming through, by seeing a shift in the direction of the mirage, is a big part of staying ahead of the game.

The learnings mentioned above are hard won through years of personal experience but are no secret. As mentioned, some days you just “see it” and as the scores below will show, Steve Lazarus was simply on fire. Throughout the competition I spoke to Steve about the amazing results he was achieving and we covered the bases mentioned above. What was truly fascinating though, was that for the three days of the Queens, Steve’s perception was so acute that not only was he seeing the mirage changes leading the flags, but he had the concentration and attention to detail to be able to pick up the instant before the mirage was ABOUT to change. He explained that from a steady state, what he was seeing at the instant before the mirage was about to commence a change, that the image itself would darken just minutely and this would give the instant of lead time necessary to hold off the upcoming shot and wait. This instant of lead time not only controlled windage but also vertical, which often accompanies changes through centre. In this fashion, Steve had none of the unexplained vertical which others were experiencing. So fast were these changes at times, but so in tune was Steve, that he only came out of the 6 ring once for the entire Queens Prize!

Jason Kuchel was not to be outdone and built on his solid work of the last two days. Given the assertive way that he laid down his score during the Champion of Champions on day two, it was a truly fitting and well-deserved outcome that he should emerge victorious as the 2018 NQRA Queens Prize Target Rifle winner!



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Queens Winners J Kuchel Target Rifle, Steve Lazarus F Open, Tim Lawrence FTR, Norm Cross F Standard A Grade

The overall results and winners for the 2018 Queens Prize:

Target Rifle A Grade

1	Jason Kuchel	397.44
2	Graham Aitchison	394.32
3	Anthony Wilson	391.39

F Open

1	Steve Lazarus	479.54
2	Terry Sheedy	475.31
3	Mark Azzopardi	471.36

FTR

1	Tim Lawrence	461.28
2	Karl Vorderwinkler	458.22

F Standard A Grade

1	Norm Cross	475.35
2	Travis Kohn	472.38
3	Nick Williamson	470.31

Target Rifle B Grade

1	Rex Waite	384.26
2	Bob Hawkins	383.27
3	Marty Eiteneuer	383.26

Target Rifle C Grade

1	Ben Munro	347.14
2	Don Flynn	344.16

F Standard B Grade

1	Craig Matthews	455.26
2	Peter Munro	455.25
3	Henry Mischlewski	452.23

Grand Aggregate Results

Target Rifle A Grade

1	Graham Aitchison	Canberra ACT	692.66
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2	Eric Christie	Townsville Marksmen QLD	683.59
3	Anthony Wilson	Clermont QLD	681.61
4	Don Thompson	Natives QLD	677.61
5	Garry Gee	Darwin NT	675.61

Target Rifle B Grade

1	Rex Waite	West Wallsend NSW	673.51
2	Martin Eiteneuer	Marian QLD	672.47
3	Bob Hawkins	Townsville Marksmen QLD	670.46
4	Carol Hulett	Geelong VIC	664.58
5	Peter Hulett	Geelong VIC	663.51

Target Rifle C Grade

1	Kevin Muffett	Aberdeen NSW	608.25
2	Ben Munro	Townsville Marksmen QLD	608.20
3	Don Flynn	Woomera SA	600.28

F Standard A Grade

1	Norman Cross	Gemfields QLD	827.53
2	Travis Kohn	Atherton QLD	822.63
3	Nick Williamson	Gemfields QLD	821.57
4	John Kent	Fashions Mount Wellington NSW	812.50
5	Margy Kerlin	Clermont QLD	810.42

F Standard B Grade

1	Henry Mischlewski	Central QLD	798.48
2	Craig Matthews	Townsville Marksmen QLD	790.38
3	Peter Munro	Townsville Marksmen QLD	787.39
4	Joe Koch	Monto QLD	785.41
5	Paul Kerlin	Clermont QLD	780.38

F Open

1	Stephen Lazarus	Cairns QLD	838.90
2	Terry Sheedy	Townsville Marksmen QLD	829.58
3	Azzo Azzopardi	Cairns QLD	826.63
4	Ernie Mace	Central QLD	821.63



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Tim and Mim Lawrence

5	Andrew Pearce	North Arm QLD	817.52
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FTR			
1	Tim Lawrence	Townsville Marksmen QLD	805.46
2	Karl Vorderwinkler	Cairns QLD	800.38
3	Garry Venables	Cairns QLD	779.36

Whilst this represented the cessation of shooting for the 2018 NQRA Queens Prize, the culmination of the event was yet to come. The formalities for the presentations were being prepared and at the appropriate time, the very deserving winner of the 2018 Queens Prize in Target Rifle, Jason Kuchel, was chaired in to the stirring sounds of the pipes. For those who don't know Jason personally, he is a man who stands tall, 6'4" in fact, and once raised on the chair there was some detailed discussion and fast planning as to how best to avoid a scalping on the roof whilst he was inbound. I'm happy to report that Jason still has all his locks but given the calibre of those who carried him in, how that occurred is still an engineering mystery.

I have already mentioned that F Open winner Steve Lazarus went through the entire Queens only coming out of the 6 ring once, but taken further, he also only came out of the 6 ring once for the Wilson. Put in context, that is a string of 140 scoring shots with only two of those being 5's, in fact of those 140 shots a full 90 were X's! Furthermore, Steve is currently the only NQRA member who has won a Queens Prize in all F Class disciplines being FS, FTR and now FO. Impressive to say the least!

As mentioned previously, even though not everyone can stand on the Dias, at the NQRA Queens everyone wins as the focus is truly on fun. In this fashion, during the final presentation a light-hearted award is presented for the most birds shot during the Queens. By award, I mean a piece of lumbar with some feathers attached. This year's winner of the "coveted" bird award was Don Flynn with a very credible five birds. Last year's bird winner went on to take out this year's Target Rifle B Grade, so we have high hopes for you Don. Similarly, Andrew Cecolini started slow but went from strength to strength throughout the competition and was a worthy recipient of this year's encouragement award.

Continuing the thread of light heartedness and fun to the end was the representative for Townsville City Council Mayor, Councillor Margie Ryder. On her way to the range for the presentations she became "navigationally challenged" which resulted in some enlightening parlance on arrival. Those present will surely know to what I'm referring. Margie was a great sport, kept the laughs going and struck a chord with all present. I, for one, would be delighted to see both Mayor Hill and Councillor Ryder in attendance next year to continue the fun. Following on, Cec Condom continued with plenty of hair raising quips and his well-worn trade mark phrase "trigger puller".

Some special thanks must go to our wonderful caterers, led by Lisa. Whilst Lisa hinted last year that she may be unable to cater for this year's event, Bob's rugged good looks and golden charm definitely saved the day. Thanks also to Betta and Jean in the office who always do a great deal of work to ensure the smooth running of the event.

In summing up, I hope Tim Lawrence will excuse me for paraphrasing a special part of his FTR victory speech. "When I started in this sport some five years ago I didn't start out by reading shooting books to gain knowledge. I remember in that first year at the Queens standing around the fire discussing some problems I was having. I was immediately heartened by the huge amount of knowledge which was openly and willingly shared, and that shared resource set me on the path to achieving this success today. As I look around, I am happy and honoured to say that you are all my books of knowledge, giving so freely of help, advice and support."

Those humbling and flattering thoughts are an apt way to highlight the great esteem and respect in which we all hold one another. With the NQRA Queens Prize fostering these thoughts of enduring friendship and the fun times had by all, all I can think of left to say is see you all at Hervey's Range in 2019 and let the good times roll!!



Getting busy on the line

20th Northern Territory Queens and Central Australian Prize Meetings

By Roland Gee (Darwin) and Brian Wingrove (Alice Springs), photographs by Phil West (Darwin) and Richard Steel (Yunta)

The Northern Territory Queens Prize Meeting was held at the Micket Creek Rifle Range from June 7 - 11, 2018. This was preceded by the lead up Lou Hook Memorial Prize Shoot (in Darwin) and the Central Australian Rifle Club (CARC) lead-up, the Bill McKinnon Series and the CARC Open Prize Meeting which were held in Alice Springs from May 31 through June 3.

In Darwin, having suffered damage from Cyclone Marcus and the sudden loss of manpower and input from the NTRA Chairman Jeff Chaffey due to illness, everything managed to come together due to the effort put in by the rest of the NTRA committee and a number of other competitors and wives of competitors from local and interstate.

Over seventy competitors started in the NT Queens Prize with a large number of these competitors also making the trip via Alice Springs on their trek to Darwin. Of these, quite a few were first time visitors; most of whom have said they will be back. The camping grounds at the club were a bit bare and dusty (due to the cyclone) but this didn't seem to deter anyone that was staying there and to my knowledge no complaints were made (apart from complaints about their shooting scores or the southerners feeling the heat from our mild dry season temperatures).

The conditions over the five days of competition were ideal, with temperatures ranging from low 20's in the morning to low 30's in the afternoon. Clear skies and constant easterly winds early on resulted in consummate shooting conditions. There were eight Kongsberg Electronic Targets utilised throughout the shoot; performing almost flawlessly.

