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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

Winner of the NQRA TR A Queens Jason Kuchel.
 Photography courtesy of Stanley Frofontop

ISSUE DEADLINES

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

(ATR 143) **September 20**

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Chairman's Message

By now the NRAA's Strategic Plan - Towards 2025 has been received by all S&T Associations, and has been posted on the NRAA website since July 19. This is an important document, which is the result of workshopping and discussion within the Board over several months.

Contained within its pages is the Board's vision for the way ahead for our sport. It contains a number of recommendations and signals a variety of ways in which full-bore rifle shooting can move with the times and prosper in terms of membership and participation.

The document will be put to the Members at the November AGM for endorsement.

Contained in the document are some bold and courageous statements about our future, and in some cases may appear controversial to many. For others, recommendations will be seen as long overdue. Whichever applies in your particular case, please, take the time and effort to give feedback to your Association so that your representative at the AGM is in a position to make informed statements that reflect

the membership's views.

To stimulate thought regarding the Strategic Plan's directions, it is the Board's intention to put out several Discussion Papers over the next months. Readers may find this challenging to their expectations and view of the way our sport currently operates. Hopefully these papers will generate healthy and robust debate and positive feedback.

George Wittorff - Chairman

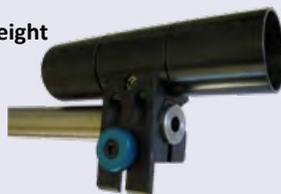
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Time for Change

Article by Les McKnight

On looking at the results of a few prize meets of late; it is disappointing to notice the decline of numbers competing. Thankfully the emergence of F Class has boosted numbers considerably.

It was somewhat ludicrous that at the recent National Championships held at Brisbane, only 71 Target Rifle shooters and 87 F Class participants attended out of an NRAA membership base of somewhere between 6000-7000 members. We need to change how we compete or we shall struggle, if not die, in the foreseeable future.

The South Australian Rifle Association surveyed the financial members some time back to try and find the reason why they did not support our local OPM and state Queens competitions. Of our 500-600 members

To Bring Back a Level Playing Field

Article by Ron Bowman

The introduction of F Class Standard was to enable shooters to transit from Peep to Scope, and allows older and new shooters to continue shooting and enter into a new area of target shooting at a reasonable cost.

But rules and regulations were not sorted out and changes were made on the go.

Now we have shooters using F Open and Bench Rest Pedestal rests in F STD, costing up to two thousand dollars.

Many shooters feel this is not a level playing field as they have a real advantage and edge over bipod rifle shooters, and it is not fair competition and the added cost involved is a real deterrent for older and new shooters wanting to shoot F STD.

Proposal Number 1:

1. F Class STD A, as is per rules but one grade.
2. F Class STD B, as per rules but with bipod only and 308 and 223 standard-weight projectiles.

Proposal Number 2:

1. FTR A, as per rules 8.25kg limit and weight projectiles.
2. FTR B, as per rules 8.25kg limit with standard 308 and 223 projectiles only.

We are asking that all members and clubs give due consideration to these proposals and voice your opinion through your club and association.

A level playing field.

Brings back the skill of the shooter, not the equipment and keeps the movement going.

in SA, it seems that it is the same 50-60 people that attend OPMs.

Of those that answered the survey, many cited many reasons such as cost, lost the desire to compete, some are happy to have a few shots on Saturday afternoon and a couple of quiet drinks and a chat and enjoy the camaraderie etc.

However, a few did mention that why should they pay large entrance fees when they have no chance of competing with the five per cent of competitors that take most of the prizes home as they have far better skill level than the average competitor. As a consequence, we are losing potential numbers in our sport.

This brings me to why I have written this article. What have horse racing, trotting, golf, junior swimming, amateur athletics and yachting - to name a few - have in common? Competitors can compete with a handicap.

In fact, the definition of handicap is: Handicap in sports and games, is a method of offsetting the varying abilities or characteristics of competitors in order to equalize their chances of winning.

I recently went out to tea with a lady a month or so ago who, by the way, is closer to 70 than 60 but she was absolutely thrilled that she went to a golf tournament the previous week and won the handicap section. She is the first to admit she is no top-line golfer, but she played well and consistently the whole three days to take out the prize. As she said, she now has to practice harder as her handicap is now lower.

This, in essence, is what we need to strive for in our sport. All our prize meets are awarded to top of rifle and there is no consideration for the rest that support the host club.

I have recently introduced a handicap system based on the grading average on the NRAA website, which seems to work well in so far as it is generally a shooter that is a lower standard that has had a good day that wins a small prize, and it has the effect of encouraging participation, which I feel this sport lacks somewhat as it only caters for the higher ranked shooters of our sport.

I have convinced three clubs in SA to try the handicapping out and we gave out some bottles of wine for the top five or six handicap placings. They all went away happy knowing they got a small reward for their efforts. I am going to try this out at the next SA Queens held at Lower Light to see what results we get, time will tell.

If anyone would like a copy of the program let me know and I will only be too happy to send you a copy. Beware I have only a basic understanding of Excel spreadsheets and no doubt there are those out there that could greatly improve on my work but be my guest.



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The NRAA Position on Non-Affiliated Clubs Using the NRAA's Standard Shooting Rules (SSR) and the Potential Impact to members.

The NRAA has recently been made aware that some clubs/associations have elected to not associate with the NRAA and that there are non-affiliated clubs/associations conducting competitions using the SSRs. The NRAA Board wishes to highlight the risk that clubs/associations and individuals may expose themselves to in deciding to not affiliate with the NRAA and to either conduct / or attend competitions being run by non-affiliated organisations using the SSRs.

The following points are made in relation to this matter:

- The SSRs is a Copyright document, the intellectual property being owned by the NRAA. Clubs/associations may not use the SSRs unless they are affiliated with the NRAA. The NRAA may seek legal action for the use of these rules by non-affiliated clubs/associations.
 - There is a subsequent implication to range approvals. Many State and Territory Police Forces will stipulate the use of SSRs as part of the range approval and as such it forms a key risk mitigation strategy for the Police. The NRAA Board will inform respective S&T Police Forces that the club/association is not permitted to use SSR and this could jeopardise range approvals.
- In terms of conducting or attending a Competition run by a non-affiliated club or association:
 - The scores will not count towards any grading.
 - Non-Affiliated Clubs/individuals may not nominate/participate in District, S&T or Australian Team.
 - You may not use NRAA provided targets.
- The NRAA provides significant individual and Committee indemnity and medical insurance.
- If you run or participate in a shoot organised by a non-affiliated club/association:
 - As a non-affiliated Member you are not covered by our insurance. You therefore place yourself at great risk if you cause an accident/incident or are exposed to an accident or incident. This could culminate in you (the individual) being personally liable or not covered for medical costs/loss of work earnings.

- As a Committee Member, you will not be protected by the NRAA Indemnity insurance policy. Should legal action be taken against you, you will find that you are not covered and that you may still be personally liable.
- As a Range Officer, Butts Officer or visitor - you are not covered by the NRAA insurance policy.
- The NRAA has a range of other insurance policies that will no longer cover you.
- Access to NRAA projectiles, powder, targets and other items will be at full cost recovery price and not the NRAA subsidised price. The NRAA or respective S&T Association can, in its discretion, chose not to sell you products.

In summary:

- NRAA Members should be aware that are not protected when they attend a shoot that is not run by an affiliated Club. For those Clubs who have elected to not affiliate with the NRAA, we believe you have exposed yourself to great personal and collective risk.
- Should NRAA members choose to attend a competition that is run by a non-affiliated Club - it is our Duty of Care to inform you that you will not be covered by NRAA insurance and that you attend at your own risk.

In addition, the Board of the NRAA urges S&T Associations to bring the above to the attention of all clubs under their jurisdiction, especially when noting that under Section 7.4 (a) of the NRAA Constitution, the annual subscription for each State or Territory (Member), is determined by multiplying the annual fee as set at the AGM by the number of ordinary members of that S&T (Member) registered at the commencement of that Financial Year.

In other words, S&Ts are liable for the NRAA affiliation fee for all their registered members, whether those registered members/clubs believe they can opt out or not.

George Wittorff - Chairman NRAA
July 2019

Mr Harry Motton's Letter



Submitted by Bruce Scott

This letter was published in full without any amendments, and the views and opinions expressed within are those of the original author.

Birmingham, 26/7/'07.

Dear Straightbar,— I suppose all Australian riflemen turned all sorts of back somersaults when they got the news that our Wally (W C Addison) had won the King's, but I will bet you never saw such a lot of excited beggars as we were, as the big burly South Australian is one of the best fellows I ever met. I suppose you would like to have my version of the trouble that arose over Padgett's score and I am well able to explain it all, as I shot right through the final stage on the next target, and Ardill was on the same target as Padgett, and Smith of 3rd Lanark was my mate.

Now, although the range officers tried to keep all coaching down the four of us worked well together and cracked a good many jokes. At the 800 and 900 ranges

Smith and I got through about three shots ahead of the other two, but at the 1000, Smith's second shot was not marked and he challenged, and as we were near the end of the bunch it took a long time to get his target examined; they gave him an outer and put his target up again without a spotting disc and Smith demanded to know where his shot was. The range officer came back again and said it was on the edge of the target and they couldn't put the spotting disc on. It took another 5 minutes to telephone up and find out which edge the shot was on.

