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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

Winners of the VRA Queens Series.

Photography courtesy of Alan Wright.



Chairman's Message

I was recently sent a letter from a Rifle Club, asking what club members received in return for their NRAA affiliation fees. It was a fair question to which I replied in something like the following:

Firstly, to put the NRAA or "they" as it is often referred to, into context. It is not a separate organisation sitting in isolation. The NRAA in fact is all of us. This is because the NRAA is a company, owned by the State and Territory Associations. Each State or Territory Association has equal representation at the AGM, and is referred to as the Member. This means that the NRAA consists of a total of nine Members. The company (NRAA) is administered by a board of five, and an Executive Officer with each board member being elected by the members for three-year terms.

The Board exists to administer overarching issues not able to be dealt with by individual members, clubs or S&Ts.

These include:

- Standard Shooting Rules, which govern full-bore shooting Australia-wide and covers both shooting and safety issues, including reviews and updates.
- Provides leadership in the training and accreditation of ROs and BOs.
- Insurance, which covers individual members, clubs, Associations and National and International Teams.
- Provision of a National Magazine, ATR is now delivered electronically.
- Organisation of State/National Teams for all shooting disciplines.
- Organisation of International Teams for all shooting disciplines.

- Organisation of Commonwealth Games representation.
- Negotiates with ammunition providers to ensure the best price possible is passed on to members.
- Organises the shipment and delivery of ammunition to S&Ts.
- Provides clubs and Associations information and exemplars, which are aimed at expanding and retaining membership.
- Provision of an electronic platform for results, gradings and rankings free to clubs, States and Territories.

It's also important to note that the NRAA Board does not set affiliation fees. They are decided each year by the Members at the AGM.

Listed below is a summary of the current annual expenditure. It should be noted that while current affiliation fees are \$65, the cost per member to fulfill the NRAA's role is \$66.94. Of this, the very extensive insurance cover is \$8.83 per member and the ATR is assigned \$10 per member to cover the set up and editing expenses. The ATR amount was set by the Members.

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Sundry others	\$ 214,142
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Insurance	\$ 55,464
	\$ 398,013

I believe that given the scope of the areas of responsibility, the NRAA does a pretty good job, and that any reasonable member should be able to see that the governance and services provided to all members is outstanding and absolutely worth the very modest fee when taken in the context of what it costs members in relation to the cost of shooting in general, where those costs relate to equipment, ammunition and range fees.

As an aside, I did a check on golf clubs in WA only to find that membership fees range for around \$700 to \$10,000 per annum. At one club it cost \$10,000 up front just to get onto the waiting list.

And finally, the most effective and immediate way for us all to arrest any increase in fees, or in fact to reduce them, is for everyone to become an ambassador for our sport; to talk it up and to introduce new members so that our clubs and associations stay healthy into the future.

George Wittorff - Chairman.

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George Wittorff – Chairman NRAA

George Wittorff was appointed the NRAA Director responsible for administering the NRAA's Standard Shooting Rules (SSRs) at the beginning of this year.

This is the second of a series of articles that will appear from time to time in the ATR. The aim is to explain new and amended rules and to generally inform members and keep them up to date with the SSRs.

SSRs Chapter 23 – Sporting/Hunting

Article by George Wittorff

By now, most members will be aware of the addition of Chapter 23 to the Standard Shooting Rules. The idea of a Sporting/Hunting class is make our sport accessible to the large demographic of existing shooters who own relatively cheap, off-the-shelf hunting rifles and who would welcome the opportunity to shoot on our ranges in an essentially non-competitive way – for fun – to test themselves and their equipment and hopefully to join and shoot in our clubs under NRAA membership.

Clubs that have embraced this discipline have found an eager and significant take-up of the sport.

An example is Busselton Rifle Club in WA, whose membership over the past year has increased by 20 members through this discipline alone.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

VRA AGM and Council Nominations

The VRA will conduct the AGM on Saturday, October 26, 2019 in the Frank Morgan Pavilion commencing after the DRA Teams Match or after 2:00pm, whichever is the later.

Council calls for any Notice of Motion, including a detailed rationale for the motion, to be submitted to the Executive Officer by Monday, September 2, 2019 at 4:00pm.

The VRA hereby calls for nominations from VRA members wishing to join the Council for the following Council vacancies:

- Deputy Chairman
- Treasurer
- Councillors (3)

Existing Councillors are eligible to re-nominate. Nominations must be delivered to the Executive Officer by Monday, September 2, 2019 at 4:00pm. Nominations must be on the form provided by the VRA.

Any VRA member wishing to receive a copy of the AGM Agenda and balance sheet by email should advise the Executive Officer, by email, as soon as possible.



While the class is touted as non-competitive, it is natural that, at the club level, shooters like to compare their scores, and while there is no compulsion for clubs or associations to cater for it in Prize Meetings, there is nothing to prevent them from doing so.

It's possible that with other aspects of the class, such as differences in calibre and equipment, it may morph into something more sophisticated with time.

Similarly, in an effort to be as inclusive as possible, the drafting committee deliberately shied away from excluding magazines and muzzle brakes.

The issue of magazines, including using loaded magazines reflects in-the-field conditions, while following the already existing SSRs found within the Service Rifle discipline easily covered the safety and operational aspects.