Mark Thurtell (Lyndhurst) persisted throughout to hit the front on the last 900 metre range by not dropping a shot (50.3), to win the 2018 NT Queens Prize in Darwin by two centres having only dropped three for the entire shoot (397.42). Angus Mitchell (Darwin) won Target Rifle B Grade (389.30) with Roland Gee (374.23) taking out Target Rifle C Grade.

After having not shot in the lead-up and shooting dismally (his words) in the Open in Alice Springs (his home range) due to the restraints of managing the matches there, Brian Wingrove (Alice Springs) came back with a vengeance (NT Queens) to win F Standard A Grade convincingly (465.32). Joe Spiteri (Sarina Rifle Club) won F Standard B Grade (443.19), Geoffrey Krake (Mildura-Red Cliffs) won F Open (472.39) and Shane Dowling won FTR (449.18).

The traditional Chairing-in Procession for Queens Winner Mark Thurtell was piped in by Bjorn Christie-Johnstone and again officiated over by Range Officer Glenn Ellis - who advised that it will be his last time (but we have started working on that already).



NTRA Queens Winners 2018: L-R: Brian Wingrove FSA, NT Assistant Sports Minister Anthony (Tony) Sievers, Geoff Ayling (past Bisley and multiple Queens winner), Shane Dowling FTR, Mark Thurtell TRA, Geoffrey Krake FO, Angus Mitchell TRB, Joe Spiteri FSB and Roland Gee TRC

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Lou Hook Memorial Aggregate place getters

Central Australian Rifle Club (CARC) Bill McKinnon Series and Alice Open Prize Meeting (OPM)

Weather conditions were consistent with those generally experienced at this time of the year on the Bill

McKinnon Rifle Range located within the McDonnell Ranges south west of Alice Springs. Mornings were cold with temperatures rising to the mid-twenties in the afternoons. The prevailing easterly wind gathered strength throughout the days which had clear skies and sunny conditions; and after the first morning produced excellent sighting for competitors over the rain free four-day competition conducted on Kongsberg Electronic Targets.

Bill McKinnon Series

The McKinnon series competed over three ranges commenced in chilly conditions under cloud cover and a cutting easterly breeze before the sun broke through. With the first range completed, an unfavourable forecast forced the cancellation of the 1000 metre match. This was substituted with a second 800 metre match. The McKinnon aggregate was won by Colin Cole (North Arm) Target Rifle A Grade with 150.18; Bill Naismith (Yanyarrie/Orroroo) won Target Rifle B Grade with 142.9; and Don Flynn (Woomera) took out Target Rifle C Grade with 133.6. Within F Class, Malcom Sharp (Lyndhurst) won F Standard A Grade with 162.2; Joe Spiteri (Sarina) was successful in F Standard B Grade with 164.7, Phil Feaver (Central Australia) took out F Open with 176.10 and Stephen Smithson (Kapunda) won FTR with 159.6.

Organisers have resolved that the 1000 metre match will be conducted in future competitions, and will likely be undertaken with the use of paper targets and manual markers for this match.

CARC OPM

The three-day CARC OPM competed over eight ranges was won by Simon Whatley (Katandra) Target Rifle A





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Grade with 396.35. Bill Naismith maintained his hold on Target Rifle B Grade with 388.29, as did Don Flynn in Target Rifle C Grade with 358.18. Malcolm Sharp (Lyndhurst) continued his run in F Standard A Grade with 452.23; as did Joe Spiteri in F Standard B Grade with 429.11. Geoffery Krake (Mildura-Redcliffs) took out F Open with 468.36 and Shane Dowling (Canberra) won FTR with 433.11. In winning the CARC OPM Simon Whatley set up the chance to take out the



NT Queens winner Mark Thurtell (Lyndhurst)



NT Queens Target Rifle C Grade winner Roland Gee (Darwin)



NT Queens Target Rifle B Grade winner Angus Mitchell (Darwin)



NT Assistant Minister for Sport Anthony - Tony - Sievers presenting Mark Thurtell with the Percy Pavey Grand Aggregate Perpetual Trophy



NT Queens F Standard B Grade Badge 1 Joe Spiteri (Sarina)



NT Queens F Standard A Grade Badge 1 Brian Wingrove (Central Aust)



NT Queens F Open Badge 1 Geoffrey Krake (Mildura Red Cliffs)



Mark Thurtell being presented with No1 Badge by Geoff Ayling



Lou Hook Target Rifle C Grade Badge 1 Roland Gee (Darwin)



Lou Hook Target Rifle B Grade Badge 1 Bill Naismith (Yanyarrie Orroroo)



Lou Hook Target Rifle A Grade Badge 1 Garry Gee (Darwin)



Lou Hook FTR Badge 1 Russell Saxby (Goondiwindi)



Lou Hook F Open Badge 1 Geoffrey Krake (Mildura Redd Cliffs)



Lou Hook F Standard B Grade Badge 1 Rob Hill (Darwin)



Lou Hook F Standard A Grade Badge 1 Malcolm Sharp (Lyndhurst)



NT Queens FTR Badge 1 Shane Dowling (Canberra)



Garry Gee being presented with Syd Angel Cup by NT Assistant Sports Minister Mr Anthony (Tony) Sievers



Frank Baldwin presenting Queens Winner with Krieger Barrel sponsored by SARA

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Mark Thurtell after his last range 900 metres 50.3

\$3,500 Jackpot, should he also win the NT Queens Prize in Darwin. Of worthy note, this Jackpot has not been taken out to date.

Alice Springs Open Prize - Grand Aggregate

Colin Cole, winner of this year's McKinnon series was also successful in the Grand Aggregate with 544.65. Bill Naismith won Target Rifle B Grade with 530.38; and Don Flynn took out Target Rifle C Grade with 491.24. For F Class, Malcolm Sharp completed the clean sweep by taking out F Standard A Grade with 614.25, Joe Spiteri also continued his winning run in F Standard B

Grade with 593.18. Phil Feaver took out F Open with 643.46 and Shane Dowling won FTR with 584.14.

Range Officers

The NTRA and CARC owe a big thank you to Charles Arrowsmith of Biloela and Rod Prayle of Maryborough for their efficient "no fuss" assistance as Range Officers which greatly benefitted all 43 competitors over the four day event.

Catering, Result Management and Range Preparation

Monica Davies, ably supported by Dianne Hoerisch, Kaye Mullins and Louise Smithson all from Kapunda and Chris Maurier from Yarram did a fantastic job of preparing and serving food throughout the event; ensuring that competitors did not want for sustenance.

The unflappable Don Flynn ensured results were promptly uploaded and reports generated forthwith and once again Monica Davies' organisation of medals and prizes made NTRA President Jeff Chaffey's presentation of awards to competitors run very smoothly.

Club member Stuart Murphy and his employer G&S Transport are also owed a big vote of thanks for Stuart's time and the free use of G&S's Road Train and Grader to cart gravel and grade the camping area, range roads and firing mounds. Also, our thanks go to Mick Hoey, Jeff Thorpe and Joe Spiteri for preparing the firing mounds.

Centre Canvas again provided sponsorship by donating all the Velcro materials to ensure target faces remained connected to targets.

Thank you to club member Grant Byrnes and owner of Ronin Security Technologies for providing materials and labour free of charge to make the fire management systems at the club compliant. Grant also drove over 1000 kilometres back to the Alice for the event and despite suffering sleep deprivation did a great job of managing the bar, tending the fire and entertaining the visitors after competition end each day.



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Glen Ellis-Range Officer-Rubbish Warrior

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Shooters at the 600 metre mound at the Bill Mckinnon Rifle Range Alice Springs 2018

Thank you to all the competitors who travelled thousands of kilometres to the Red Centre and made this competition a success.

Darwin - The Lou Hook Memorial 2018

The Lou Hook Memorial was named in honour of

Inspector Louis Clandon Hook who was killed on the 16 June 1967 in the execution of his duty as a police officer. He was also a prominent member and Captain of the Darwin Rifle Club. We would like to express



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View down the Bill Mckinnon Rifle Range Alice Springs 2018

our appreciation to The Northern Territory Police Association for their sponsorship of this event since 1968.

The Lou Hook Memorial shoot consists of six applications over five ranges from 500 metres to 900 metres. Almost 60 shooters were in attendance.

The Lou Hook Stage One Aggregate winners were: Bob Dyer (Darwin) Target Rifle A Grade 150.18, Michael Farrell (South Perth) Target Rifle B Grade 146.17, Roland Gee (Darwin) Target Rifle C Grade 145.11, Brian Wingrove (Central Aust) F Standard A Grade 178.13, Robert Hill (Darwin) F Standard B Grade 174.14, Geoffrey Krake (Mildura-Redcliffs) F Open 176.16 and Stephen Smithson (Kapunda) FTR-A 173.9.

The Lou Hook Stage Two Aggregate winners were: Garry Gee (Darwin) Target Rifle A Grade 148.11, Bill Naismith (Yanyarrie/Orroroo) Target Rifle B Grade 146.15, Roland Gee (Darwin) Target Rifle C Grade 144.11, Malcolm Sharp (Lyndhurst) F Standard-A Grade 173.11, Robert Hill (Darwin) F Standard B Grade 160.5, Geoffrey Krake (Mildura-Redcliffs) F Open 178.14 and Shane Dowling (Canberra) FTR-A 161.4.