This delay took over 20 minutes which put us very much behind. Now Padgett was poking all sorts of fun at us over this delay and then he fired his sixth shot which went off just in the usual way and when his target didn't go down, he challenged it, had the target examined and got word back "a clean target," then he pulled his empty shell out of his rifle and it was a little blackened round the cap; he turned round to the scorer and said "What do you do with things like this," showing the scorer the shell. He said this was a defective cartridge and the scorer called the range officer (the same one that delayed us) and showed him the shell.

The officer said "Give him another cartridge" and rubbed out the miss the scorer had on the board. The scorer altered the card, and the officer initialled it. When the officer went away I asked Padgett what he thought of the officer; he righted himself and looked over Ardill at me and said "What do you mean, don't you think I was entitled to another shot." I said "He is a very fine range officer."

When Padgett finished a number of his friends rushed him and told him he had won and I got word of what his total was and as I had got three more shots to go I told Ardill to hurry up to see how Addison had finished. Padgett knew what I meant by it. Then the crowd rushed in and wanted to chair Padgett and they climbed all over Smith and me. Poor Smith had a chance of tying Addison and Hope and I had 303 and two shots to go and Smith fired with a whole crowd round him. His target didn't move and he couldn't get an officer to take his 2s 6d for his challenge for a lone time. Then he didn't get his target down to have it examined; they told him it was a miss, and we would have to go on.

One officer said we should have been finished long ago then I banged again and got a magpie and Smith got another and then we couldn't get our last shots off as this dispute was going on. At last we got them away and they were a miss to each. While Smith was aiming for his last shot a policeman ran right in front of his rifle. My score at the 1000 was 5555535430-40. I soon forgot the treatment we got when I knew Wally had to shoot off with Hope, but I was very sorry for Smith as he was a grand little chap. Then Ardill and I were called into the inquiry and after gerting the particulars and the faulty cartridge (which was just the same as any



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other when you wiped the little black off) they decided that Addison and Hope should shoot off for first but we, who knew what Addison is made of, gave Hope no hope. He, however, kept on the target but not close enough to the middle of it and the result was as you all know. Hope firing first 4 3 3. Addison 5 4 5. They shot off on the one target. I can't explain just what happened as we all went mad, for it was such a grand finish to our week's shooting. I was a little hero until the King's finish and Addison blew my light clean out.

We only wanted one more point in the Kolopore (which a good number have the cheek to say I could have got had I been included in the team), to have made it a thoroughly Australian Bisley. In fact the papers called it Australia's Bisley, as it was, but we wanted that one more point.

You will see by the slip that I am enclosing I won £87 in boodle and £40 in Scotland and the "Telegraph" (Cup) which is half as big as myself and valued at 50 guineas. Some of our fellows said I should have tried to get money instead but I have the cup. All the Australians got great receptions when they went up for their prizes.

All first Prize winners had to parade and be presented with their prizes by Princess Christian and this poor child had to go up three times and got quite well acquainted with her Royal Highness. She said, "What! again! You must be an excellent shot." But Addison blew my light out again as she pinned his medal on him.

I am sending you a post card of the little family I got round me. I told you before that Fulton supplied the team with rifles. All the other ten used Motty's and you will see by the card what use they made of them, taking the first eight in the first stage of the King's the total was only two points behind this score and four "Motty's" got into the King's final. I have sold rifles to nearly all the team since the meeting, Addison included. All the team want me to start business in the rifle line in Sydney and I am thinking very seriously about it. Anyhow I am fetching 60 barrells and 20 rifles out with me and a good breeching up set and a good set of tools.

Ardill, Edye and I leave for Canada via. Liverpool on the 8th August. We go to Quebec, Montreal and Toronto. Another crowd go on the 22nd via New York. They are Addison, Dawson, Howitt, Cutler, Edwards, Wittington, McLeod. McCally and Hick are going in another boat across the Atlantic. I think Major Marshall will go over in time to see us shoot in the "Palma" in Ottawa, on September 5th. We are all sailing from Vancouver in the Aoranga on September 13. The British team will be with us on that boat and we are looking

forward to a good time as we know the British team well, and they have some great cards amongst them.—Hooray, "Harry."

P.S.— There are two things I should have added in my last notes. It was from the ridiculous to the sublime. In the morning after the King's a crowd of us got together and they were having a good laugh at my expense. I told you the range officers tried to keep all coaching down. Well, when we started at the 900 in the "King's" a range officer was behind me and of course a large crowd besides. I started with 5 for sighter and then 2 2 3 2—9 for the first four shots and I was muttering something and the range officer shouted at me "I will not have this talking amongst competitors," and it fairly broke the crowd up when I sat up and said to him "I am talking to myself. I have just got three outers and a magpie". The range officer laughed and said it was enough to make anyone talk to himself.

Well, we were just joking about it when in came a lot of 14 cables for Addison, and he started to read them and was joking and laughing over each one as he read it and he came to one and he said here is one from Townsville, from "Gill," Motty.

Then he opened one near the last of the bundle, and when he read it tears stood out in the great fellow's eyes and he couldn't speak. He handed it to us. The cable was from his father and all that it contained was "Good Son."

What a thing it is to be notorious. I have had three letters from people claimling relationship with me. I am not sure whether they are or not until I find out how much money they have got.—"Horray" again.

Mr Motton's winnings at Bisley make an attractive list: Stock Exchange, 103, order of merit 1, value £20; "Dally Telegraph" 35, order of merit 1, Cup value 50 guineas

Corporation City of London 328, order of merit 1, value £25;

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Grand Aggregate 328, order of merit 6, value £5;

St, George (2nd stage) 131, order of merit 13, value £9:

All Comers 167, order of merit 4, value £5;

Alexandra, 185, order of merit 64, value £2;

Volunteers Aggregate 161, order of merit 41, value £2:

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Prizes:- Cash £87;

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Three Badges (King's, City of London, St. George);

Cross (Grand Aggregate).



Grantville hosts annual Shoot 4 Autism competition

Article and photos by Brad Steer

Shooters from across Victoria and NSW totalling 58 united for the sixth annual Shoot 4 Autism at the Grantville Rifle Club over the weekend of the May 18 and 19.

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 over \$30,000 in the six years.

One of our main sponsors, Nightforce, continued their sponsorship of the charity (its fifth year) providing a NXS 2.5 - 10 x 56mm scope, which raised \$1650. Organisers would like to congratulate the winner, Chris Winterhalter.

A big thank you to Jamie Dennis from Nightforce situated in SA, who is the Australian importer of NF scopes and arranged the sponsorship.

The charity would not be possible without our other awesome partners who donated prizes exceeding \$3000, including the Carpeggiani Family, Fitzroy/Caulfield Rifle Club, ADI Powder, ZTE, Wonthaggi Bunnings, Master AFC (Wonthaggi), M.C.C., Joe Balls Canvas, Brumby's Eden Rise, Kelly's Bakery Korumburra, Families of the Southern Autistic School, and Marum, Cumming & Winterhalter Families.

The event was conducted over two days. Saturday consisted of three 500 yards (10 shots) and Sunday was two 600 yards (15 shots), with a daily and grand aggregate winners.

The range was again picture perfect after significant work done by club members leading up to the event, so the range was set for an outstanding two days of competition and the weather gods were smiling. Sunny



Autism Challenge winners – Marty Kelly, Ross Jackson, John Simons and Trevor Jury

conditions and very light winds set the scene for a highly competitive but friendly weekend of shooting.

Competitors still needed to keep a sharp eye out for any small changes because the drop of a point had drastic implications.

Day 1 winners and highlights included 91-year-old veteran shooter Kevin Armstrong who finished a sensational third place in FB shooting a 60.4 along the way, Jason O'Rourke who shot a 60.10 in FA (FCRC members) and Cowan Fuge winning the Junior Shoot 4 Autism Challenge.

Day 2 winners and highlights included FCRC member Trevor Jury shooting an outstanding 60.15 in FO, lady shooters Sophie Elphick and Hayley Steer shooting 60's with high super centre counts and new shooter Dennis Lynn winning the Steer/Carpeggiani Rising Star Award.

Grand aggregate winners and highlights were FCRC member Peter Donoghue, winner of FB and a Krieger barrel kindly donated by the Carpeggiani family.

Autism challenge winners for the two-year aggregate were John Simons (FS), Trevor Jury (FO), Marty Kelly (FTR) and Ross Jackson (TR).

Event organisers welcomed for a second year SAS Principal Bruce McPhate and Vice Principal Justin Walsh. Unique to the event, both Bruce and Justin



Scores on display



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Jason O'Rourke enjoying the day

suitied up for a Principals challenge at 600 yards. This was really well received by all shooters who got behind Bruce and Justin, cheering every super centre. Justin took the honours on this occasion.

A big thanks to coaches John Eland and Jason O'Rourke.

Bruce noted that the Shoot 4 Autism continues to be the largest independent fundraiser for the school. He also assisted with development of programs, infrastructure of specialist facilities and thanked all associated with the event.