Muzzle brakes are relatively common on shop-bought hunting rifles, and the rules relating to that were deliberately framed so as not to exclude those firearms. Importantly though, the use of muzzle brakes on any particular range is conditional, depending on the Range Standing Orders, and the policy of each specific club.

Clubs are encouraged to take this new discipline onboard. Advertise in local gun shops and spread an invitation by word-of-mouth to that very large group of shooters out there.

There is no doubt, based on first-hand experience, that to do so will result in a healthy increase of keen, younger shooters to your club.

The Blue Mountains DRA Championships

Article by Mark Bunt

Photos by Alexina Bunt

After months of planning, the 91st annual Blue Mountains DRA championships went ahead in late February but with considerable changes from recent years. While this event has been held at the superb Lithgow rifle range for the past three decades, it was decided - mainly due to the unavailability of the Lithgow club house - to switch to the picturesque Katoomba range.

The Katoomba Range is slightly down hill and limited, being a four-target facility. However, the club is equipped with Silver Mountain targets, which resulted in the Blue Mountains DRA shoot being held on electronic targets for the first time.

The shoot was held on a pleasant day, most suited to high scoring, with only a gentle cross wind at times. Organisers were pleased to attract 44 widely-travelled competitors, which ironically was the same number as last year.

Due to possible time limitations, it was decided to hold two 15-shot matches from 500 metres, which appeared to be well accepted by those in attendance.

In target rifle, Chris Schwebel retained his good form from the recent world championships in New Zealand to win his first aggregate with a score of 150.23. This was a pleasing result with Chris being a reserved and polite young man held in high esteem by his fellow competitors.

It was certainly a well-earned victory with the vastly experienced Duncan Davies being only one central behind.



Bob Phillips focused on scoring

Veteran rifle Bill Ballantyne found the recently turfed mound suited to high scoring, recording the only other triple possible with 17 centrals.

In B grade, Damon Livermore from Sydney was in good form to score 148.12, only one point ahead of Steve King from the Fashions Mount club, Wellington.

Adapting to current trends, organisers agreed to not hold a C grade event, which unfortunately was simply based on past poor attendance.



Chris preparing to fire at the autographed bull

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Duncan Davies (right) congratulates Chris

In F class open, Lithgow's Ben Ferrara, making his first visit to Katoomba, found the range to his liking, firing a tremendous score of 180.20 which was two points ahead of local champion David Brown.

The competition was certainly close in F class standard, with Ralf Garlic from the strong Lyndhurst club firing 178.12, only one point ahead of both fellow clubmate Greg Emms and the widely-travelled John Simmons.

F standard B grade saw Katoomba's young Dylan Logue taking a break from film production studies to record 169.8, only three super centres from Scott Elvery.

Thanks are expressed to the Horsley Park Gun Shop for their generous support of this meeting.



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Chris Schwebel	Holsworthy	150.23
Duncan Davies	West Wallsend	150.22
Bill Ballantyne	Hornsby's RSL	150.17

Target Rifle B		
Damon Livermore	Sydney RC	148.12
Steve king	Fashions mount	147.13
Bob Phillips	West Wallsend	143.12

F Open		
Ben Ferrara	Lithgow	180.20
David Brown	Katoomba	178.11
Andrew Beavis	North Sydney	177.11

F Standard A		
Ralph Garlic	Lyndhurst	178.12
Greg Emms	Lyndhurst	177.13
John Simmons	Broken Hill	177.12

F Standard B		
Dylan logue	Katoomba	169.8
Scott Everly	Hornsby's RSL	169.5
Lindsay Hough	Fashions mount	168.7

Fathers and Sons matches 2019



Article and photos by Frank Pinyon

A warm, dry ANZAC day at Mount Barker was the venue for the annual Father and Son Competition. Mount Barker has been the venue for this competition since 1970 and, this year, 50 shooters came to compete with family and friends in this unique competition.

The main TR trophy for the off-rifle 'Fathers and Sons' pair was won by Phil Bradshaw and daughter Lynlee Lowe with 155.16 out of a possible 160. This was a few points down from their last year's win with conditions being quite tricky throughout the day with only a handful of possibles being scored.

Second place was a relatively new pair to this competition, Kym Muller and son Duncan scoring 154.13. Duncan, at 14 years old and competing for the

second year with dad, scored a possible 40.4 in his second round to put them in contention.

The 'Frank Bradshaw Memorial' for the F-Standard 'Fathers and Sons' trophy was won for the first time by a mother and daughter combination with Corina and Jacinta Blackmore scoring 175.8 out of a possible 192. Second was Robert and Thomas Mousley with 173.6.

In F-Open the 'Braund family Shield' was won by Danny and Jacinta Blackmore with 183.9. Jacinta combining her F Standard score with her dad's F Open to take the trophy.

The SARRE Cup for handicap was won by Jacinta and Danny Blackmore.



Happy winners on the Fathers and Sons match day

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The 'Husband and Wife' trophy was won by Danny Blackmore and wife Corina, again on handicap.

Rachel Hajek paired with Grandpa Phil to win the 'Grandparent/Child' trophy for a third year in a row.

The off-rifle TR trophy, which is the "Bleasdale Cup", was well won by Kym Muller with a 79.7.

The F Open medal for top off rifle was Karen Conlon with a score of 94.6 and the F Standard top score for

the day was Jacinta Blackmore with a very strong 94.6.