The Lou Hook Memorial Aggregate

The winner of Lou Hook Memorial Aggregate was local Darwin Rifle Club member Garry Gee for Target Rifle A Grade with a score of 297.29. Bill Naismith (Yanyarrie/Orroroo) took out Target Rifle B Grade with a score of 292.25 and Roland Gee (Darwin) rounded out Target Rifle C Grade with a score of 289.22. F Standard A Grade was won by Malcolm Sharp (Lyndhurst) with 345.21, Darwin Rifle Club member Rob Hill prevailed in F Standard B Grade with a score of 334.19, F Class Open was won by Geoffrey Krake (Mildura-Redcliffs)

who shot a 354.30 and FTR was won by Russell Saxby from Goondiwindi with a score of 328.14.

Northern Territory Queens Prize 2018

Stage One Aggregate - The Ron Betts Memorial

Colin Cole (North Arm) led after the first day in Target Rifle A Grade with 150.17, with John Hoerish (Kapunda) leading the Target Rifle B Grade contingent with 148.13 and Roland Gee (Darwin) heading the Target Rifle C Grade with 148.11. Garry Warrender (Wangaratta) led the F Standard A Grade bunch on 177.13 with Joe Spitteri (Sarina Rifle Club) securing the F Standard B Grade spot on 171.7. F Open was led by Bruce Piper (Geraldton Greenough) with 178.15 and FTR was held by Russell Saxby (Goondiwindi) with 169.9.

Stage Two Aggregate - The Don Moulding Memorial

Again, Colin Cole prevailed in Target Rifle A Grade with a top score of 150.14, Scott Broome (Darwin) top scored in Target Rifle B Grade with 146.13 and Don Flynn (Woomera) top scored in Target Rifle C Grade with 141.5. Margy Kerlin (Clermont) secured the top spot in F Standard A Grade with 177.15 and David Scoggins (Bungendore Rifle Club) secured F Standard B Grade with 169.9. In F Open, Bob Kinnear (Boddington) was top with 177.17 and Russel Saxby (Goondiwindi) finished top of FTR with 172.11.

Stage Three Aggregate - The Arthur Cray Memorial

There was a change of the guard for day three with



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E Targets Bill McKinnon Rifle Range 2018

Mark Thurtell (Lyndhurst) winning the day in Target Rifle A Grade with 100.10, Bill Naismith (Yanyarrie/Orroro) winning Target Rifle B Grade with 97.7 and Roland Gee (Darwin) winning Target Rifle C Grade with 87.3. F Standard A Grade was topped by Brian Wingrove (Central Aust) 116.4 with Joseph Jason (Concord) winning F Standard B Grade with 110.3. F Open was taken out by Geoffrey Krake with 118.9 and FTR was won by Shane Dowling 109.4.

NT Queens Prize

Day three started without the knowledge of the heartache and elation that would ensue. Colin Cole was leading, having not dropped a shot over the previous six ranges, two shots in front of Len Hayes and three shots in front of Mark Thurtell and Simon Whatley. The battle was about to start. The 800 metre range was the start of the charge for Mark Thurtell - shooting a clear 50.7, one centre in front of Simon Whatley 50.5 (for the Queens Aggregate) but still one shot behind Len Hayes 50.4 and two shots behind Colin Cole who had dropped one shot (49.5) on this range. It was now the last range of the competition, with Colin Cole and Mark Thurtell both shooting at the same time but before both Simon Whatley and Len Hayes. Again, Mark was as cool as a cucumber, shooting 50.3 with Colin dropping two and finishing with 48.4, which put Mark two centres in front of Colin for the Queens but there was still nail biting to come for Mark. Simon Whatley was clear till his last shot and only needed a central to win or a bull to force a shoot-off with Mark and a chance to still win the \$3500 jackpot (by winning the Alice OPM and the NT Queens double). Unfortunately for Simon his last shot was an inner leaving Mark the winner and the NTRA

a bit richer. The jackpot still stands to be won in future years, this year being the closest to it being won.

Target Rifle B Grade was won by local Darwin Rifle Club member Angus Mitchell with 389.30 and Roland Gee took out Target Rifle C Grade with a score of 374.23. F Standard A Grade was won by Brian Wingrove from Central Australia with 465.32 and Joe Spiteri from Sarina Rifle Club took out F Standard B Grade with 443.19. F Open was again won by Geoffrey Krake from Mildura - Redcliffs with 472.39. Shane Dowling from Canberra Rifle club won FTR with a score of 449.18.

NT Grand Aggregate

The Target Rifle A Grade Grand Aggregate winner was again Mark Thurtell from Lyndhurst with an impressive 690.78, while Bill Naismith continued his good form from the CARC by winning Target Rifle B Grade with 681.54. Roland Gee from Darwin Rifle Club finished in front for Target Rifle C Grade with a 663.45. Malcolm Sharp from Lyndhurst was the winner for F Standard A Grade with 802.47 and Joe Spiteri from Sarina Rifle club finished on top of F Standard B Grade with a 768.31. Winning both shoots, Geoffrey Krake from Mildura - Red Cliffs took out the aggregate for F Open with a score of 826.69. Rounding out the classes was Russell Saxby from Goondiwindi in FTR with 776.39.

Syd Angel Memorial Aggregate (NT Competitors)

The Syd Angel Memorial Aggregate is a perpetual Memorial Trophy for the best score over all 600 metre



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ranges in the Lou Hook and NT Queens. For 2018, the winner of the Syd Angel Memorial Aggregate was Garry Gee (Darwin) 196.20.

Highest Scoring Lady Shooter

In 2018 this title went to Diane Collings (Te Puke).

Highest Score in Veteran Category

This award went to John Baxter.

Sponsors and Acknowledgements

Many thanks go to the sponsors who supported the meeting, they are very much appreciated.

We would like to thank the Northern Territory Government; Krieger Barrels Inc; SA Rifle Association; NT Police Association; HBC Optimus Projectiles; One Off Precision Engineering (John Cooper); Maurice and Betty Blake; Bob and Jan Dyer; Garry and Debbie Gee; Frank and Wendy Baldwin; Angus Mitchell; Darwin Rifle Club and the Central Australian Rifle Club.

Donations: John and Heather Baxter.

Acknowledgements go to the many who helped in one way or another.

We are extremely grateful to Range Officer Glenn Ellis who expertly performed the role with a no-nonsense attitude; concluding any issues promptly in the fairest manner.

Many thanks to Geoff Ayling for his support in the mentoring and coaching that he has given to the clubs in the NT and for his presenter role during the Darwin Presentation ceremony.

Thank you also to the NT Assistant Minister for Sport, Mr Anthony (Tony) Sievers for his willingness to perform presentation duties during the Darwin Presentation ceremony.

A very special thanks is extended to Monica Davies and husband Graham. Monica was able to co-ordinate all aspects of prizes, prize money, medals and badges both in Alice Springs and Darwin but especially in Darwin when the chairman Jeff Chaffey had become incapacitated. Monica was the one who was able to provide all the answers. The flow of presentations on each day was entirely due to the work put in by Monica. A very big thank you from the NTRA Council.

Thanks also to Don Flynn (Woomera) who although not a member of an NT club could have been considered to be one from the amount of work put in by him with the input and updating of scores to the NRAA scoring website. Don spent many hours performing this function ably assisted by Brian Wingrove (NTRA Councillor Central Aust) and Michele Whatley. Don and his team had results available on the NRAA web site within minutes of the ranges being completed.

Thanks also go to NTRA committee members Frank Baldwin, Brian Wingrove, Warren Gibson and Paul Mulligan for stepping up under difficult circumstances to make the meeting a success.

Thank you to Garry Gee (DRC) for the maintaining of the Electronic Targets and the range in general and to those who helped with the cleanup after Cyclone Marcus and work on the range in general.

Any prize meeting cannot be held without the help and assistance in the club rooms with catering and the bar. A massive thank you goes to Val, Kenlee and Kellyn who ensured that all competitors were fed and to all those involved with other tasks. Thank you also to the members of the Darwin Rifle Club who manned the bar. To anyone we have missed, thank you as well.

NT Competition Conclusions

The NT competitions in both Alice Springs and Darwin were deemed to be a success. Stress was applied to committee members in both locations but lessons have been learnt from the situations that developed.

Electronic targets have been a very worthwhile investment, especially in our isolated situation with the unavailability of persons to act as markers for manual targets. It is hoped that this will encourage an increase in numbers attending the NT events in future years. This year has been encouraging, especially with the number of first time attendees who have indicated that they will be returning.

Thank you to all the competitors who journeyed to Alice Springs and Darwin for the respective meetings which made them a huge success.