The cash jackpot for a perfect score in F Class (180.30) & TR (150.30) remained safe for another year despite outstanding conditions. The jackpot is set to increase for next year's event.

Co-ordinators continue to be amazed by stories shared by the competitors explaining how they have been touched by a family member or friend who has a disability and the challenges faced by those families.

With local media present, it's clearly evident that this charity continues to lift awareness for Autism in the community and raise the profile of the FRCR and its members.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with our sponsors to improve the charity event for 2020.

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Grantville Rifle Club – 6th Annual Shoot for Autism - Day 1

Held at Grantville on the 18th May 2019

Target Rifle - A			500	500	500	Agg	
1	Mark	Horsnell	Werribee	50.5	50.8	50.8	150.21
2	Blade	Lacey	Maryborough	50.7	49.6	50.7	149.20
3	Ross	Jackson	Yarram	50.6	50.5	49.4	149.15
4	David	Brewster	Fitzroy/Caulfield	49.7	50.8	49.7	148.22

Target Rifle - B			500	500	500	Agg	
1	Rodney	Gray	MCC	50.5	50.7	49.5	149.17
2	Peter	Farley	MCC	49.5	50.4	50.6	149.15
3	Ben	Carpeggiani	Fitzroy/Caulfield	50.2	49.6	47.4	146.12

Target Rifle - C			500	500	500	Agg	
1	Brian	McKenna	Moe City	44	48.2	45.1	137.3

F Standard - A			500	500	500	Agg	
1	Craig	Weaire	Nagambie	60.5	60.8	60.9	180.22
2	Colin	Firth	Lang Lang	60.7	60.6	60.8	180.21
3	Alan	Fuge	Nagambie	60.8	60.6	60.7	180.21
4	John	Simons	Broken Hill	60.9	60.8	60.4	180.21
5	Dean	Moore	Lang Lang	60.5	60.8	60.7	180.20
6	Stephen	Butler	Moe City	60.8	60.5	60.6	180.19
7	Trevor	Rhodes	Maryborough	60.7	59.5	60.9	179.21
8	Jason	O'Rourke	Fitzroy/Caulfield	60.3	59.5	60.10	179.18
9	Christian	Winterhalter	Fitzroy/Caulfield	60.5	59.4	60.7	179.16
10	Luke	Neal	Fitzroy/Caulfield	58.6	60.6	60.9	178.21
11	Hayley	Steer	Fitzroy/Caulfield	59.4	59.7	60.5	178.16
12	Bruce	Serjeant	Werribee	59.4	60.5	59.7	178.16
13	Jason	Li	Shepparton/Nathalia	59.3	59.4	59.4	177.11
14	John	Eland	Fitzroy/Caulfield	58.2	60.7	58.5	176.14
15	Robert	Chiswell	Werribee	58.3	58.4	59.3	175.10
16	Susan	Mcleish	Fitzroy/Caulfield	53.2	56.2	46.1	155.5

F Standard - B			500	500	500	Agg	
1	John	Alexander	South Bendigo	60.2	60.4	58.3	178.9
2	Clive	Bodle	South Bendigo	59.3	60.5	58.5	177.13
3	Kevin	Armstrong	Fitzroy/Caulfield	59.3	58.5	60.4	177.12
4	Peter	Donoghue	Fitzroy Caulfield	58.3	60.5	59.3	177.11
5	Kay	Eland	Fitzroy/Caulfield	59.4	57.6	60.4	176.14
6	Kevin	Epps	Nagambie	57.4	60.3	58.2	175.9
7	Dragi	Jankovic	Moe City	57.4	57.5	60.5	174.14



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Competitors on the mound

Grantville Rifle Club – 6th Annual Shoot for Autism - Day 2

Held at Grantville on the 19th May 2019

Target Rifle - A

			600	600	Agg	
1	Ross	Jackson	Yarram	75.7	75.8	150.15
2	David	Brewster	Fitzroy/Caulfield	74.8	75.12	149.20
3	Blade	Lacey	Maryborough	73.6	75.9	148.15
4	Simon	Whatley	Katandra	73.7	74.7	147.14

Target Rifle - B

			600	600	Agg	
1	Peter	Farley	MCC	73.8	75.7	148.15
2	Rodney	Gray	MCC	74.8	72.6	146.14
3	Ben	Carpeggiani	Fitzroy/Caulfield	72.4	65.1	137.5

F Standard - A

			600	600	Agg	
1	John	Simons	Broken Hill	90.12	89.8	179.2
2	Luke	Neal	Fitzroy/Caulfield	90.3	89.4	179.7
3	Jason	Li	Shepparton/Nathalia	89.12	89.7	178.19
4	Trevor	Rhodes	Maryborough	90.8	88.8	178.16
5	Colin	Firth	Lang Lang	90.8	87.6	177.14
6	Craig	Weaire	Nagambie	90.7	86.6	176.13
7	Bruce	Serjeant	Werribee	89.6	86.10	175.16
8	Hayley	Steer	Fitzroy/Caulfield	85.1	90.9	175.10
9	Stephen	Butler	Moe City	86.5	88.7	174.12
10	John	Eland	Fitzroy/Caulfield	84.4	87.5	171.9
11	Jason	O-Rourke	Fitzroy/Caulfield	87.5	83.5	170.10

F Standard - B

			600	600	Agg	
1	Peter	Donoghue	Fitzroy Caulfield	87.5	90.9	177.14
2	Kevin	Epps	Nagambie	88.8	88.10	176.18
3	Dragi	Jankovic	Moe City	88.8	88.6	176.14
4	Clive	Bodle	South Bendigo	85.5	90.7	175.12
5	John	Alexander	South Bendigo	85.2	89.7	174.9
6	Max	Hardie	Fitzroy Caulfield	87.4	81.2	168.6
7	David	Rissman	Fitzroy/Caulfield	81.2	85.5	166.7
8	Robin	Horkings	Fitzroy/Caulfield	83.4	83.2	166.6
9	Kay	Eland	Fitzroy/Caulfield	85.6	79.2	164.8
10	Kevin	Armstrong	Fitzroy/Caulfield	83.4	79	162.4

F Open

			600	600	Agg	
1	Trevor	Jury	Fitzroy/Caulfield	90.12	90.15	180.27
2	Joshua	Weaire	Nagambie	90.13	90.12	180.25
3	Albert	van Wyk	Rosedale	90.13	90.9	180.22

Grantville Rifle Club – Shoot for Autism Grand Agg

Held at Grantville on the 18th and 19th May 2019

Target Rifle - A

				Day 1	Day 2	Grand
1	Ross	Jackson	Yarram	149.15	150.15	299.30
2	David	Brewster	Fitzroy/Caulfield	148.22	149.20	297.42
3	Blade	Lacey	Maryborough	149.2	148.15	297.35

Target Rifle - B

				Day 1	Day 2	Grand
1	Peter	Farley	MCC	149.15	148.15	297.3
2	Rodney	Gray	MCC	149.17	146.14	295.31
3	Ben	Carpeggiani	Fitzroy/Caulfield	146.12	137.5	283.17

F Standard - A

				Day 1	Day 2	Grand
1	John	Simons	Broken Hill	180.21	179.20	359.41
2	Trevor	Rhodes	Maryborough	179.21	178.16	357.37
3	Colin	Firth	Lang Lang	180.21	177.14	357.35
4	Luke	Neal	Fitzroy/Caulfield	178.21	179.7	357.28
5	Craig	Weaire	Nagambie	180.22	176.13	356.35
6	Jason	Li	Shepparton/Nathalia	177.11	178.19	355.30
7	Stephen	Butler	Moe City	180.19	174.12	354.31
8	Bruce	Serjeant	Werribee	178.16	175.16	353.32
9	Hayley	Steer	Fitzroy/Caulfield	178.16	175.10	353.26
10	Jason	O-Rourke	Fitzroy/Caulfield	179.18	170.10	349.28
11	John	Eland	Fitzroy/Caulfield	176.14	171.9	347.23

F Standard - B

				Day 1	Day 2	Grand
1	Peter	Donoghue	Fitzroy Caulfield	177.11	177.14	354.25
2	Clive	Bodle	South Bendigo	177.13	175.12	352.25
3	John	Alexander	South Bendigo	178.9	174.9	352.18
4	Kevin	Epps	Nagambie	175.9	176.18	351.27
5	Dragi	Jankovic	Moe City	174.14	176.14	350.28
6	Kay	Eland	Fitzroy/Caulfield	176.14	164.8	340.22
7	David	Rissman	Fitzroy/Caulfield	174.13	166.7	340.20
8	Kevin	Armstrong	Fitzroy/Caulfield	177.12	162.4	339.16
9	Max	Hardie	Fitzroy Caulfield	168.9	168.6	336.15
10	Robin	Horkings	Fitzroy/Caulfield	169.9	166.6	335.15

F Open

				Day 1	Day 2	Grand
1	Joshua	Weaire	Nagambie	180.21	180.25	360.46
2	Albert	van Wyk	Rosedale	180.22	180.22	360.44



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Competitors enjoying a well earned break



Event co-ordinators Hayley and Brad Steer



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Southern Autistic principals (Bruce McPhate and Justin Walsh) enjoying a friendly shoot

NRAA Veterans Teams Matches - 2019

Article and photos by Eric Christie

The NRAA National Veterans Teams Matches were conducted on the Hervey Range Shooting Complex in Townsville on May 21 and 22 following the NQRA Queens program.