The 'In-Laws' trophy was won by the young cousins Rachel Hajek and Jessica Lowe.

The 'Brothers' trophy was won by Brian and Colin Brittain and the 'Self Handicap' was won by Lynlee Lowe and Phil Bradshaw.

Phil Bradshaw won the 'Veterans' trophy and the Ex-serviceman trophy was won by Andrew Lowe.

Jacinta Blackmore won the 'Junior' trophy for her third year.

The open pairs for F-Class was won by Nicole Edwards and Steve Wuttke with 180.6 from a possible 192, and the Target Rifle open pairs was won by Gordon Harrison and Andrew Heard with 152.7 out of 160.

The shoot off in each discipline to determine the 'ANZAC Day Medal' winners was held at the conclusion of the main event with the top four TR, top four F Standard and top four F Open shooters going head to head for the three prizes.

Lynlee Lowe, with a possible 40.3, won her third TR medal.

The F Open medal was won by Karen Conlon with a possible 48.4 to top off an exceptional day for this novice shooter.

In F Standard the medal was won, also for the first time, by Steve Wuttke with 47.5 in a close fought shoot-off.

The match will be held same time same place next year.



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ANZAC Memorial Military Rifle Comp

Article by Grant Larsen

Photos by Des Voght

The annual Combined Sunshine Coast R.S.L. ANZAC Memorial .303 Military Rifle Competition 2019 was conducted by North Arm Rifle Club (NARC) at their Davison Range Target Sports complex on Sunday, April 14.

A total of 22 shooters competed for an impressive range of trophies.

Competitors shot 10-shot matches over 300 metres, 400 yards and 500 yards with excellent conditions and some very good scores.



Sunshine Coast Council Mayor, Mark Jamieson, presenting Rod Wood from QMRC with his winning trophy

Shooters nominated in one of three divisions – Service Rifle as Issued, Modified Service Rifle and Service Modified Scope Rifle – as well as a Team competition. The ‘one-up’ scoring system was used to score each range.



Sunshine Coast Council Mayor, Mark Jamieson, presenting Russell Cook from QMRC with his winning trophy

Rod Wood from QMRC took out the Caloundra RSL Grand Aggregate ‘Service Rifle as Issued’ division for the three ranges with a score of 144.11.

The ‘Modified Service Rifle’ division Maroochy RSL Grand Aggregate was won by Peter Richards from QMRC with an excellent score of 150.25.

The ‘Service Modified Scope Rifle’ division Lilley District Rifle Association Grand Aggregate was won by Russell Cook from QMRC with an aggregate of 148.14.

The Bruce Bingham Memorial Trophy for the highest Grand Aggregate across all divisions was won by Peter Richards.

Peter Richards also won the trophy, sponsored by the



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Clare Paton, CEO of Maroochy RSL, presenting trophies to Russell Cook of QMRC

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Ian Skipworth from North Arm preparing for the Scope Rifle division

Cooroy Hotel, for the highest V-bull count of 25 V-bulls. The QMRC team won the Teams Event trophy. Members of the winning team were Peter Richards, Russell Cook and Rod Wood.

Special thanks went to Sunshine Coast Mayor Mark Jamieson, Maroochy RSL CEO Clare Paton and Bingham family member Judy Brown who presented prizes.

Special thanks are also directed to the many volunteer workers and markers from North Arm Rifle Club for their work on the day.

Finally, a special mention and thanks to our sponsors for their financial support of the competition - Bingham family, Caloundra R.S.L. sub-branch, Cooroy Hotel, Lilley District Rifle Association, Maroochy R.S.L. Club and Sunshine Coast Camphor Laurel Timber Initiative.

Range results are as follows:

300 metres:

Service Rifle as Issued			
1.	Rod Wood	(QMRC)	47.02
2.	Bob Crawford	(Gympie/Kilkivan)	41.01

Modified Service Rifle			
1.	Peter Richards	(QMRC)	50.08
2.	Josh Turner	(Pacific)	50.06
3.	Jimmy Wardell	9Gympie/Kilk	49.06

Service Modified Scope			
1.	Russell Cook	(QMRC)	49.05
2.	Kristine Crawford	(Gympie/Kilk)	46.01



Range view at 500 yards

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400yards:

Service Rifle as Issued		
1. Rod Wood	(QMRC)	49.05
2. Bob Crawford	(Gympie/Kilk)	48.04

Modified Service Rifle		
1. Peter Richards	(QMRC)	50.08
2. Josh Turner	(Pacific)	50.07
3. David Richardson	(North Arm)	50.07

Service Modified Scope		
1. Kristine Crawford	(Gympie/Kilk)	49.05
2. Russell Cook	(QMRC)	49.04



Clare Paton, CEO of Maroochy RSL, presenting trophies to Kristine Crawford of Gympie-Kilkivan



Tim Pilcher from North Arm as the Chief Range Officer and Russell Cook from QMRC as check scorer



Bob Bull, North Arm coordinator, Mark Jamieson, Sunshine Coast Council Mayor and Clare Paton, Maroochy RSL CEO at the presentation of trophies



David Richardson from North Arm

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Riley Crawford from Gympie-Kilkivan shooting in the Scope Rifle division

500yards:

Service Rifle as Issued		
1. Rod Wood	(QMRC)	48.03
2. Bob Crawford	(Gympie/Kilk)	42.01
Modified Service Rifle		
1. Peter Richards	(QMRC)	50.09
2. Josh Turner	(Pacific)	50.07
3. Brian McKenna	(Moe)	50.06
Service Modified Scope		
1. Russell Cook	(QMRC)	50.05
2. Kristine Crawford	(Gympie/Kilk)	50.04



Sunshine Coast Council Mayor, Mark Jamieson, addressing the audience at the presentation



Ian Skipworth from North Arm enjoying lunch

Riverina Champion of Champions and Centenary Prize Meeting

Article and photos by Graham Crowe

With beautiful weather forecast for Cootamundra for the weekend, competitors from everywhere converged on the Cootamundra Rifle range to celebrate the Centenary of the Riverina District Rifle Association.

Saturday competition commenced with clubs sending their champions along to compete for the individual title of Riverina Champion for 2019 in the various disciplines. The winners will now represent Riverina in the State Championships in Sydney in July.

The Champion of Champions competition was held over 500, 600, 800 and 900 yards. At 500 yards, some showed their hand early and posted very high scores, which was no doubt assisted by the total lack of wind. Shooters only had to concentrate on getting a clear picture of the target and holding the rifle perfectly still before carefully squeezing off a perfect shot.

Riverina Champion of Champions

The winners for the different disciplines were:

F Standard		
Graham Crowe	Explorers Rifle Club	233.12 (Out of 240)
F Open		
Neville Lyons	Explorers Rifle Club	239.16 (Out of 240)
FTR		
Darren Bradley	Griffith Rifle Club	233.17 (Out of 240)



Bill Ballantyne and Ab McAlister with the Jubilee Shield donated by the Cootamundra and Jindalee shire in 1969

Target Rifle		
Scott Brindley	Explorers Rifle Club	199.26 (Out of 200)



Scott Brindley, Jacinta Bradley, Darren Bradley, Neville Lyons and Graham Crowe

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Steve Windsor, Gary Trudgett, Laura Brindley, Barry Plowman, Bill Ballantyne and Graham Crowe

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Jacinta Bradley Griffith Rifle Club 226.12 (Out of 240)

Darren Bradley was especially pleased with the results with all the winners using barrels that he had fitted and tuned to perfection.

Congratulations to all shooters who competed and good luck to our Riverina Champions in Sydney.

The Centenary Prize meeting of the Riverina District Rifle Association was conducted on Sunday again in great weather conditions. We had 45 shooters attending



Graham Crowe also a McAlister descendant and Ab McAlister with the late Dave McAlister's presentation .303

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The Jubilee Shield that has been won in the past by many of Australia's top marksmen and women

from all over including Wodonga, Hornsby, Canberra, Nowra, Goulburn, Katoomba, Lyndhurst and Eugowra.

Conditions were excellent with good light from some light cloud bands and light winds, great for a social day on the range and high scores!

Congratulations to Bill Ballantyne and Garry Trudgett who scored perfect possible scores (i.e. 60.10 and 50.10) for target rifle at 500 yards.

Unfortunately, we did have some electronic target issues on the last 600-yard range, which had to be cancelled.

Nevertheless, despite that misfortune, it was a great day to spend on the range with friends and enjoy the beautiful autumn scenery around the Cootamundra Range.

Results

Target Rifle

A Grade		
Bill Ballantyne	Hornsby	100.14
Scott Brindley	Explorers	100.13
Donna Negus	Bungendore	100.8
B Grade		
Laura Brindley	Explorers	93.8
C Grade		
Steve Windsor	Cootamundra	88.3
F Class Results		
Standard A Grade		
Graham Crowe	Explorers	120.16
Dave Phipps	Canberra	120.13
Jacinta Bradley	Griffith	119.12
Standard B Grade		
Barry Plowman	Lyndhurst	119.8

Frank Baker	Bungendore	117.9
Alan Noble	Eugowra	117.4

Open		
Gary Trudgett	Cootamundra	120.16
Darren Bradley	Griffith	120.15
Keith Hills	Lyndhurst	120.14

The local Mayor of Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council Ab McAlister and his sisters Marie and Clare attended as descendants of Dave McAlister, who had our second 500-yard match named in his memory many years ago.

Dave was a top Australian rifleman from Junee in who was killed in action in the first World War at Polygon Wood in 1917. In the years prior to the Great War, Dave represented Australia in Target Rifle shooting at Bisley the home of target rifle shooting in England.

It was there that he won a rifle donated by the Birmingham Small Arms Co (BSA) that was specially constructed as a prize for that event. That rifle from 1913 was on display at the presentation.

During the presentation, a special award from the NSW Rifle Association was given to Spencer Dunstall for his years of service to the sport. The award was presented to Spencer by Graham Crowe the Deputy Chairman of the NSW Rifle Association.

We thank Ab, Marie and Clare for attending and assisting with the awarding of badges and trophies to the winners.

Thanks to Cootamundra Club for again hosting the event and providing lunches and morning teas, which were much appreciated, and to our sponsors, Powerammo, Darren Bradley, Cootamundra Rifle Club, Junee Rifle Club, Tumut Rifle Club, Ungarie Rifle Club, Griffith Rifle Club and Explorers Rifle Club.