Bad Habits

By Greg Warrian

I completed 60 years of rifle shooting last Saturday, June 30. It was a time to reflect, I thought. I recalled in 1959, as an 18 year old asking an old mate how to improve. "Go and observe what the good shots are doing". What I achieved was a raft of bad habits, which I eventually I got rid of. (most of them anyway). However, I continued to "observe". Two things I have observed: Firstly, nothing bad happens to a spent case if it remains in the chamber more than a few milliseconds. Secondly, the shot you have just fired will remain on the screen of an electronic target until you fire the next one.

What does all this mean? As in any sport, whether it be Golf, Tennis, Cricket, or even kicking a football, the key to success is follow through. The single most prevalent cause of poor results in shooting that I observe is a lack of follow through. I've been coaching target rifle shooters at State and Australian level at 300 yards, and have seen the bolt open before the bullet reaches the target. Now that is less than a third of a second.

If you are a target rifle shooter, get used to watching the recoil. The first movement of the rifle is straight back. (before it moves off target) Watch for the foresight ring appearing bigger around the aiming mark. Remember that the manually marked target will be in the pit for at least 10 seconds; no hurry!

If you are an F Class shooter, look for the flight through your scope, or the dust behind the target. On manual targets, wait for the target to go down before you open the bolt. On ET's, give it about five seconds before you open the bolt, then have a look at the screen. Remember that you can shoot quickly without hurrying.

ETargets - One Approach to Maintenance

Notes and photos supplied by Dave Cole

No doubt most clubs believed that once they had purchased electronic targets, all the problems of finding markers and repapering etc were gone.

Wrong!!

The marking issue may have been eliminated, but many clubs found that maintenance of their targets was not as simple as imagined and if left too long, could prove time consuming and relatively costly.

Failure to attend to targets finally led to false readings, frustrated shooters and in some cases, red faces being worn by club officials at important competitions.

Over the past five years in particular it has become noticeable that the lack of upkeep on etargets, including Kongsberg, has given rise to a growing lack of confidence by shooters in the accuracy and reliability of the scores shown, particularly those in F Class, to the point where some are likely to only shoot in competitions where paper targets are used.

There is no question that Kongsberg etargets (KTS) will perform as well as paper targets when those etargets are well maintained and have a sealed sound chamber.

The Busselton and Bunbury Rifle Clubs, in the South West of WA purchased Kongsberg etargets some years ago, and while attending to target maintenance on a regular basis, found that the cost of the sound chamber rubber was above what was considered reasonable. The cost factor, along with the time required to strip and replace the sound chamber rubber tended to lead to the practice of only patching the hole, leading to questionable results on the monitor due to the electronics' inability to perform as designed by Kongsberg.

Over the past 15 months, shooters at the Coolilup range have tested a new approach to servicing - reducing both cost and time on their KTS while maintaining optimum accuracy.

The results in testing have given as good as, if not better standard deviation than a new KTS. The initial

rebuild cost is around \$400 per target, and from there the target can be serviced for \$50-\$60, taking only fifteen minutes to replace the cassette, and providing a sealed sound chamber.

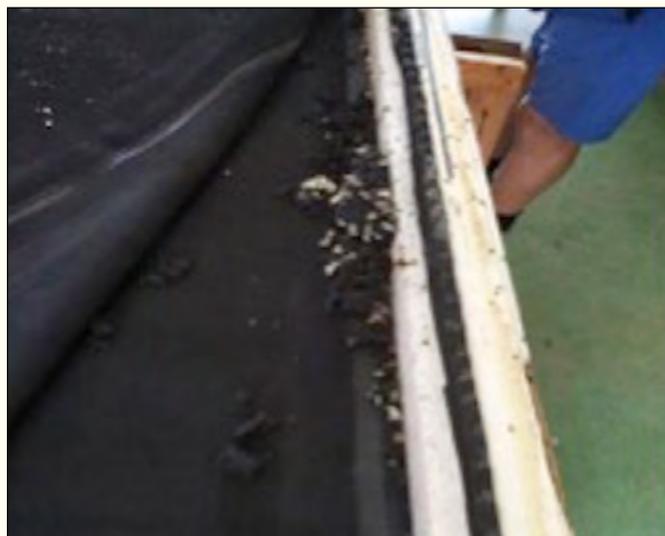
This method has been used with the Coolilup targets for fifteen months over seven targets and recording over 15000 shots, delivering excellent target performance and accuracy.

Coolilup Method of Maintaining Kongsberg Targets

- 1 Make template for cutting out centre hole in target, find the Centre of your target template and in a 2400mm X 1800mm target mark a square hole of 600mm x 600mm.



- 2 Strip down your target and remove all the rubber and old staples.



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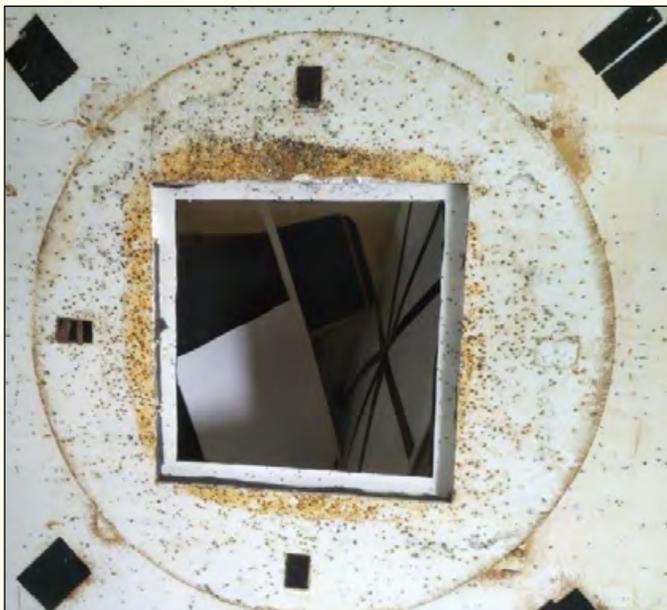


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- 3** Check the frame and wiring for damage, ensuring the sensors are screwed into the corners.



- 4** Use the template over the old polystyrene corflute temperature shield. Lay your template over the old corflute and mark out centre hole, remove the template and with a straight edge and sharp blade cut, leaving a clean square hole through the polystyrene sheet and the corflute 600mm X 600mm, to the old front and back target sheets. (This photo shows the old target front with the new back sheet of corflute fitted. The front and back heat shields are the same).



- 5** With your template mark out your new corflute sheet to be fitted to the back of your heat shields and cut, reducing the hole size down to 540mm x 540mm square and glue to the polystyrene.



- 6** With the new corflute glued to the heat shield cut your new rubber sheet and glue to the corflute making the rubber cover for the sound chamber.



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- 7 Using scissors cut the rubber centre out keeping the cut to the size of the centre hole (this is the same for the front and rear sound chamber/heat shield making it one piece) Give the glue time to work before turning over.



- 8 Ensure the glue has had time to work before turning over the one-piece sound chamber/ heat shield and re-fit to the target frame remembering to check the sheets go on the same as they came off the frame. Screw the new side covers onto the target (keeping the screws clear of the wiring around the frame).



- 9 Make up the new easily replaceable cassette for the front and rear. Cut the corflute to 595mm x 595mm to fit in the 600mm x 600mm hole in the centre of the target. This should be the only replacement work required on the target when it gets shots through it and before a hole is visible.



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WindReader - A PC-Based Home Tuition Wind Reading Tool

By Alan Seaman

In September last year after a shoot at Hornsby Rifle Range I was present at a demonstration of WindReader given by Phil Hodder who was running the program on his laptop. Phil, being a volunteer Beta Product Trial participant, received an early copy of WindReader for review.

Following this exposure, I was approached by Peter Carroll and Business Partner Ray Gudgeon, Joint Designers of WindReader, to participate in ongoing development of WindReader with a view to further enhance its performance.

Over the past nine months I, among others, have made suggestions to Peter that have been incorporated into the design, where today as far as I'm aware there is nothing worldwide that is comparable to WindReader.

There is no means of learning wind reading for most

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10 Replaceable cassette fitted to updated one-piece sound chamber/ heat shield



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shooters, except at the rifle range on the weekend. But as our scores count for club championships, few shooters are inclined to experiment with wind reading, ammunition, position etc if scores can be impacted.

When it comes to reading the weather and estimating wind allowances, the task is complicated by a variety of factors. Most rifle ranges can experience changeable through to fish-tailing conditions where few flags will point in the same direction and sometimes, will point in opposite directions, making it difficult for a new shooter to comprehend.

Spencer Dunstall provided some methodology in his excellent ATR articles on wind-reading several years ago. Since then, we've adopted ICFRA target dimensions which are very "tight" with little margin for error, compared to the previous targets which had larger scoring areas. Few realise that on most targets, it's just a quarter of a minute from the X-ring to score a five - enough to lose most matches. Many shooters now shoot on electronic targets which display scoring rings (to scale), superimposed on a half-minute grid which removes much of the guess-work when group-centring, but the shooter has to estimate how much to alter the sight's windage and/or elevation for the next shot, when the previous shot's location is sometimes best ignored in rapidly changing conditions.