The damage to access roads and the bullet stop courtesy of the 2800mm of rain that fell on the range complex in February were repaired quickly, and the range was in first-class condition for the competition program.

The lack of vegetation coverage on the repaired bullet stop, which is evident in the photo below, did affect the sighting for target rifle shooters in bright sunlight.

The NQRA were disappointed that only three state associations participated in the Veterans Teams matches.

The NQRA fielded two Target Rifle and an F Class standard team, while the QRA and VRA both fielded a Target Rifle and an F Class Standard team.

Regrettably, the Townsville Mayoral Reception scheduled for May 20 was cancelled because the level of participation by State and Territory Associations were below expectations for a national event. Hopefully the recently announced NRAA review will identify the changes necessary to improve participation in future veterans matches.

Brothers Rugby League Club generously sponsored the veterans matches, range officers Steve Lazarus and Josh Cox volunteered their time to conduct the shooting program, and Betta Gianasi provided the administrative support which enabled the NQRA to substantially reduce the cost for team members.

The exceptionally light winds which prevailed for the entire NQRA Wilson and Queens Program continued for the Veteran's Teams Matches, so with the flags not moving beyond a flutter, there was no major challenge for the coaches.

NQRA chairman Bruce Scott was Master of Ceremonies for an enjoyable social presentation dinner held in a function room at the Brothers Rugby League Club.

The successful team winners were:

TARGET RIFLE		
Trophy	Team	Score
MASTERS	QLD RANGERS Captain: Bill Read Coaches: Don Thompson & Colin Jones Shooters: Don Thompson, Geoff Wellburn, Tony Logan, Helen Griffiths, Colin Jones.	370.34
DON COOK	QLD RANGERS Captain: Bill Read Coaches: Don Thompson & Colin Jones Shooters: Don Thompson, Geoff Wellburn, Tony Logan, Helen Griffiths, Colin Jones.	970.69
KOSI-FORD	QLD RANGERS Captain: Bill Read Coaches: Don Thompson & Colin Jones Shooters: Don Thompson, Geoff Wellburn, Tony Logan, Helen Griffiths, Colin Jones.	1340.103

F CLASS STANDARD		
Trophy	Team	Score
ERNIE MACE	QLD TAIPANS Captain: Henry Mischlewski Coach: Henry Mischlewski Shooters: Paul Kerlin, Peter Drew, Margy Kerlin, Joe Koch, Mick Kyle.	430.31
ROB RICHARDS-MOUSLEY	NQRA FRESHIES Captain: Peter Munro Coach: Jim Blomfield Shooters: John Lorimer, Terry Sheedy, Wayne Swift, Gail Christie, Charlie Lazarus, Joan Munro (reserve)	1123.54



Happy attendees on the weekend of the National Veterans Teams Matches

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Gorgeous views on the shooting range

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 Joe Koch, Mick Kyle.

The top scoring coach/shooter combinations in each of the matches were:

TARGET RIFLE

Match	Trophy	Coach/Shooter	Score
MASTERS	PIXIE LEE	Coach: Trevor Deed Shooter: Dudley Ford	75.11
DON COOK		Coach: Trevor Deed Shooter: Bruce Scott	199.26
KOSI-FORD	BERT BEVERLY	Coach: Trevor Deed Shooter: Bruce Scott	273.36

F CLASS STANDARD

Match	Coach/Shooter	Score
ERNIE MACE	Coach: Henry Mischlewski Shooter: Margy Kerlin	89.8
ROB RICHARDS-MOUSLEY	Coach: Henry Mischlewski Shooter: Margy Kerlin	233.16
CLIFF JONES MEMORIAL	Coach: Henry Mischlewski Shooter: Margy Kerlin	322.24

2019 NQRA Queens Prize an Experience of Friends, Fun and Challenges

Article and photos by Stanley Frootop

With the sun rising and range awakening for the first day of the NQRA Queens Prize, it was clear to those staying on the range that there was a considerable influx of competitors arriving to enter.

In fact, this year the only state not represented from the commonwealth was Tasmania. Furthermore, of this field, over 60 per cent were made up of F Class shooters.

It is also a great testament to the vision of the NRQA in actively canvassing competitors and thus by request, setting a program biased to the longer ranges, which serves to challenge all shooters throughout.

The day started with overcast conditions and rain looked possible. The winds were still and sighting was excellent. Right from the outset I would say that these types of conditions were unusual for the typical NQRA Queens. In years gone by, heavy mirage and poor sighting were the major challenges.

This year was exceedingly interesting, as the conditions were rather benign, and sighting remained very good. Thus 2019 was to be a test of rifle accuracy and razor-sharp shooting skills, both man and machine had to be at the top of their game.

Those who had invested the time and energy to prepare accurate equipment without shortcuts would reap rewards. Due to this, it was also supremely important that shooters did not lapse in concentration for an instant, as dropping even one V or X had serious consequences on the rankings.

In this way, whilst different, 2019 would prove to be as much a mental challenge as one of raw wind-reading ability. Under these conditions some fine scores were posted, none better than the 60.10 posted by Craig McGowan at 500m.

A huge part of the NQRA Queens Prize experience is to immerse yourself in the lighthearted fun along the way.

At the end of day one, two FO competitors found themselves vying for the daily aggregate trophy. Without enough ammunition for a shoot off, it was left to Chairman Bruce Scott to decide how to resolve the tie. What better way to finish off a great day of robust competition on the range than by having the two competitors trying for "nearest the pin" with a golf ball each and a bucket. Plenty of laughs and a great example of the fun of the NQRA Queens experience!



Jason Kuchel TR A Winner

This evening also marked the launch of the long-awaited book "So you went Target Rifle Shooting". The book is a history of the North Queensland Rifle Association from 1886 to 2017. A huge amount of time, effort and research has gone into creating what is a fascinating read. Great credit must go to Bruce Scott, Bernie Davis and Dick Crozier for their tireless efforts in bringing this work to life and I would urge you all to obtain a copy.



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Winners L to R FTR Chris Allman FSA Norm Cross TRA Jason Kuchel FO Craig McGowan



Winners L to R FO Craig McGowan FTR Chris Allman FSA Norm Cross

As day turned into night the nucleus of the central fire awaited. A great place for great friends to share great company, great stories and great drinks!

At that stage of the Queens, I am happy to report that both Stanley and Ernie were holding up well, with Ernie

providing able assistance by also holding up the bar outside Steve Laz's camper.

For day two of the Queens, weather wise the trend was a continuation from the previous day. The broken overcast brought just the lightest sprinkling of some isolated rain drops at mid-morning. It may seem odd, but for competitors this weather was welcome, as conditions were comfortable and mirage was light.



Harvey's Range Postcard Perfect

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Cairns Rifle Club Larrakins

Thus, again for day two, sighting was sublime, and in fact it was commented by many competitors that it was in marked contrast to the heavy mirage of other years. The winds were light, and again this meant that competitors had to maintain a razor focus lest they drop a point due to a lapse in concentration.

To put the ferocity of the competition in context, in the F Open competition, it was telling to see some of the shooters cut sixes to increase their X count. These are bold moves, but speak towards both the high level of the competition, coupled with the need to leverage maximum benefit from the available conditions. Sometimes this strategy paid off, sometimes not, and the fierce level of competition and the tactics created quite a talking point throughout the remainder of the Queens.



The Lawrence Clan



Tracey, Dudley and Ody

The final 900m for the day was relatively benign and thus was a very interesting proving ground of raw rifle and shooter ability. Fabrication and machining (CNC) technology has been evolving very quickly and it is very impressive to see what accuracy and consistency is capable by man and rifle at this level.

Later in the afternoon, after the days shooting was over, competitors unwound by reminiscing with one another over the day's events. Stanley was put to the task of supplying some of the refreshing lubrication necessary for such in depth analysis and did an admirable job. The backdrop of Harvey's Range was postcard perfect and the evening vista was magical.

Full credit must go the NQRA's oversight of the range, as this year there were more powered sites and infrastructure available for competitors than ever before. The planning and work that has gone into improving what is already a very impressive facility is a real credit to the organization.

As the afternoon wore on, the day's presentation was not far away, and somehow someone decided that tonight was Hawaiian shirt night. So that evening at presentation, there was a tour-de-force of floral loudness in the crowd. Stylish with savoir-faire, it was not. Funny, it most certainly was! Alongside the laughs, this provided a very neat segue to retiring to the fireside with Stanley et-al for the remainder of the evening.



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Steve Laz Mike Waites

The final day of the NQRA Queens dawned with the threat of rain gone, only patchy cloud remained with mainly blue skies. Again, mirage was light and thus sighting was very good. I cannot remember the last time I have seen Harvey's Range put on such consistently good sighting!

The X and all the rings of the target were able to be crisply and clearly seen throughout the entire Queens. Again, today would bring the necessity of fine accuracy with no concentration lapses to remain in touch with the stellar scores being posted.

As the dust settled, Jason Kuchel was once again victorious in TR A, repeating his success from 2018 and dropping only four points to finish on 396.42.