A very special thank you to the tireless work put in by Scott Brindley, David Xuereb and Dave Waters who put so much effort into organising the event.

John Oddy did a splendid job as range officer for the weekend and we greatly appreciated the work of Margaret Brindley who spent the day in the office registering all the shooters and managing the finances.



A happy face on the day of shooting

Victorian Rifle Association ANZAC aggregate and Queens - April 2019

Article and photos by
Alan Wright – Event Co-ordinator

This year, the Bendigo RSL once again sponsored the first day of the Syme - titled the Anzac Aggregate - with up to three badges for each grade. A total of 113 shooters turned up for the event.

Day one started with sunny but cool conditions. Light winds saw many shooters get off to a great start - David Brewster and Alex Davies both shot a 50.10 to top the 19 TR A Grade possibles at the first range, F class found the conditions a little more challenging to hold the six ring, with six possibles in F Open, two in FTR and one in F Standard B.

With similar conditions prevailing for the second 500 yards, 25 TRAs shot possibles, with James Corbett leading them all with a 50.10.

In F Class the possibles were very elusive, with three in F Open and one for each of the other grades.

The day continued with calm conditions with Bendigo Range providing its normal quick changing conditions at 600 yards, only five TR shooters completed the day without dropping a point, all other grades managed to drop at least one point.

ANZAC Centenary Badge Winners:

TRA: James Corbett (Benella) 150.24, Alex Davies (West Wallsend) 150.24, Geoff Grenfell (Bendigo) 150.23

TRB: Peter Bevan (Central QLD) 147.14, Laurie Coote (Lang Lang) 147.13, Peter Daldy (Karramomus) 145.12

TRC: Myles McCormack (Lang Lang) 135.7

FSA: John Eland (Fitzroy/Caulfield) 178.11, John Simons



Geoff Grenfell (Bendigo) accepting the Percy Pavey Grand Championship Aggregate for Target Rifle A

(Broken Hill) 177.16, Jenny Davies (Maryborough) 176.18

FSB: Alan Taylor (Narromine-Dubbo) 175.10, John Leask (North Sydney) 173.9, Warwick Sides (Ungarie) 171.11



Winners of the VRA Queens Series, FTR – Frans Knox (Brisbane) F STD -Dave Phipps (Canberra) F Open – Rod Davies (Cessnock) TR – James Corbett (Benella)

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All group photo from Queens Day 1



FTR VP



F Class Standard B Grade



F Class Open



F Class Standard A Grade



David Syme Aggregate – Target Rifle B Grade – Peter Bevan, Shannon Dyer, Barry White. Medallions presented by Richard Tapps from Docuvan



Target Rifle A Grade



Target Rifle B Grade



Target Rifle C Grade



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FO: Albert van Wyk (Rosedale) 179.15, John Peters (Cessnock) 178.16, Derry Crisp (Armidale) 177.13

FTR: Darren Bradley (Griffith) 177.15, Don Laughton (Lang Lang) 175.10, Viren Pereira (Werribee) 174.8

Day two started off with mild calm conditions, but now back at 700 yards, the lower number of possibles reflected the generally lower scores.



Dave Phipps (Canberra) accepting the Queens Aggregate for F Standard A Grade

The move back to 900 yards, was delayed for about 45 minutes while the RACV assisted in extracting the keys from inside a locked vehicle.

At the start of 900 yards only two shooters had not dropped a point for the SYME, Alexander Davies and Geoff Grenfell in TRA, and as we moved back to 1000 yards, they still had not dropped a point.

Bendigo turned on its normal tricky conditions. Despite this, nine possibles were shot in TRA and one in F Open.

In Target Rifle, Geoff Grenfell used his local knowledge to go through the SYME without dropping a point, to finish with 300.35. John Simons was a clear winner in F Standard with 346.21, while Albert van Wyk's 1000 yards finish of 60.05 boosted his total to 357.29 giving him a good win in F Open.

With excellent day two shooting, Marty Kelly jumped the field to take out FTR - his 341.21 total a mere five supper centres ahead of Don Laughton.

Syme Aggregate Badge Winners:

TRA: Geoff Grenfell (Bendigo) 300.35, Duncan Davies (West Wallsend) 299.33, James Corbett (Benalla) 298.43, Alex Davies (West Wallsend) 298.35, Mark Horsnell (Werribee) 297.37, Bluey (Ian) Noll (Whyalla) 296.25, David Brewster (Fitzroy/Caulfield) 295.30, Geoff Grosskreutz (Brisbane) 295.28, Brett Thurtell (Wodonga) 294.31, Keith Toh (Werribee) 294.28, Michael Millen (Mosman Neutral Bay) 293.24, Ross Jackson (Yarram) 292.27



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TRB: Peter Bevan (Central QLD) 293.26, Shannon Dyer (Mount Gambier) 285.17, Laurie Coote (Lang Lang) 281.22, Peter Daldy (Karramomus) 280.18, Barney Neilsen (Southern Highland) 279.18

TRC: Robert Muir (Lang Lang) 263.12

FSA: John Simons (Broken Hill) 346.21, John Eland (Fitzroy/Caulfield) 343.21, Jenny Davies (Maryborough) 341.25, Daniel Sandford (Hamilton) 340.17, Trevor Rhodes (Maryborough) 340.17, Mahlon Reid (Boddington) 338.12

FSB: Bob Harvey (Marrickville) 340.16, Alan Taylor (Narromine-Dubbo) 339.13, Warwick Sides (Ungarie) 338.19, Robert Bartlett (Wingham) 332.19

FO: Albert van Wyk (Rosedale) 357.29, Rod Davies (Cessnock) 354.21, John Peters (Cessnock) 353.26, Bob Kinnear (Boddington) 349.23

FTR: Marty Kelly (ECDRA) 341.21, Don Laughton (Lang Lang) 341.16, Darren Bradley (Griffith) 339.21, Viren Pereira (Werribee) 339.14

As for the Queens event, day one saw our participant numbers increase from 113 to 161. With clear fine conditions possibles were effortless.