But with the need for increased accuracy, we are required to allow precisely for altitude, temperature, humidity, velocity, ballistic coefficients of projectiles, barrel twist, etc together with the need for consistent, repeatable accuracy in shot release and also wind charts that are customised for your particular ballistics. Whereas, the WindReader Bullet Library uses the industry defacto standards of 15 degrees Celsius, Sea level altitude and zero humidity, the user can add specific ballistic data to the WR Bullet Library to cater for range conditions expected at any world location.



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The older wind charts with their generic scoring rings ignored most of the above factors, but now, with ICFRA scoring rings, it is much harder to produce consistent good scores.

Learning to read wind has been simplified by the Windows PC/tablet based tuition system – WindReader. Instead of manually preparing a plot sheet/windchart, WindReader allows the shooter to estimate the wind allowance and then show the shot location on a target image, which requires the shooter to estimate the correction for the next shot. Prior to this, the shooter has already selected a projectile from the built-in manufacturer’s “library” and nominated his muzzle velocity, barrel twist and the distance to the targets in yards or metres.

WindReader will confirm if your estimated elevation rise/fall is correct, (whether metric or imperial) for your specific ballistics. Wind-speeds can be chosen from 4-8-12-16-20 mph or 5-10-15-20-20 mph – whichever you prefer, and intermediate speeds too, such as 6 or 7 mph. Just being able to practice for metric or imperial distances prior to an important match is important, as you can also practice for the wind allowances too and check the minutes of rise/fall. Invaluable!

Even spin-drift is (optionally) calculated by WindReader based on your barrel twist, which if not allowed for at longer distances can produce an error of about one minute – enough to get an inner.

When using the available library of variable and fish-tail winds, it’s better to slow the rate of shot-delivery to 10,15 or 20 seconds or more, as permitted by our Rules – the longer distances have too many flags to estimate the correction in a short time.

WindReader at US\$60 (\$A80 approximately) in my view is very well priced, there being very few shooters who would not benefit from practice-time with WindReader.

Product Information

WindReader wind simulation software is a new product from Australia that runs under the Windows operating environment designed to enable target rifle shooters to improve their wind reading skills within the comfort of their own home at their convenience.

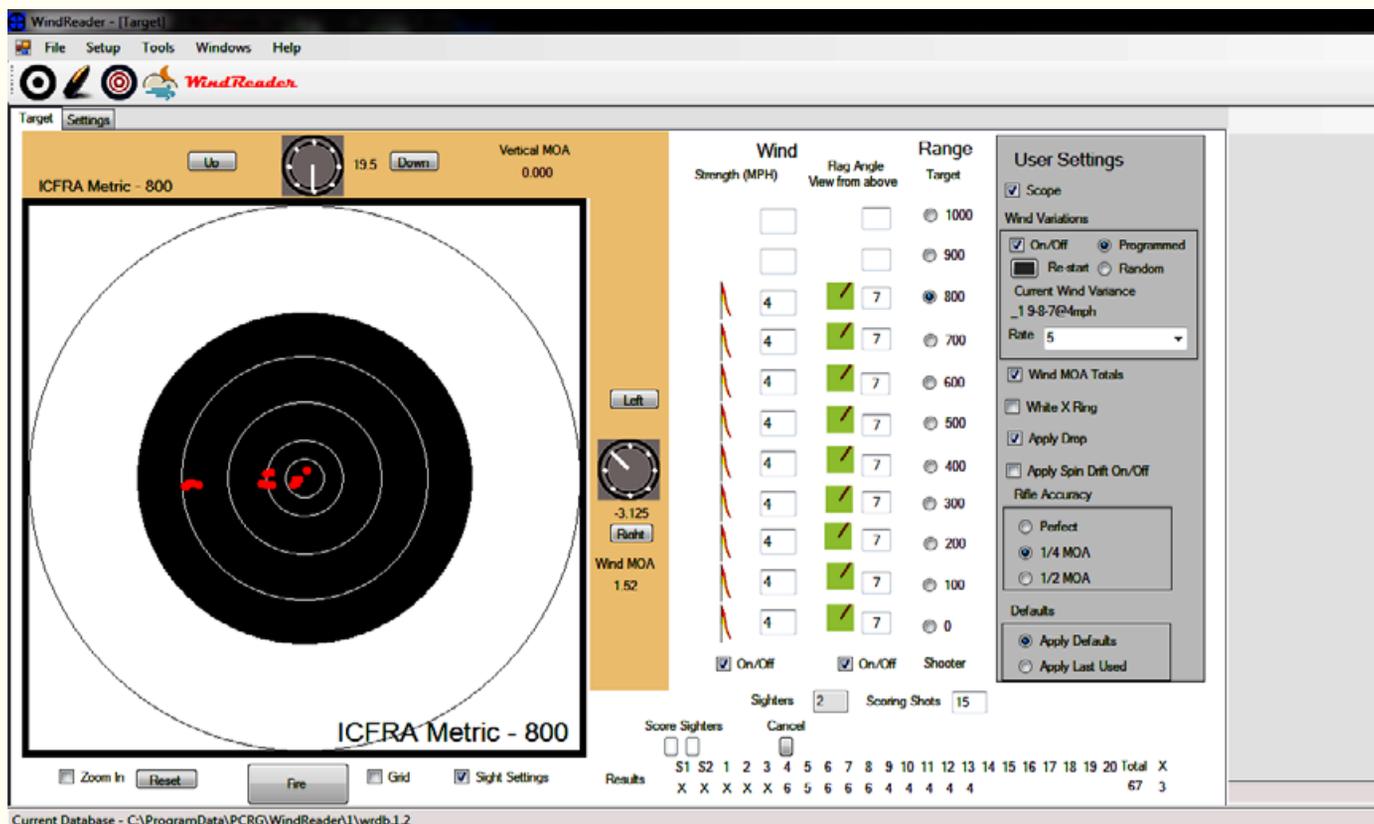
Good wind reading skills are normally attained over many years of range firing practice in varying weather conditions. WindReader provides a low cost off range alternative to live firing without the vagaries of weather at the range on any given day.

WindReader features include:

- Ranges from 300 yards or metres to 1000 yards or 900 metres in 100 yard/metre steps
- A choice of Flag speeds, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20 or 2, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20 mph
- Any of these flag wind speeds can be set to any hour or half hour clock position at any of the range distances.
- A library of Imperial and Metric targets for each range to which the user can further add
- A Library of popular Target Projectiles from various manufactures at various muzzle velocities included from 0.224 to .338 calibre to which the user can enter further selections
- A range of user selectable Wind Variance profiles with which to practice and improve performance then add your own range variance profiles.



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- Telescopic sight turrets with 1/8 MoA adjustment of wind and elevation
- Choice of rifle accuracy of perfect, a quarter MoA or a half MoA
- Use either the fire Button or aim off by using the Mouse cross hairs to initiate shots
- Choice of front panel user settings including program switching Rate, Pause, Random Wind Flag sequencing, Bullet Drop, Spin Drift, regular or white X ring,
- Score Card with sighter election and X count, target Zoom, Reset and half MoA target grid
- Switchable on/off of numeric displays of wind speed and angle for experienced users as per real range conditions

Behind the Front Panel via the Settings Tab, choose Target, Shooter name, Bullet type, Wind Variance program, Barrel twist rate and save as program defaults as desired.

In order to make good scores with WindReader the user must read the flags and adjust sights or aim off accordingly. WindReader can break the habit of adjusting off the last shot and missing a change in conditions.

We suggest trialling WindReader using the default settings of 800 Metres or 900 Yards using the Berger 155.5 grain Target Bullet with a muzzle velocity of 2960 ft/sec.

For Metric select the 9-8-7ocl@4mph or for Imperial, 9-8-7ocl@5mph Wind Variance program from the drop down table in Settings (tab), Set the Rate to 10 (second

interval between program steps) and Rifle accuracy to 0.25 MoA. Set Apply Drop to ON, Spin Drift to OFF and Scoring Shots to 15.

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Friday 16 November to Sunday 18 November 2018

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Wednesday 14 November & Thursday 15 November 2018

Rolph Badges: TR_A 18; TR_B 8; TR_C 3; FS_A 5; FS_B 3; F/TR 5; F Open 5

LU Day 1: 500m (10) 500m (10) & 600m (15).

LU Day 2: 800m (15) & 800m (15).

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ENTRY FORM: You can e-mail your entry via the [editable .pdf form on www.canberrarifleclub.org.au](#)

A Wind Assisted Yunta OPM

Article and photos by
Ros Breeding

Yunta's second annual Open Prize Meeting was held at the relocated rifle Range (at the racecourse) on a very cold, windy weekend over August 4 and 5. Severely lacking rain (like the rest of the country), outback South Australia was veiled in dust, pushed along by 30+ kph winds. Nevertheless, fifty-one shooters braved the conditions to compete at the Yunta Rifle Club's OPM.