In F Open, the winner was Craig McGowan. As a testament to the ferocity of the FO competition he had to soldier through the entire Queens without dropping a single point to achieve that win, finishing with 480.52.

In FS A, Norm Cross was victorious, seven down on 473.38.

The 2019 NQRA Queens prize did not disappoint in terms of excitement. In FTR, right to the last range, there were two competitors out in front, but neck and neck, fiercely vying for honors. Chris Allman shot first and dropped three, finishing on 471.33. This left the door open for Karl Vorderwinkler, who had a slightly higher X count, to make his run with a small crowd gathering behind to watch this cliffhanger finish! Karl started strong, but as the shoot progressed, he dropped a few and was hurt by a four along the way. He finished just one point behind Chris on 470.37. Nail biting to say the least!

In TR B, Bernard Nielson finished on top with 391.30, Phillip West clinched TR C on 367.22 and in FS B, Ivor Davidson showed the way on 468.28.

A grateful thanks to all who assisted in the smooth running of the event and to the tireless office staff of Betta and Jean, and to the wonderful caterers, led by Lisa, thank you for all your efforts!

There is also one more incredibly important thanks to be made. After giving almost half a century of dutiful service to the rifle shooting sports, Bob Kennedy is calling it a day. The constant work and tireless energy which Bob has injected into our sport has benefited each and every one of us in innumerable ways. Through diligent and unwavering oversight, guidance and good governance, Bob has steered us through thick and thin to bring us through to the strong position we are in today. Collectively Bob, we would all like to sincerely and deeply thank you, from the bottom of our hearts.

With a touch of sadness to see it all over, mates said goodbye to mates to start their travels home. From the above synopsis though, I hope you will all get the strong sense that the NQRA Queens is much more than just a shoot. It is an experience!

Year after year, competitors drive from far and wide thousands of kilometers to immerse themselves in this event. If you are one of those people, you most certainly know what I mean. If not, then there is only one thing to do ... come along, be a part of it, and experience it!



Hawaiian Night

NSW Champions 2019 Report

Article and photos by Graham Crowe

NSW Champions 2019

In Banjo Paterson's words "all the cracks had gathered to the fray", but this time not with horses but with rifles to compete on Saturday July 5 over the demanding 500-, 600-, 700- and 800-metre ranges for the honor of being the NSW Champion for 2019.

To get to this level, the competitors had to first win their own club championship followed by the District Championship in their respective disciplines, i.e. Target Rifle, (Senior, U25 and U18) F Class Standard, F Class Open and FTR.

The weather was kind in Sydney with a gentle breeze a change from earlier in the week which had the promoters keeping a wary eye on the weather.

In Target Rifle, Scott Brindley (Riverina) signaled his intentions early with a 50.10 and the only perfect score recorded all day.

Scores were close all morning with a few changes in the lead but nothing dramatic until the final 800-metre range which sorted out the field.

Mitchell Bailey (MDRA) however, fresh from a good result in the World Championships in NZ and the National Queens, showed his skills by going through clean to win the senior and U25 titles with a 200.38.

In the U18 class, young Jack Picton (North West) also showed he will be one to watch for the future with a 198.23.

Down range in FS Class, Anthony Loh (North Shore)



Mitchell Bailey DRA Senior and U25 champion



City TR team

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City FTR team – winners City v Country 2019

was the winner with 236.20, while the skills honed over more years than he would like to remember guided Keith Hills in F open (Central West) to victory with a 239.17.

In FTR, David Vivian Jones (MDRA) was the winner with 233.15.

A great and tight contest by all disciplines to decide the champions, but in this contest there were no losers as everyone seemed to enjoy the competition – that is, when they were not watching the whales frolicking in the bay.

DRA TEAMS

This year, an alternative DRA team completion was trialed due to many DRAs being unable to field full teams of the various disciplines in the past. In addition, time constraints have meant the day is rushed.

The new competition, we believed, was fair as well as provided an excellent competition for all disciplines to work together. Obviously, the best team theoretically would comprise a mix of all disciplines.

Any combination was allowed with the following limits:

TR	Minimum of two NO MAXIMUM
FS	No Minimum Maximum of three
FO	No Minimum Maximum of three
FTR	No Minimum Maximum of three

This seemed to be a good idea as a couple of delays during the morning meant we run over time so the short afternoon competition allowed some relief to all. Unfortunately, we only had four DRAs that applied, however competition was close and fierce with the MDRA No. 1 team finishing on top.

Despite the fact that MDRA-1 decided to run with four TR shooters, the skill of those members took home the gold.

While the scores may seem widely apart when compared to the estimated individual scores, they varied only by a point or so. The major determining factor was Jim Bailey using a target rifle, while Steve Rigby FO and Peter Johnstone FS scored well above the average score for their discipline.

Good coaching and a solid plan worked to their advantage. Gary Trudgett (Riverina) was the individual top scorer for the competition with the only possible a 90.8

Country vs City

After ten consecutive wins by the Country Target Rifle Team, the City were committed to try to break the drought, but the big question was “could it be done”? Word had it that City even had team practices and



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City F Standard team

brought in the heavyweight coaches to try and attempt what was in the past an impossible task.

After such a great day on Saturday, the thick fog on Sunday morning was a great disappointment, especially when it did not clear until after 10:00pm. This adversely effected the tight program and, coupled with problems removing intruders and a target failure, led to a number of headaches for range control.

Despite those hiccups, the day turned out well with light winds and a sunny sky so the stage was set for high scoring and close competition. There were many smiles, but a few disasters when shots went astray and did not reach the correct target.

Despite this, Country Target Rifle put up a valiant fight and a very close completion was taking place with only a couple of points separating the teams after the first range.

The loss however, at 700 at 800 of two shots, made the task very difficult for Country, who conceded their first defeat in ten years but by only by nine points, but with a massive 29 central bull surplus over City. The top individual score for the day was Dave Smith with a 150.25 and top coach, unsurprisingly, was Jim Bailey.

To all those TR shooters over the last ten years that participated and contributed to the Country team success, this was indeed a fantastic achievement and thanks to you all for your support. Such a feat had not happened in the previous years of competition.

However, to the victor go the spoils and this year was City that turned the tables and deserve the accolades ... at least until next year!

In the F Class Standard, the completion also was close but City finally prevailed with a 27-point win. The top individual score for the day was Allan Ashworth with

a perfect score of 180.18 and the top coach was Steve Budak. Unfortunately, Country lost one coach the day prior to the match, however were still able to put up a great fight.

F Open had a tough start with City unfortunately losing a couple of members in the week leading up to the event, which caused Captain Adrian Siebel some concern. Nevertheless, Adrian persevered and came up with a team willing to give it a go against a strong country team.

This competition was not close with Country dominating and coming out on top, but City used the occasion to get experience and hopefully will return stronger and better for next year's competition. Top individual score for the day was Gary Trudgett with a 179.16 and top coach was Les Roznyai.

Finally, down range FTR were having a torrid time with both teams getting the gloves off and fighting for honour. This was the closest competition of the day but the City Team captained by Gary Faulkner prevailed and won by four points, though Country finished well on the final range. Top individual score for the day was David Vivian Jones with a 178.14 and top coach was Geoff Willis.

The NSWRA would like to acknowledge the valuable assistance given by the staff and volunteers who helped make this most prestigious competition happen.

Special thanks to Derek Boughton and Barry White who travelled to Sydney early to try and get targets and frames operational and did so in very wet conditions, as well as the MDRA who assisted in preparing the range, and our range officers and the team captains who sorted out the teams, and to the other volunteers who were always there when needed.

Nowra Rifle Club Invitational Shoot

Article and photos by Cliff Austen

Due to the rearrangement of another shooting event on Nowra Rifle Range in late May, the club found themselves with a spare weekend on June 29 and 30.

Les Rozsnyai, our Long Range Code Captain, very quickly put his hand up for the weekend with the view to running some sort of F Class activity.

The decision was made to run an F Class Invitational Shoot for F Standard, F Open and FTR and to do something different.

As such, it was decided that we would run a sweepstakes shoot on the Saturday afternoon from 500 metres, while on Sunday, we would run a 15-shot match from 700 metres in the morning.

We would also run two 10-shot matches from 400 metres, but with a twist. The second 400 shoot would be without sighters.

All of the above would be run on the OZ-Score Electronic Target System and prizes would be for first, second and third places in the form of a commemorative trophy patch.

Unfortunately, we only had four to five weeks to promote the shoot and this reflected in the low participation rate. Next year, we will run the event again but with a lot of notice. Time slot yet to be programmed.



Invitational trophy badge

The electronic targets (ET) were totally refurbished the week before the shoot to ensure trouble performance. However, after moving forward to 400m and resetting, one monitor was plugged in incorrectly and the breather on the generator was not opened so nothing worked.

The problem was resolved very quickly. Not an ET problem, just human errors.

For those who did attend they had a great time and there was definitely no shortage of food.