At the first range, a total of 47 possibles were shot across all disciplines - 24 in TRA with Duncan Davies and James Corbett tying with 50.9.

In TRB, Peter Daldy shot a 50.7, F Standard A had four 60s with Craig Weaire on top with 60.6, F Standard B saw Bob Harvey on top of the three 60s with 60.5.

Meanwhile, F Open managed twelve 60's with 60.9 from Bill Siegloff being the top. FTR were not to be left out with 60.7 from Graeme Kerr to top the three 60's.

James Corbet set the pace at the second range with an impressive 50.10 in TRA, with the next 20 in the 50s.



Our youngest and oldest shooters - Liana Gaebele - 13 years old (Lilydale) and Kevin Armstrong - 91 years old - (Fitzroy/Caulfield)



The VRA Exec Officer and VRA Treasurer

In TRB, 50.5 from David McDonald was the best of the five 50s. In F Standard A 60.7 from Bob Pedersen topped the three 60s. Peter Drew with 60.3 was the only 60 in F Standard B. With eight 60s in F Open, Adrian Siebel topped the table with a 60.7 In FTR, Graeme Kerr was the only one in the 60's with 60.4.

After lunch the 600 yards proved to be a little more challenging with Mitchell Bailey conquering the range with a 50.8 in TR and Garry Warrender only needing a 59.6 to top the range in F Standard A, while Bob Harvey, with a 60.5, topped F Standard B, Rod Davies produced an excellent 60.10 to top the range in F Open and Ian Marks, on 59.8, topped the range in FTR.

The daily aggregate for TR saw James Corbett with 150.24 the best of the six 150's, Peter Farley finished on top in B Grade with a 148.10 while John Maguire won in C Grade on 141.9.

In F Standard A, John Simons came out on top with 178.11, Bob Harvey took top honours in F Standard B with 178.11, Rod Davies won F Open with the only possible 180.22, and Marty Kelly took out FTR with a 175.15.

Day two saw more good shooting conditions in Bendigo, which resulted in 99 possibles for the day in TR, and 57 across the F Class shooters.

A water tanker arrived mid-afternoon to dampen the ground to control the dust before the presentation.

In TRA, Duncan Davies won the day on count back from Jim Bailey both on 150.25.

TRB went to Peter Farley on 147.14, John Maguire topped TRC with 138.8, Trevor Rhodes (178.19) was the best of F Standard A, Bob Harvey with 177.14 won F Standard B, 180.21 from Bob Kinnear was the best of



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the three 180's in F Open, and Frans Knox, with the only clean sheet of 180.16, took out FTR.

A delicious spit roast was organised by Trevor Rhodes for the evening after the presentations with over one hundred meals served.

On day three, the scene was set for a great last day shooting, with three TR shooters on 300 and the next twelve only one or two points down. In F Open, Rod

Davies sat on 360.41, with Bob Kinnear only one point down.

Most competitors arrived early for day three with set up starting from 7.00am. Shooting commenced right on 9am after a reminder about score cards from our Chief Range Officer Peter Hulett.

The sun was already strong with a light breeze. Scores were high again today with lots of people only two points down. The shop was busy with last minute purchases before the presentations commencing at 2.30pm.

Councillor Rod Fyffe once again supported the VRA by being a presenter for Match 21 the Queens Aggregate. Rod has been a Councillor with the Greater Bendigo City Council since 1996 and a strong supporter of our sport.

Queens Aggregate Badge Winners:

TRA: James Corbett (Benalla) 398.57, Scott Brindley (Explorers) 398.51, Geoff Grenfell (Bendigo) 398.46, Donna Negus (Bungendore) 398.46, Duncan Davies (West Wallsend) 397.55, Jim Bailey (Holsworthy) 397.54, Alex Davies (West Wallsend) 397.51, Bluey (Ian) Noll (Whyalla) 397.49, Michael Millen (Mosman Neutral Bay) 397.48, Keith Toh (Werribee) 397.44, Geoff Grosskreutz (Brisbane) 396.43, Paul Savage (Port Pirie) 395.39, Mark Buchanan (Roseville) 394.47, Mark Horsnell (Werribee) 394.40, Simon Whatley (Katandra) 394.33, Terry Hickey (Colac) 394.30, Robert Paech (Murray Bridge) 393.41, Bill Ballantyne (Hornsby) 393.35, Peter Maher (Lilydale) 393.35