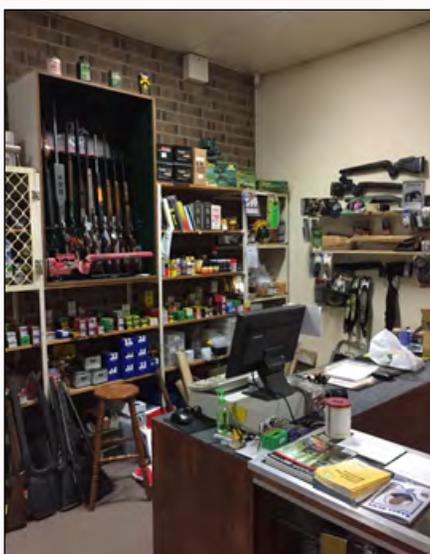


NEW MEMBERS

SARA would like to welcome the following new members: Bradley Versegi, Penny Wrightson and Randall Wolff, Light River; Chris Bavistock, Maitland; Renai Habets and Mark Nesti, Phoenix Target; Darcy Foster, Wallaroo; Raymond Boehm, Tumby Bay; John Emmerton, Waikerie; Jazmyn Allen, Reece Pash and Jason Willett, Loxton; Matthew Webb, Pt Augusta. Welcome to all.

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Winner Richard Braund (CTV) with Yunta's new F Open Perpetual Trophy, with YRC Captain Warren Breeding

Here's a brief overview:

Due to the weather conditions the program was altered and 3 x 500 metres were shot on the Saturday and 3 x 700 metre ranges were shot on the Sunday, before the winds increased even more. The Club has five Hexta electronic targets.

Generous sponsorship covered the \$3,000 of prizes and trophies. The Club has also purchased stunning Perpetual Trophies.

Hot and hearty meals were served all weekend with the highlight



Target Rifle Grand Aggregate winner Robert Paech (Murray Bridge), F Standard winner Stephen Walters (Pt Augusta) and Richard Braund, F Open winner

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being Saturday night's Spit-roasted Pig and Lamb. Visiting wives helped Kerry and Ros to prepare and serve over 300 meals for the weekend!

Don Flynn of Roxby Downs again kindly did all the recording and uploading of scores.

Shooters travelled from far-and-wide to compete including around SA, Broken Hill and Alice Springs. Eight or nine of those attending will head to Perth for September's National Teams and the WA Queen's Shoot.



F Standard A Grade shooter Nunzio Saputo (CTV) found the facilities all very workable and enjoyed his visit to Yunta

Grand Aggregate Scores

1	Robert Paech	Murray Bridge SA	297.31
2	Philip Bradshaw	Cyclists & Torrens Valley SA	295.34
3	Brad Semmler	Cyclists & Torrens Valley SA	294.25
4	Warren Breeding	Yunta SA	288.25
5	Bluey (Ian)	Noll Whyalla SA	286.27

Target Rifle - B

1	Michael Casey	Port Augusta SA	286.24
2	Chris McDermott	Cyclists & Torrens Valley SA	285.19
3	Donald Merritt	West Broken Hill NSW	283.12
4	Bill Naismith	Yanyarrie/Orroroo SA	278.24
5	Bill Pryde	Spalding SA	277.17

Target Rifle C Grade

1	Bill Gillis	Maitland SA	276.19
2	Leonard Wilkes	Port Pirie SA	264.12
3	Don Flynn	Woomera SA	236.7

F Standard A Grade

1	Stephen Walters	Port Augusta SA	349.27
2	Trevor Wilkes	Port Pirie SA	342.22
3	Malcolm Hill	Port Pirie SA	338.21
4	Edmund Kanik	Kapunda SA	336.21
5	James Freebairn	Balaklava SA	314.11

F Standard B Grade

1	Chris Papageorgiou	Kapunda SA	344.21
2	Dean Bartel	Waikerie SA	329.17
3	Chris Tucker	Maitland SA	325.14
4	Raymond Perry	Port Pirie SA	315.10
5	Jim Caspers	Murray Bridge SA	313.12

F Open

1	Richard Braund	Cyclists & Torrens Valley SA	352.23
2	Mark Tyler	Phoenix Target SA	342.17
3	Joe Zappia	Walleroo	323.19



Yunta Rifle Club Captain Warren Breeding borrowed a stock-crate in an attempt to reduce wind for the Yunta OPM shooters - it didnt work!



Yunta range



Spit roasted piggy dinner

Mr Stewart Cook

Article and photos provided
by David Lee

Retirement from shooting and the VRA

Soon to retire from shooting is Mr Stewart Cook who was born on April 12, 1930 and joined the Birchip Rifle Club in the early 1950's. On Sunday June 24, 2018 a presentation was made to Stewart at the Birchip Rifle Range with a certificate which read:

"This Certificate is awarded to Stewart Cook for his outstanding commitment and service to the Birchip Rifle Club over the last 67 years. Stewart has always been a great friend, mentor and inspiration to members and a loyal and reliable Clubman. Stewart has served as a Club secretary for many years and is a past Club Champion".

Stewart also received a letter of recognition and a gift from the

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Queensland by four points, but a stronger showing at 600 yards had us at lunch, in front, by a solitary centre from Qld, with New South Wales eight points further back. After lunch, a bit more wind at 900 yards saw New South Wales take that range by five points, leaving us in front still by three points, with 1000 yards to come. A combined coaching effort at 1000 yards, and a willingness to wait longer for the wind to be back to where we were happy to fire, saw Victoria take that range by a staggering 12 points and the Medland Match by 15 points. We also won the Grand Aggregate, Griffiths Trophy, and Donna Negus and Heather Thomson were Top Shooter/Coach for the Medland Match.

Also shooting alongside the three teams, was a team from North Queensland, comprised of both Target Rifle and F Class shooters, as a demonstration for future State Ladies Matches. Everyone was pleased that North Queensland could attend and also pleased that the Ladies Matches will continue.



Stewart with his Certificate of commitment and letter of recognition.

VRA. In response Stewart thanked all club members and the VRA for their wishes.

When Stewart started shooting it was with .303's and then with a 7.62 and he has competed at prize meetings all over North Western Victoria. Stewart has always been a keen and competitive shooter and a great sportsman. Stewart was Club Champion on more than one occasion and is the only shooter to have shot two double possibles on Birchip range with a target rifle.

Stewart shot target rifle until about

eight or nine years ago when he switched to F Class. Stewart shot in the Birchip Pennant team in the Southern Mallee Pennant for many years. When this competition folded in the early 70's the Birchip club joined the Challenge Shield competition and Stewart was a regular member of that team until this year. Eyesight issues are forcing his retirement from shooting as of now, but the Birchip boys hope to see him on the range for afternoon tea and a chat whenever he can make it.



From Left: Ken Cook, Sue Allan, Stewart Cook and Alan Cook.

Goulburn Valley Rifle Association PM

Article by Michael Purden,
photos by Michael Purden
and Robyn Jackman

It was fortunate that the rain held off for the day for the GVDRA prize shoot on Saturday at the Karramomus Rifle Range. There was a good attendance this year of 67 entries for all the events of Target Rifle, F Standard, F Open and FTR and was contested over three ranges of 500 yards. Quite a few possible scores were attained during the day.



Mark Horsnell Werribee won Target Rifle A Grade

Target Rifle winner for A Grade was Werribee shooter Mark Horsnell fresh from his appearance at Bisley in the UK. A shoot off was required to decide the F Standard B Grade between Joe Melbourne and Kevin Epps, both from the Nagambie Club, with Kevin being proclaimed the winner. There were apparently eight shooters who plonked a shot on the target next door to them during the day.

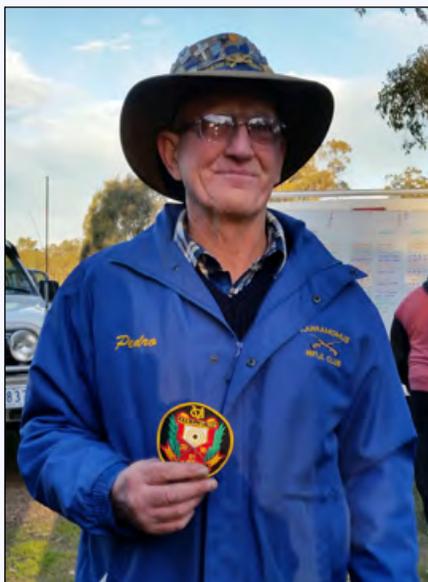
Badge winners and scores

Target Rifle A Grade

- Mark Horsnell, Werribee 150.25
- Brett Thurtell, Wodonga, 149.22
- Gayle Sewell, Wodonga 148.20

B Grade

- Peter Daldy, Karramomus 147.16
- Simon Wall, Karramomus 147.12
- Doug George, Wangarratta 145.12



Peter Daldy Karramomus was the winner in Target Rifle B Grade

C Grade

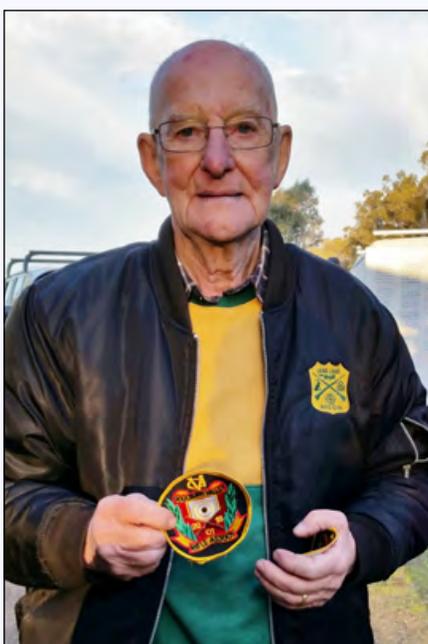
- Myles McCormack, Lang Lang 138.4
- Dylan James, Nagambie 137.3

F Standard A Grade

- Alan Fuge Nagambie, 179.21
- Jason Li Shepparton Nathalia, 179.19
- Dean Moore Lang Lang, 179.13.