Group of competitors

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Looking down range from 700m

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	CLUB	700M	400MA	400MB	AGGREGATE
James Smith	Nowra	89.5	59.7	58.3	206.15
Alan Ashworth	Hornsby	87.6	58.4	57.4	202.14
Ronny Ware	Nowra	84.4	60.1	55.3	199.7
Tom Doxford	Nowra	80.3	60.3	55.4	195.10

F OPEN

	CLUB	700M	400MA	400MB	AGGREGATE
Peter Cascone	Nowra	90.11	58.3	58.3	206.17
Les Rozsnyai	Nowra	90.4	59.4	56.4	205.12
Richard Dello-Iacono	Nowra	86	59.6	58.3	203.9
Troy Gosling	Nowra	88.8	60.7	54.3	202.18
K. Wilson	Hornsby	88.6	58.3	55.1	201.10
Bill Blundell	Nowra	85.4	58.3	58.2	201.9
Allan Steeden	Nowra	88.9	55	50	193.9
Bob Russell	Nowra	81.4	50.1	58.1	189.6

FTR

	CLUB	700M	400MA	400MB	AGGREGATE
Paul Breeze	Nowra	86.5	58.5	56.3	197.13
Cliff Austen	Nowra	83.3	57.6	55.1	195.10
John Faulkner	Nowra	85.3	59.6	49.1	193.10
Chris Halloran	Nowra	77.1	56.1	55	187.2



Motley group on the range



John Faulkner

The Canberra Queen's Prize

Friday 15 November to Sunday 17 November 2019

Queen's Badges: TR_A 20; TR_B 12; TR_C 3; FS_A 8; FS_B 6; F Open 8; F/TR 6

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Wednesday 13 November & Thursday 14 November 2019

Rolph Badges: TR_A 15; 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). Starts 8.30am each
LU Day 2: 800m (15) & 800m (15). day at McIntosh
Rifle Range

Q Day 1: 500m (10) 500m (10) & 600m (15).
Q Day 2: 600m (10) 600m (10) 800 (10) & 800m (10).
Q Day 3: 600m (10) & 600m (15).

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The Tiverton Cup for TR and F Class will be fired on Friday 15 November 2019 – immediately after 600m on Queen's Day 1 – open to composite teams of members belonging to the same State or Territory Association – 10 shots x 4 firers, plus optional non-shooting coach. F Class teams to be composed of two F Standard compliant firers and two F Open compliant firers, noting that many F Class firers could in theory enter one, two or three separate F Class disciplines.

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

Australia rep Ash Bidgood wins DDDRA

Article and photos
by Dennis Bidgood

The Darling Downs District Rifle Association (DDDRA) held its annual prize shoot on May 18 and 19 at the Risdon Range in Warwick after a four-year absence from the venue.

Thanks to captain Neil Sexton and the team from the Southern Downs District Rifle Club for hosting the event and presenting the facilities in good shape given the drought conditions.

Silver Mountain Targets (SMT) were provided and supported by the Crows Nest/Goombungee, Gatton/Glenoregrove and Goondiwindi rifle clubs.

A big thanks to Shawn Birch from Crows Nest/Goombungee who forgave his shoot to set up and support the server and tablets over the two days.

Thanks to Ash for plumbing in the hot water heater Saturday morning for the overnight campers. One lady discovered it wasn't connected on Friday evening, but she did say it was very invigorating!

Thanks to Aileen Haden who recently came out of hospital to again support the association by taking entries, enter scores and manage stats for the weekend.

Saturday morning kicked off with the Percy Gartner Memorial Shoot



Mia Lowe Goondiwindi with the U25 Merv Pohlke Medallion



Shawn Birch and Ashley Bidgood

in beautiful Queensland weather at the 600-yard mound over 15 counting shots.

Conditions were slight with a mild breeze left to right, however subtle changes caught most out with only one possible recorded from the 48 entrants who lined up across six SMTs to try their skills.

After a well-earned lunch break with hot pies, sausage rolls and sandwiches served up by Cheryl and Jenny, the second 15-shot match commenced at the 500-yard range.

Sunday greeted competitors to another beautiful day in the Sunshine State to contest the DDDRA prize shoot with conditions mirroring the previous day, which should have made the wind reading much easier, but it didn't for most once again.

An additional 15 entries were received to take the numbers for the day to 63. Eight SMTs were active for the day to give a comfortable eight-person squad per target.

The start was delayed a half hour due to a server hardware problem, and thanks again to Shawn for diagnosing and fixing fault.

The trophy presentation was attended by the DDDRA patron Tracey Dobie, Mayor of the

Southern Downs Regional Council, who is the daughter of the legendary

Reg McGowan.

Reg was a well-known CRO who conducted Queens Shoots and attended shoots around Australia.

The McGowans actually lived on the Risdon Rifle Range where Tracy tells us she learned to shoot at the age of four years.

Before presenting trophies, Tracy gave an informative talk on the history of the Risdon Range, which included the early days when she and her sister used to man the range telephones between the firing mounds and butts.

The grand aggregate winners were Ash Bidgood in TR A with a possible 300.36, Peter Tollis in TR B with 292.20, David Nicol in TR C with 278.10, Gary Haeusler in FS A with 342.16, a very popular win by 14 year old Mia Lowe in FS B on 344.17, Peter Broom in FO on 353.27 and Bob Steel in FTR on 337.17.

A full list of scores and winners can be found on the NRAA website.

As is with all prize shoots, thanks to the trophy/cash donations, and in particular two major donors, Armstrong Auto Group Toowoomba and the BARN Oakey.

I thank all assistants, competitors and visitors for their attendance over the weekend and look forward to seeing you all plus more friends next year.

Clermont Rifle Club OPM 2019

Article and photos
by Margy Kerlin

Our second take on hosting the annual Clermont Rifle Club OPM on the weekend of June 29 and 30 was successful after having to reschedule the event from earlier in the year due to rain.

Numbers were down a little on last year, however 32 shooters with friends and family enjoyed the weekend. Mild conditions and sunny days resulted in some excellent shooting.

Our sincere thanks to Marnie McCormack (wife of Myles from the Lang Lang club) and a band of helpers for their valued assistance in the kitchen, as well as everyone who contributed to the successful running of the weekend. Sincere thanks also to Isaac Regional Council and Clermont Butchery for their generous sponsorship of the weekend.

A special treat for us all was when Des Prowse demonstrated the



Jenny Stewart and Anthony Wilson



Clermont group photo



Grand Ag Winners



Black Powder Rifle



Des loads Black Powder rifle



Zoe and Myles Youngest and Oldest

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loading and firing of his black powder rifle.

Winners included Peter Bevan in A Grade, Len Solomon in B Grade, Paul Kerlin in C Grade, Norm Cross in FSA, Noel Byrne in FSB and Bevan Appleby in FO.

Full scores are on the NRAA website.



Shooters on the line

Josh Pratt wins Natives Club Prize Meeting

Article and photos
by Wayne Latham

In delightful Queensland winter weather, the Natives Rifle Club two-day prize meeting was held on the Belmont range on June 15 and 16.

Attendance was bolstered by the welcome presence of the NSW TR team, who were to compete against Queensland in the Martin Baxter TR match, and New Zealand F-Class shooters, who were to compete in the Trans-Tasman F-Class teams match in the two days immediately following the prize meeting and just before the NRAA Championships.



2019 Natives Prize Meet - Josh Pratt Les Perring Trophy winner

Hexa electronic targets, which are now a fixture on the Belmont range, were used and as usual they proved thoroughly reliable throughout the two days.

High scores were common in the light, sunny conditions and Natives Club member Josh Pratt shot consistently throughout the two days to win the Les Perrin Memorial A Grade Grand Aggregate by just 11 centre bulls from Leigh O'Donnell of the Pacific club.

Saturday dawned sunny and bright with light winds leading to high scores across all grades.



2019 Natives PM - Derek Sharpe, B Grade Winner



2019 Natives PM - David Hindmarsh, C Grade Winner.jpg

George Edser of the Albert & Central Rifle Club won the A Grade Carina Leagues Club Short Range Aggregate with the only daily TR possible score of 150.18, ahead of Josh Pratt (Natives) in second on 149.19 and Bill Ballantyne (Hornsby) third on 149.17.



2019 Natives PM - Brian Potter, F-Open, winner

Derek Sharp (Brisbane Mariners) won B Grade with 148.21 from Ann Chinnery (Marion) on 146.16, while David Nicol (Ipswich) took out C Grade with 147.3 from fellow club member, Tim Boase on 145.10.

In F-Class A Grade, Andrew McKillop (Bundaberg/Burnett) finished on top for the second consecutive year with an excellent daily possible of 180.14, ahead of Dick Blocksidge (Albert & Central) on 178.14.

F-Class B Grade went to Natives



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2019 Natives PM - Ivor Davidson, F-Standard B, winner

Club member Wayne Latham on 177.13.

Brian Potter (Brisbane Mariners) and Peter Broom (Beaudesert) in F-Class Open both finished with daily possibles of 180.21 each, with Brian taking out the number one badge.

F-TR was won by Geoff Willis (Bathurst) with another daily possible of 180.10.

Sunday was again a bright and clear day with the usual cool morning for this time of year. Light wind again ensured that high scoring was the order of the day across all disciplines.

Even the normally dreaded 1000-yards range after lunch remained generally benign.

Michael Dickenson (Pratton) won the A Grade Menzel Family Long Range Aggregate with 150.17 from Hamish Pollock (University) 150.17 and Josh Pratt (Natives) 149.20.