TRB: Peter Farley (MCC) 384.28, Greg Cavanagh (Wodonga) 383.30, Peter Bevan (Central QLD) 381.30, Laura Brindley (Explorers) 381.28, Barney Neilsen (Southern Highland) 381.21, Peter Daldy (Karramomus) 380.32, Ethan Hewett (Southern Highlands) 377.19, Shannon Dyer (Mount Gambier) 377.17, Alan Blain (Port Campbell) 375.29, Bill Pryde (Spalding) 375.20

TRC: John Maguire (West Wallsend) 371.23, Lothar Ross (Cairns) 353.16

FSA: Dave Phipps (Canberra) 468.32, John Simons (Broken Hill) 467.31, John Eland (Fitzroy/Caulfield) 462.22, Bob Pedersen (Wodonga) 461.37, Peter Walters (Roseville) 460.36, Daniel Sandford (Hamilton) 460.34, Graham Crowe (Explorers) 460.31, Jason Li (Shepparton/Nathalia) 460.25, Dianne Jonker (Wangaratta) 458.32

FSB: Bob Harvey (Marrickville) 465.30, Brendon Crowe (Explorers) 460.29, Alan Taylor (Narromine-Dubbo) 454.29, Warwick Sides (Ungarie) 454.19, John Leask (North Sydney) 451.25, Kay Eland (Fitzroy/Caulfield) 451.18

FO: Rod Davies (Cessnock) 477.48, Bob Kinnear (Boddington) 476.45, John Peters (Cessnock) 474.55, Geoff Krake (Mildura-Red Cliffs) 472.41, Phil Jonker (Wangaratta) 472.34, Albert van Wyk (Rosedale) 471.48

FTR: Franks Knox (Brisbane) 466.32, Marty Kelly (ECDRA) 463.30, Graeme Kerr (ECDRA) 462.33, Don Laughton (Lang Lang) 462.29, Viren Pereira (Werribee) 462.21



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The Ladies on Queens Day 1

Percy Pavey Grand Aggregate Badge Winners

TRA: Geoff Grenfell (Bendigo) 698.81, James Corbett (Benalla) 696.100, Duncan Davies (West Wallsend) 696.88, Alex Davies (West Wallsend) 695.86, Bluey (Ian) Noll (Whyalla) 693.74, Mark Horsnell (Werribee) 691.77, Keith Toh (Werribee) 691.72, Geoff Grosskreutz (Brisbane) 691.71, Michael Millen (Mosman Neutral Bay) 690.72, David Brewster (Fitzroy/Caulfield) 687.76, Brett Thurtell (Wodonga) 686.72, Terry Hickey (Colac) 684.60

TRB: Peter Bevan (Central QLD) 674.56, Shannon Dyer (Mount Gambier) 662.34, Peter Daldy (Karramomus) 660.50, Barney Neilsen (Southern Highland) 660.39, Bill Pryde (Spalding) 653.38

TRC: Christopher Bourke (Canberra) 606.23

FSA: John Simons (Broken Hill) 813.52, John Eland (Fitzroy/Caulfield) 805.43, Dave Phipps (Canberra) 802.48, Daniel Sandford (Hamilton) 800.51, Jenny Davies (Maryborough) 799.54, Graham Crowe (Explorers) 797.46

FSB: Bob Harvey (Marrickville) 805.46, Alan Taylor (Narromine-Dubbo) 793.42, Warwick Sides (Ungarie) 792.38, John Leask (North Sydney) 783.36

FO: Rod Davies (Cessnock) 831.69, Albert van Wyk (Rosedale) 828.77, John Peters (Cessnock) 827.81, Bob Kinnear (Boddington) 825.68

FTR: Marty Kelly (ECDRA) 804.51, Don Laughton (Lang Lang) 803.45, Viren Pereira (Werribee) 801.35, Graeme Kerr (ECDRA) 798.51

Please have a look at the 2019 VRA Queens Video available on the VRA website: www.vra.asn.au

The VRA is very grateful to all our sponsors who allow this event to be such a success. Our major sponsors are Bendigo District RSL, OSA Firearms Ammunition and Accessories, NIOA, Nightforce, Docuvan, Helmar, Joe Balls Canvas Products, Central Trophies and Gifts, Bolton's Stationary, City of Greater Bendigo and QBN Insurance Services.

Please support our sponsors by using their products and services.

Thank you to Robin Hall for always having the range looking fabulous for the event and weed free. A big thank you also to Terry Gee for doing lots of range maintenance.

Whilst Bendigo suffered through an extremely dry summer, the range was still a fabulous site to behold with all the competitors enjoying the fine conditions and cool evenings.

Geoff and Ben had the shop stocked with additional inventory to cover what is a very busy week for the VRA office staff. Geoff and Ben organised some fabulous shop specials for the competitors and had the shop looking terrific for opening time every day at 8am.

Lorraine excelled with the catering under what could only be described as trying conditions. The food was fresh, wholesome and very appetising with everyone enjoying the home-made cakes. Thanks to Trevor Rhodes and Blade Lacey for manning the bar and also for organising the spit roast catered dinner on the Saturday night.

Alan Wright was the Event Co-ordinator for the 2019 Series and did a fabulous job of answering all the endless questions from competitors and staff. Alan has kindly agreed to again manage the 2020 Queens, which we are sure will attract even larger competitor numbers.