F Standard B Grade

- Kevin Epps Nagambie 179.17
- Joe Melbourne Nagambie, 179.17
- Elisa Hall South Bendigo, 178.13



Myles McCormack from Lang Lang took out Target Rifle C Grade



Rod Davis from South Bendigo won FTR



Alan Fuge Nagambie F Standard A Grade



Kevin Epps Nagambie F Standard B Grade winner

F Open

- Phil Jonker Wangarratta, 180.17
- Alan Taylor Portland, 180.8
- Doug Chalmers Robinvale, 179.24

FTR

- Rod Davis South Bendigo, 179.17
- Graeme Kerr ECDRA, 178.22.

Grantville - Shoot for Autism

Article and photos by Brad and Hayley Steer

A total of 51 shooters from across Victoria and New South Wales braved the weather and converged on the Grantville Rifle Club for the Fifth Annual Shoot 4 Autism over the weekend of May 19-20, 2018.

The charity is a unique event, with all funds raised going directly to support the children from the Southern Autistic School in Victoria. To date, the charity has raised \$23,000 over the five plus years.

One of our main sponsors - Lightforce - continued their sponsorship of the charity (Fourth Year) providing a NXS 2.5 - 10 x 56mm scope, which raised \$1625. Organisers would like to congratulate winner, Chris Winterhalter. A big thank you goes to Jamie Dennis from Lightforce situated in South Australia, who is the Australian importer of NF scopes and arranged the sponsorship.

The charity would not be possible without our other partners who donated prizes exceeding \$3000:

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Alan Wright won the Autism F Class B aggregate, winning a Barrel proudly sponsored by the Carpeggiani Family

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- Grantville Bakehouse
- M.C.C.
- OSA



Winners John Simons, Hayley Steer, Simon Whatley, Richard McRae, Marty Kelly, Trevor Jury, Daniel Clothier and Bruce McPhate

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Competitors brave the conditions

This was the first year the event would be run over two days. Saturday consisted of 3 x 500 yards (10 shots) and Sunday 2 x 600 yards (15 shots), with daily and grand aggregate winners.

The range was picture perfect after significant work done by all club members leading up to the event, so the range was set for an outstanding two days of competition. The weather Gods were not on our side, which saw showers on Saturday and persistent drizzle on Sunday. This didn't dampen the enthusiasm of competitors who were there to support a great cause and friendly competition.

Winds were light in the morning but strengthened in the afternoon with a tendency to fishtail, making it tricky for competitors. This ensured competitors needed to keep a sharp eye out for any changes.

Event organisers welcomed SAS Principal Bruce McPhate to presentations. Bruce presented medallions and prizes to winners and was overwhelmed by the event and the generosity of competitors.

Bruce noted that the Shoot 4 Autism is the largest independent fund raiser for the school and thanked all associated with the event.

Michael Waites and Trevor Jury donated \$200 for a perfect F Class score (180.30). Luckily the jackpot was safe for another year (set to double) and not be out done Gary Walton donated \$150 dollars to be split amongst Target Rifle shooters for the highest centre count of the two days.

It was great to see the husband and wife combinations competing over the weekend and spending quality time together. On this occasion the ladies took the honours. Next year gents!!

1. John and Kay Eland
2. Mark and Gayle Sewell
3. James and Sophie Elphink
4. Brad and Hayley Steer

Numerous competitors had a story to share, telling of how they had been touched by a family member or friend who has a disability and the challenges faced by those families. This was a simple reminder as to why we support the children of the Southern Autistic School.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with our sponsors to improve the charity event for 2019.

Grantville – 5th Annual Shoot for Autism 2018 Day One

Held at Grantville on the 19th May 2018

Target Rifle - A				500	500	500	Agg
1	Simon	Whatley	Katandra	50.8	50.7	50.9	150.24
2	Gayle	Sewell	Wodonga	50.8	50.9	50.4	150.21
3	David	Brewster	Fitzroy/Caulfield	50.9	50.9	49.6	149.24
4	Mark	Sewell	Wodonga	50.8	50.6	49.6	149.20
5	Ross	Jackson	Yarram	50.4	49.5	50.7	149.16
6	Richard	Tapps	Lilydale	50.9	50.7	47.3	147.19
7	Rodney	Gray	MCC	47.1	48.3	50.9	145.13
8	Owen	Henry	MCC	49.4	49.4	47.2	145.10

Target Rifle - B				500	500	500	Agg
1	Daniel	Clothier	Moe City	49.4	49.6	50.7	148.17
2	Laurie	Coote	Lang Lang	50.6	49.4	49.4	148.14
3	Blade	Lacey	Maryborough	49.4	50.5	49.4	148.13
4	Ben	Carpegiani	Fitzroy/Caulfield	48.2	50.5	50.5	148.12
5	Dallas	Coote	Lang Lang	49.6	48.1	50.6	147.13
6	Garry	Walton	MCC	50.4	48.3	49.4	147.11
7	Peter	Farley	MCC	46.4	50.4	48.3	144.11



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Husband and Wife team Mark and Gayle Sewell

Target Rifle - C				500	500	500	Agg
1	Steven	Baklien	Lilydale	48.3	48.7	49.4	145.14
2	Richard	McRae	Warragul/Drouin	46.1	47.3	49.2	142.6
3	Myles	McCormack	Lang Lang	46.2	49.2	46	141.4
4	Brian	McKenna	Moe City	45.2	47.1	46.3	138.6

F Standard - A				500	500	500	Agg
1	John	Simons	Broken Hill	60.7	60.8	60.2	180.17
2	John	Eland	Fitzroy/Caulfield	60.10	59.6	60.6	179.22
3	Dean	Moore	Lang Lang	60.6	60.9	59.5	179.20
4	Christian	Winterhalter	Fitzroy/Caulfield	60.7	60.6	59.3	179.16
5	Ron	Haass	Werribee	60.4	60.6	59.5	179.15
6	Colin	Firth	Lang Lang	60.8	58.4	60.7	178.19
7	Luke	Neal	Fitzroy/Caulfield	60.7	58.3	59.5	177.15
8	Jason	O'Rourke	Fitzroy/Caulfield	59.4	58.3	60.4	177.11
9	Kay	Eland	Fitzroy/Caulfield	59.6	59.6	58.3	176.15
10	Bruce	Houston	Rosedale	57.6	59.3	60.2	176.11
11	Bruce	Serjeant	Werribee	58.6	58.4	58.1	174.11
12	Nicholas	Longshaw	Fitzroy/Caulfield	55.2	52	57.3	164.5

Grantville RC – 5th Annual Shoot for Autism OPM - Grand Agg
Held at Grantville on the 19th and 20th May 2018

Target Rifle - A				Day 1	Day 2	Agg
1	Simon	Whatley	Katandra	150.24	150.17	300.41
2	Gayle	Sewell	Wodonga	150.21	149.14	299.35
3	Ross	Jackson	Yarram	149.16	148.13	297.29
4	Richard	Tapps	Lilydale	147.19	147.14	294.33
5	Owen	Henry	MCC	145.10	143.8	288.18
6	Mark	Sewell	Wodonga	149.20	138.12	287.32

Target Rifle - B			Day 1	Day 2	Agg	
1	Daniel	Clothier	Moe City	148.17	147.13	295.30
2	Dallas	Coote	Lang Lang	147.13	147.14	294.27
3	Garry	Walton	MCC	147.11	147.13	294.24
4	Laurie	Coote	Lang Lang	148.14	140.8	288.22
5	Blade	Lacey	Maryborough	148.13	140.8	288.21
6	Peter	Farley	MCC	144.11	143.9	287.20
7	Ben	Carpeggiani	Fitzroy/Caulfield	148.12	137.8	285.20

Target Rifle - C			Day 1	Day 2	Agg	
1	Richard	McRae	Warragul/Drouin	142.6	142.10	284.16
2	Steven	Baklien	Lilydale	145.14	137.11	282.25
3	Myles	McCormack	Lang Lang	141.4	139.6	280.10

F Standard - A			Day 1	Day 2	Agg	
1	John	Simons	Broken Hill	180.17	177.17	357.34
2	John	Eland	Fitzroy/Caulfield	179.22	177.15	356.37
3	Jason	O'Rourke	Fitzroy/Caulfield	177.11	179.14	356.25
4	Colin	Firth	Lang Lang	178.19	177.18	355.37
5	Christian	Winterhalter	Fitzroy/Caulfield	179.16	176.16	355.32
6	Bruce	Houston	Rosedale	176.11	177.8	353.19
7	Dean	Moore	Lang Lang	179.20	171.5	350.25
8	Luke	Neal	Fitzroy/Caulfield	177.15	173.7	350.22
9	Kay	Eland	Fitzroy/Caulfield	176.15	171.6	347.21
10	Bruce	Serjeant	Werribee	174.11	170.15	344.26
11	Nicholas	Longshaw	Fitzroy/Caulfield	164.5	166.9	330.14



Wendy Latham Wins Natives Club PM

Article and photos by Wayne Latham

The Natives Rifle Club two-day Prize Meeting was held on the Belmont range on June 16 and 17, 2018. Attendance was bolstered by the welcome presence of lady shooters who were to compete in the National Ladies Teams matches in the two days immediately following and just before the NRAA Championships. The competition was held on Hexta electronic targets for the third year and as usual they proved thoroughly reliable throughout the two days.