Kevin Howlett (Albert & Central) won B Grade with 148.12 and Greg Faux (University) took out C Grade with 142.11.

F-Class A Grade went to Mark Fairbairn (Cannon Hill RSL) on 176.14, F-Class Std B was won by Ivor Davidson (Ipswich) with 177.15, Peter Carter (Cairns) with a score of 178.16 won F-Open, while Franz Knox (Brisbane) topped the F-TR group shooting 177.8.

As mentioned earlier, the two-day Les Perin Memorial A Grade Grand Aggregate was won by Natives Club member Josh Pratt on 298.39, with the second-place badge going to Leigh O'Donnell (Pacific) on 298.28 and the number three badge going to George Edser (Albert & Central) on 297.38.

In B Grade, Derek Sharp (Brisbane Mariners) took out the Aggregate with 296.32 from Kevin Howlett (Albert & Central) and Andre Doyle (Petone NZ) on 290.22.

C Grade was won by David Hindmarsh (Wodonga) on 285.17 from David Nicol (Ipswich) with 284.16.

F-Class A Grade went to Mark Fairbairn (Cannon Hill RSL) on 353.34, while F-Class B Grade was won by Ivor Davidson (Ipswich) with 353.32.



2019 Natives PM - Frans Knox, F-TR Winner



2019 Natives PM - Mark Fairbairn, F-Std A, winner

Brian Potter (Brisbane Mariners) shot 356.35 to win F-Open, and Franz Knox (Brisbane) collected the number one badge in F-TR with 356.27.

Following the conclusion of the main competition, the top ten Target Rifle shooters in the Grand Aggregate shot off, shoulder to shoulder, at 1000 yards for the Keith Affleck Belt - a perpetual trophy donated by Keith, a long-time member of the Natives Club.

George Edser (Albert & Central) won the belt with 50.5 in a close tussle with James Spence (Natives) on 50.3.

The Lucky Entry Prize of a \$500 voucher was won by Kevin Howlett (Albert & Central) while Brian Pickles (Natives) won the raffle for a \$100 Q-Store voucher.

Many thanks 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.

Goulburn Valley Rifle Association Prize Meeting

Article and photos
by Michael Purden

The Goulburn Valley Rifle Association Prize Meeting was held on Saturday August 3, with a forecast top of 13 degrees and a 10 per cent change of rain.

The prediction did not stop a total of 65 shooters turning up to the Karamomus Rifle Range for the Goulburn Valley Rifle Association's Prize Meeting.

The rain stayed away, but conditions were cool with very little wind conditions on the day.

The competition contested of a double 500 yards with 15 shots at each. Mark Horsnell, fresh from a stint in Bisley UK, top scored in both ranges finishing with a total of 150.23.

Scores for all ranges:

1st 500;

Target Rifle A

1st, Mark Horsnell Werribee	75.12
2nd Peter O'Dwyer Katandra	75.11
3rd Len Hayes Shepparton Nathalia	75.10



Mark Horsnell Werribee



GVDRA Prize winners 2019

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Target Rifle B

1st Peter Farley MCC.....	75.9
2nd Gary Walton MCC.....	75.8
3rd Peter Daldy Karramomus.....	74.9

Target Rifle C

1st Adam McLennan Kyneton.....	71.5
2nd Brian McKenna Moe City.....	70.5
3rd John Stanley Shepparton Nathalia...70.4	

F/Class A

1st Dean Moore Lang Lang.....	90.13
2nd Graeme Kerr E.C.D.R.A.....	90.12
3rd Stephen Butler Moe City.....	90.7

F/S B

1st Kevin Epps Nagambie.....	88.8
2nd Morrie Jackman Shepparton Nathalia...88.5	
3rd Frank Barnes Jr Natimuk.....	87.4

F/O

1st Marcus Cave Rosedale.....	90.12
2nd Phil Jonker Wangaratta.....	90.9
3rd Doug Chalmers Robinvale.....	90.9

FTR

1st Marty Kelly Wangaratta.....	90.9
2nd Brendan Powell Wangaratta.....	89.9
3rd Muljoatmodjo Sudjono Geelong.....	88.6

2nd 500;

Target Rifle A

1st Mark Horsnell Werribee.....	75.11
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Kevin Epps Nagambie F-B winner



Marty Kelly Wangaratta FTR winner

2nd Richard Tapps Lilydale.....	75.9
3rd Mike Rankin Wangaratta.....	75.8

Target Rifle B

1st Simon Wall Karramomus.....	75.7
2nd Leigh Metzke Karramomus.....	75.4
3rd Steven Falla Nagambie.....	75.6

Target Rifle C

1st Myles McCormack Lang Lang.....	74.4
2nd Steve Grange Shepparton Nathalia.....	73.6
3rd Adam McLennan Kyneton.....	73.5

F/Class A

1st Dean Moore Lang Lang.....	90.11
2nd John Simons Broken Hill.....	90.11
3rd Di Jonker Wangaratta.....	90.10

F/Class B

1st Frank Barnes Jr Natimuk.....	89.5
2nd Kevin Epps Nagambie.....	89.3
3rd Morrie Jackman Shepparton Nathalia.....	88.6

F/O

1st Marcus Cave Rosedale.....	90.11
2nd Phil Jonker Wangaratta.....	90.10
3rd Doug George Wangaratta.....	90.7

FTR

1st Joshua Weare Nagambie.....	90.8
2nd Marty Kelly Wangaratta.....	89.9
3rd Michael Waites Warragul/Drouin..	89.8

The days aggregate scores;

Target Rifle A

1st Mark Horsnell Werribee.....	150.23
2nd Richard Tapps Lilydale.....	149.17
3rd Peter O'Dwyer Katandra.....	149.15

Target Rifle B

1st Gary Walton MCC.....	149.13
2nd Simon Wall Karramomus.....	148.13
3rd Steven Falla Nagambie.....	148.11



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Gary Walton MCC

Target Rifle C

- 1st Adam McLennan Kyneton.....144.10
- 2nd Steve Grange Shepparton Nathalia.....143.10
- 3rd Myles McCormack Lang Lang.....142.9

F/Class A

- 1st Dean Moore Lang Lang.....180.24
- 2nd Clive Bodle South Bendigo.....180.12
- 3rd John Symons Broken Hill.....179.22

F/Class B

- 1st Kevin Epps Nagambie.....177.11
- 2nd Morrie Jackman Shepparton Nathalia.....176.11
- 3rd Frank Barnes Jr Natimuk.....176.9

F/O

- 1st Marcus Cave Rosedale.....180.23
- 2nd Phil Jonker Wangaratta.....180.19
- 3rd Doug George Wangaratta.....180.13

FTR

- 1st Marty Kelly Wangaratta.....179.18
- 2nd Brendan Powell Wangaratta.....178.17
- 3rd Michael Waites Warragul/Drouin.....175.13

Ken Reither donated a trophy called the Shilling Trophy in memory of his late dad Jim Reither and Mick Dow, who were close mates and had always bet a shilling on who would win any prize shoot they took part in.

This year's winners were Marcus Cave and Geoff Krake, their total aggregate scores being 358.40.



Adam McLennan Kyneton



Dean Moore Lang Lang F-A winner



S.A.R.A.
News

From the Executive Officer's Office

SARA would like to thank everyone who helped in preparing the range, organising and running of the Queens. Once again it was a very successful event with lots of fun and good shooting had by all (thankyou to the weather gods, we were very lucky).

NEW MEMBERS

SARA would like to welcome the following new members: Kyle Butler, Frank Verdini and Aaron Witthoef from CTV; Daniel Nesbitt and Ben Walczak from Phoenix Target; Chris Cooper and Emily Cooper from Bordertown; Joe Porta from Pt Pirie; and Ken Lynn from Murray Bridge. Welcome to all.

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West Broken Hill Rifle Club OPM 2019

Article by Tony Tugwell

Photo by Linda Tugwell

On the weekend of June 1 and 2, the West Broken Hill Rifle Club conducted their annual open prize meeting (OPM) with a very good attendance of 34 shooters representing 15 clubs from Broken Hill, South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales.

With all target rifle grades and F Class disciplines being supported by the shooters, the West Rifle Club was pleased with the attendance on the weekend.

The West Broken Hill Rifle Club is also very appreciative of the sponsorship and generosity from local business houses and individuals who contribute each year to make this competition a success.

The trophies were again of a high standard with thanks to club secretary Gary Hanford. Thanks, must also go to the ladies who put on their usual top-quality meals, the markers and club members for the range preparation, and all other people who helped out along the way.

With the OPM being brought forward by six weeks, we did think that we were going to get some of our good autumn weather. This was not to be as the temperature went south and we had a dry, cold weekend with some tricky winds at times.