Natives Club member, Wendy Latham, shot consistently throughout the two days and importantly, tamed the wild westerly winds over the long ranges on Sunday to win the Len Perin Memorial A Grade Grand Aggregate.

Saturday was a delightful Queensland winter's day dawning sunny and bright with light to moderate winds leading to high scores across all grades. Geoff Grosskreutz of the Brisbane Rifle Club won the A Grade Carina Leagues Club Short Range Aggregate with the excellent score of 150.20 from George Edser (Albert and Central) a close second on 150.10 and Colin Jones (Albert and Central) on 149.19.

Josh Pratt (Natives) won B Grade with 147.16 from fellow club member Rudi Mueller on 145.10 while Colin Jeffries (Ipswich) took out C Grade with 142.4. In F Class Standard A Grade, Andrew McKillop (Bundaberg/Burnett) finished on top with 178.13 from John Simmons (Broken Hill) on 175.9. F Class Standard B Grade went to Craig Clark (Gatton Glenore) on 176.12 while Lindsay Crombie (Brisbane) won F Open with a great 179.17. FTR was won by Frans Knox (Brisbane) 176.10.

Sunday was again a bright and sunny day, with the usual cool morning and a light breeze adding an uncomfortable wind-chill factor. Scores at the first range, 800 yards, were again very high across



Wendy Latham A Grade with Les Perin Sheild

the grades. All of this changed from mid-morning when strong and gusty westerly winds arrived, blowing hard across the range and playing havoc with scores at 900 and 1000 yards in the Berger Bullets Long Range Match. Josh Pratt in B Grade produced the highest Target Rifle score of 49.5 at 900 with no possible 50's to be seen, while David Boreham (North Arm) shot 57.2 in F Open to be the best of the "scopies". After lunch both Geoff Grant (Brisbane Mariners) and Wendy Latham (Natives) equal

top-scored at 1000 yards with 49.4 in Target Rifle while everyone else could only scratch their heads and put their drubbing down to experience!

Wendy Latham (Natives) won the A Grade Berger Bullets Long Range Aggregate with 146.10 from Geoff Grant (Brisbane Mariners) 145.9 and Dean Enslin (Pacific) 140.11. Joshua Turner (Bundaberg/Burnett) won B Grade with 141.10 and



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Andrew McKillop F Standard A Grade



Josh Pratt B Grade



Craig Pratt FTR



David Boreham F Open



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Colin Jones winner of Keith Affleck Belt and Natives Captain, Luke Baker

Catherine Jones (Beaudesert) took out C Grade with 134.6. F Class Standard A Grade went to John Simons (Broken Hill) 159.8, F Class Standard B was won by Craig Clark (Gatton Glenore) 158.3. David Boreham (North Arm) 169.4 won F Open, while Daryl Barlow (Ipswich) 161.7 topped the FTR group.

As mentioned earlier, the two-day Les Perin Memorial A Grade Grand Aggregate was won by Wendy Latham (Natives) on 292.21. The No.2 badge went to Geoff Grant

(Brisbane Mariners) 291.24 and No.3 badge went to Geoff Grosskreutz (Brisbane) on 290.31. In B Grade, Josh Pratt (Natives) continued his recent great shooting to take out the aggregate with 283.29 from Bas Hopkins (Gold Coast) 282.16 and Phillip Kraut (Uni of Qld) 279.20. C Grade was won by Catherine Jones (Beaudesert) 275.12 from Michael Halpin (Natives) 269.12. F Class Standard A Grade went to Andrew MacKillop (Bundaberg/Burnett) 336.20, F Class Standard

B Grade was won by Craig Clark (Gatton Glenore) 334.15 and David Boreham (North Arm) won F Open with a score of 348.18. Craig Pratt (Natives) collected No.1 badge in FTR.

Following the conclusion of the main competition, the top ten Target Rifle shooters in the Grand Aggregate shot off, shoulder to shoulder, two to a target Bisley style, at 1000 yards for the Keith Affleck Belt - a perpetual trophy donated by Keith, a long-time member of the Natives Club. Colin Jones (Albert and Central) won the Belt with 48.3 in a close tussle with Geoff Wellburn (Pacific) on 48.2.

The Lucky Door Prize winner of a \$500 voucher from the Q-Store was Hamish Pollock (Uni of Qld) while Josh Pratt (Natives) won the raffle for a \$100 Q-Store voucher.

Many thanks go to our generous sponsors - Carina Leagues Club, Queensland Rifle Association, the Perrin family, the Menzel family, Rob Cadden and Electronic Target Syndicate 1 for the use of their targets for the competition.



Catherine Jones C Grade

Cessnock Rifle Club 2018 OPM Report

By David Avery

The 2018 Cessnock Rifle club prize meeting attracted 96 contestants. This is the largest attendance for many years - indeed we could not recall a larger meeting in decades.

The day on May 20 provided brilliant autumn weather with no shade covers needed and just the usual, light treacherous wind conditions to contend with.

This was also the first Open Prize Meeting with our new Hexta Targets and the system performed really well. We want to thank Ted and Dmitri from Hexta for their help on the day.

Special thanks go to the Sydney Schools who again came in great numbers. It is good to see that schools are involved in our sport and congratulations to all involved.

The standard of shooting was very high, however special congratulations go to Oliver Brown, a local Cessnock shooter, who, in one of his very few open prize meeting attendances shot a final 60.8 to win the F Class Open shoot from a very good field.

Results:

Target Rifle

A Grade:

Duncan Davies (West Wallsend)
Mark Buchanan (Roseville)
Angus Martin (Roseville)

B Grade:

David Morton (Port Macquarie)
Peter Mitchell (West Wallsend)
Robert Phillips (West Wallsend)

C Grade:

Pat Jacombs (Shore)
Alex Macauley (Shore)
Frank Zhou (Sydney High School)

F Standard:

A Grade:

Alan Ashworth (Hornsby)
Gary Faulkner (Roseville)
Terry Howell (North Sydney)



Duncan Davies Target Rifle A Grade Champion



David Morton Target Rifle B Grade Champion

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B Grade:

Warwick Gordon (Hornsby)

Paul Christian (Cessnock)

Benjamin Williams (BHP)

F Open:

Oliver Brown (Cessnock)

Ben Ferrara (Lithgow Small Arms)

Derry Crisp (Armidale)

FTR:

Peter Scott (Katoomba)



Pat Jacombs Target Rifle C Grade Champion



Alan Ashworth F Standard A Grade Champion



Warwick Gordon F Standard B Grade Champion



Olly Brown F Open Champion

ACT

November
14-18 ACT Open Championships Queens (Canberra)

NEW SOUTH WALES

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 (Kariang)
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

September
28-29 September - 1 October Central Queensland Championships (Raglan)
29-30 Wondai SBDRA 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

September
2 Atherton PM
NB: Atherton PM changed to Sunday Sept 2 only

October
6 Herberton PM
7 Ravenshoe/Mt Garnet PM

November
3 C&IDRA PM
4 Mossman and District PM

2019

May
14 TMRC & TDRA Prize Meeting
15-16 NQRA Wilson
17-19 NQRA Queens
21-22 Veterans Team Matches

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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

October
14 No. 2 DRA OPM (Mt Barker)

2019

April
25 Father and Sons (Mt Barker)

May
1-2 Hunt (Lower Light)
3-5 Queens (Lower Light)

VICTORIA

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

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)

Queens Series 2018
September 21-28WA Queens
October 3-7NSW Queens
November 14-18ACT Queens

2019
March 7-11TASRA Queens
April 10-14VRA Queens
May 1-5SA Queens
May 15-19NQRA Queens

TARGET TRADING

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MILLENIUM .308 RIFLE (set up for F Class Standard) HHE Flexibed Stock, Krieger Barrel (1243 rounds) (Serial Number: NZ01043) fitted with a barrel tuner and Sightron 8 x 32 x 56 scope with competition shade tube and Gun Case, 5 Rifle Gun Safe (as new), 45 degree eye piece ACCUTER Spotting Scope (8x24x60), Harrel Premium Powder Thrower, Lyman Scales, Lyman Case Trimming Tool, Inertia Hammer, Lyman Pro 1200 Tumbler, Simplex O Press. \$4,000.00 the lot or may sell separately.

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NQRA Queens

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**Townsville DRA & Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club
Open Prize Meeting
15th May 2018**

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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

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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** for any clarification.