The winners for the weekend were:

DAY 1 AGGREGATE

Target Rifle A Grade		
Paul Savage	(Port Pirie)	150.16
Target Rifle B Grade		
Gordon Harrison	(Murray Bridge)	147.10



Stuart Braun, winner F Open receiving number one badge



From the 900yds, a shooter getting ready to have a go at the last range of the day

Target Rifle C Grade

Malcolm Flavel (Whyalla) 138.7

F Standard A Grade

John Simons (BH Rifle Club) 177.14

F Standard B Grade

Bill Gillis (Maitland SA) 172.12

F Class Open

Stuart Braun (CTV) 180.15

F Target Rifle A Grade

Mick Punturiero (Loxton) 178.19



Ryder Atkinson, the winner of A Grade TR, receiving the number one badge

Day2 AGGREGATE

Target Rifle A Grade

Ryder Atkinson (Walleroo) 150.15

Target Rifle B Grade

Chris McDermott (Murray Bridge) 142.8

Target Rifle C Grade

Malcolm Flavel (Whyalla) 126.5

F Class Standard A Grade

John Simons (BH Rifle Club) 166.7

F Class Standard B Grade

Bill Gillis (Maitland SA) 159.4

F Class Open

Stuart Braun (CTV) 173.14

F Class TR A Grade

Mick Punturiero (Loxton) 170.15

GRAND AGGREGATE

Target Rifle A Grade

Ryder Atkinson (Walleroo) 299.32

Target Rifle B Grade

Gordon Harrison (Murray Bridge) 289.18

Target Rifle C Grade

Malcolm Flavel (Whyalla) 264.12

F Class Standard A Grade

John Simons (BH Rifle Club) 343.21

F Class Standard B Grade

Bill Gillis (Maitland SA) 331.16

F Class Open

Stuart Braun (CTV) 353.29

F Class Target Rifle A Grade

Mick Punturiero (Loxton) 348.24

After the 900-yard range was completed, the top 10 shooters for the two days shot off Bisley style for the coveted Eddy Hart Memorial Sash consisting of 15 counting shots for a possible of 75.

Ian (Bluey) Noll from Port Augusta was successful, posting a score of 72.4.



Mick Punturiero from Loxton SA winner of F TR A



NEW SOUTH WALES RIFLE ASSOCIATION INC. 143rd Annual Open Championships

ANZAC RIFLE RANGE, MALABAR - October 9 - October 13, 2019

Wednesday October 9

McIntosh 1st Stage: 500,500, 600 & 600m

Thursday October 4

McIntosh 2nd Stage: 700, 700, 800 & 800m

Friday October 11

Queen's 1st Stage: 500,500, 600m

Sargard Teams Match: 600m* (15 Shots)

Saturday October 12

Queen's 2nd Stage: 700, 700, 800 & 800m

Sunday October 13

Queen's 3rd Stage: 800 & 800m* (15 Shots)

➤ Manual/Paper Targets will be used for all events

Note: There will be No Blow of shots allowed on the mound

Zero Range Open 8 to 8.30 dailey to allow for Blow Off and Zero Shots

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INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORM - ALL DISCIPLINES

1. Personal Details

Please print carefully

Surname:

Given names:

Date of Birth:

Club/Unit:

Postal Address:

Suburb:

State: Postcode:

Telephone:

Fax/email:

State Association Membership No:

Shooters Licence/Permit No:

Licence must be shown at entry Collection

Expiry Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Left Handed: No Yes NRAA SID:

2. Special Entry Categories

Please tick boxes as appropriate:

Junior Shooter (TR) (Under 21 years as at first day of match)

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School Shooter (TR) (Fulltime secondary Student)

Veteran (TR) (Over the age of 60 years as at first day of match)

F Class Junior (Under 21 years as at first day of match)

Lady (TR)

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(Serving Cadets in Army CC, Navy C, Air TC)

Tyro (TR)

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(Only open to AARA members. Queen Agg. TR)



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INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORM - ALL DISCIPLINES - Page 2

Surname:

3. Target Rifle Matches

Tick grade: A Grade B Grade C Grade
 FA FB FO FTR

J.G. McIntosh October 9-10

All TR, All F Class FTR\$130.00

Queens and Belt Series October 11-13

All TR, All F Class FTR\$160.00

4. Ammunition

Will be available for purchase from the NSWRA Store @ prices current @ the time of collection and payment.

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.308
 155.5 Berger FB Projectile
 .223 (Sierra)

5. Accommodation

Powered Caravan/Tent Site (per night).... \$30.00
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Unpowered Caravan/Tent Site (per night) \$10.00
 (Includes vans connected to club units)
 from to = Total amount \$

Hut Accommodation (per night)\$20.00
 from to = Total amount \$

Bed included (no bedding)
 Bedding hire (per night)\$5.00
 (incl. 2 sheets, blanket, 1 pillow) \$

6. Range User Fee

Range User Fee - **Must be included** + \$15.00

TOTAL FEES PAYABLE \$

There is a \$15.00 (Inc GST) charge for the ANZAC Range user fee. The one charge covers all shooting events entered for the week.

7. Late Entry Fee of \$20.00

(If Entry received after 28th September) \$

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Frank Hurst

1927 - 2019

*Obituary by Bob Smith
and Matt Hursta*

Farewell to our good mate. Frank was born in Canberra on the May 9, 1927, he was an only child. When he was aged about three, he and his parents moved to England where they ran a green-grocery store. After a couple of years, they returned to Canberra and opened a green-grocery store there. Four years later the depression forced the family to sell the store.

They travelled around rural NSW doing short to long stays on farms and properties. His father worked on the land and his mother worked at the homestead.

When Frank was around 11, he and his parents moved to Sydney city where his father, William Hurst, worked as a chef in a hotel.

When the second world war broke out, Frank's father decided to join the cause. He was sent to Singapore to defend the island. Sadly, he was killed by the advancing Japanese on the February 11, 1942.

It would have been difficult for Frank as young man to deal with the loss of his father, he researched his service and death, collecting photos and stories. He also spent many ANZAC days with the remaining men of his father's brigade.

Frank began his shipwright/boat building apprenticeship around the age of 15 at Garden Island. Around 1980 Frank was promoted from his managing role at Garden Island to manager/caretaker of Ryde Naval dockyard facility. He received a redundancy



package in 1986 and he and his wife Joy built their house on a block of land he had owned for some time at Terrigal.

Frank always had a love for the land from a young age, and in 1987 they purchased a farm, affectionately named by Joy as 'Thimble', close to Wingham on the mid north coast. Over the following years, Frank and Joy spent their life between the farm and Terrigal.

From an early age, Frank developed a passion for long-arm target shooting. This was something he carried with him throughout his life, travelling around New South Wales and Canberra regularly to compete in prize shoots.

He originally shot with Sydney

Naval Club at ANZAC Range and then transferred to Gosford District Rifle Club where he was a member for many years. During his time with the club he was elected Captain, Secretary and remained a Range Officer throughout.

He had many close friends at the club. For his services, he was awarded a life membership. His photo is displayed on the wall of the clubhouse.

Frank Passed away at the age of 92 in Sydney with his wife Joy by his side. He will be remembered by all as a man of great integrity, character, patience, warmth, kindness and perhaps most of all, generosity.

ACT

November

13 Canberra Queens

NEW SOUTH WALES

October

5-6 Coonabarabran OPM (Coonabarabran)

8-10 NSW Match Rifle and Long Range

F Class Ultra Long Range Challenge

(Coonabarabran)

9-13 NSWRA 143rd Open Championships (Anzac)

December

1 Lithgow Rifle Club OPM

(Lithgow)

QUEENSLAND

September

31 Aug 1 Goondiwindi Rifle Club PM

28-29 South Burnett DRA PM - Wondai

October

4-7 Central Qld Championships

26 North Arm Rifle Club PM

27 LDRA PM

December

14 Raglan Christmas Shoot

NORTH QUEENSLAND

September

1 Atherton Prize Meeting (Atherton)

October

12 Herberton Prize Meeting (Herberton)

13 Ravenshoe/Mt Garnet Prize Meeting (Ravenshoe)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

October

13 No.2 DRA OPM (Mt Barker)

November

24 Match Rifle (Lower Light)

VICTORIA

July

3-7 SARA Hunt and Queens (Lower Light)

27 Pennant Reserve

28 Council Meeting

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

September

14-15 Central Wheat Belt DRA PM (Merredin)

21-22 Northampton Rifle Club PM (Northampton)

23-24 2019 F Class National Championships (Pinjar)

25 WA Veterans Championships (Pinjar)

26 Ray Miles Teams and DRA Teams (Pinjar)

27-28 Duke of Edinburgh (Pinjar)

29 WARA Annual General Meeting (Pinjar)

28-30 Queens PM (Pinjar)

20 Dowerin Rifle Club PM (Dowerin)

27 Corrigin Rifle Club PM (Corrigin)

October

20 Dowerin Rifle Club PM (Dowerin)

27 Corrigin Rifle Club PM (Corrigin)

November

2-3 Busselton Service Rifle (Coolilup)

9 WARA Council Meeting (Pinjar)

10 City of Subiaco Prize Meeting (Pinjar)

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December

15 East Perth Rifle Club PM (Pinjar)

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September 27-30..... WARA Queens

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2020

March 5-9TRA Queens

May 13-17 NQRA Queens

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Requirements

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

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

Prize Meetings

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

Queens Prizes

Reports of Queens Prizes should include information about the conditions and competitors, the lead-up,

Queens, teams and other associated events. Scores should be provided for all badge winners and included in the report as text. (i.e. Not in table or spreadsheet form).

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

Cover photographs

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

Deadlines

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

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