A big thank you to CRO Peter Hulett and Range Officer Carol Hulett, who managed the range for the whole Queens Series and kept all competitors happy and safe. Also, thanks to Derek Broughton, who was Chief Butts Officer this year being ably assisted by Ron and Ross Aldridge.

Thank you also to Len Hayes, John Stanley and Michael Purden from the Shepparton/Nathalia RC, who organised the repair and maintenance of the targets here at Wellsford prior to the Queens.

The statistics team was working hard in the office to produce timely and accurate results prior to presentations. A big thank you to the captains of statistics - Frank Conner, Alan Wright and VRA Chairman, Garry Kay. Our fabulous card runner Jonah Morgan was kept busy riding his bike all day collecting the cards.



The crew from Claremont Rifle Club

DDDRA Percy Gartner Memorial Prize Shoot and OPM 2019

Article and photos
by David Nicol

The Risdon Rifle Range, hosted by the Southern Downs Rifle Club (SDRC) just south of Warwick, Queensland, packs a significant bit of punch of both history and challenge for the aspiring full-bore competitor.

Although the 700- and 800-yard mounds of days past now lie frustratingly close behind the club house on what is now private property, the SDRC has lost none of its vigour and determination.

This writer had always promised himself that he'd be at the next Open Prize Meet (OPM) to be held at Warwick, if not before.



Sunny conditions on the range



Shooters travelled from all over to compete

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So, the decision of the Darling Downs District Rifle Association (DDDRA) to hold the 2019 OPM at the Risdon Rifle Range was a fortuitous 'alignment of the stars' and, as it turned out, coincided with a spectacular full moon.

The morning drive over the Gap was remarkably beautiful. The cool dawn air, with windows down and birdsong of the Australian King Parrot echoing through the tall wood, set a relaxing tone for the day.

Driving onto the range and meeting up with fellow competitors from far afield, who had arrived and camped on the range the previous day and awoken 'fresh', set up a friendly competitive mood for the event.

Arriving at the DDDRA OPM, it was immediately clear that all of the district clubs involved had come together in a tightly cohesive group presentation providing the competition field with no less than eight modern electronic targets and progressive uploads of results to the NRAA records for us to check-in on and contemplate.

There was a very respectable and satisfying turnout of competitors from both Queensland and New South Wales rifle clubs leading to a good and tight competition across all categories and grades.

Of course, the Risdon Rifle Range has its own historically established reputation for being unpredictable and it did not disappoint the field on this occasion.

The often-heavy cloud cover was speeding overhead leaving a very turmoiled wind beneath it in the shooter's view, and even an early shower to boot.

Contrary to at least one opinion, it is fairer to say that the flags were not quite 'lying', but rather that even the flags did not have enough information to fully tell the truth.

We must call out the exceptional performance of Ash Bidgood. Continuing his outstanding level of performance, from winning the



Time between shoots is best spent with banter

Queens Prize to representing in Team Australia in NZ, Ash put together another demonstration of his skill-craft for us again this weekend.

From 60 shots to count, Ash scored every shot inside the bull and 36 of those inside the V, raising his performance above all others.

For all grades and categories, it was both a pleasure and an excitement to watch and witness. For those of us who were at times at a loss to what the wind was doing, it is re-assuring to know that it is possible and we should keep on enjoying the sport while we improve our skills and techniques.

It was a terrific and challenging weekend enjoyed by all.

The DDDRA are hoping to have Risdon Rifle Range host their 2020 OPM, pending advisement. We look forward to the chance, the challenge and the fellowship again in 2020.

Well done to Mia Lowe from Goondiwindi who was justly awarded the Merve Pacholke Memorial Encouragement Medallion to a raucous applause.

Many thanks to the SDRC, DDDRA and also to Tracy Dobie - Mayor Southern Downs Regional Council - for the prizes and presentations.

Back to Back Victories for Andrew Wilson at Inverell

Article and photos
by Alistair Williams

Inverell RSM Rifle Club held their annual prize meeting over the Easter long weekend. The condition of the range was really good considering the current harsh weather conditions and the club was able to attract a large field of competitors from Sydney to Brisbane, and all places between, as well as a strong contingent of competitors from the western areas of NSW and Queensland.

The club was also able to show off a brand-new clubhouse courtesy of a grant from the NSW Department of Industry - Crown Lands, which replaced the timber building erected some 70 years ago and now deemed unsafe. It was so new in fact that the builders were still at work as the visitors rolled in!

Day one dawned a brilliant warm morning with little-to-no wind as entries were taken and squads formed, but this didn't last. As the shoot commenced from the 600-yard mound the wind picked up and a fluctuating mirage began that persisted for the two days of competition to follow.

'Possibles' (50 out 50 points) were rare, with the best finding the conditions very challenging.

Mike Chad from Port Macquarie and Mal McKenzie from Wingham



Andrew Wilson after 300 yards on day two

had strong first stages to throw the gauntlet down to the A Grade shooters and Peter Tollis from Inverell did likewise in B Grade.

Only one perfect score was shot in the three scoped rifle classes going to Chris Barnard of Wingham

who shot a strong 60.7 to start his campaign.

The second stage at 500-yards saw a couple of familiar faces appear on the A Grade leader board with Ben Picton of Mungindi shooting a 50.8 and Andrew Wilson a 50.6 to begin their challenges for the shield. Also shooting a great possible was C Grader David Grundy with a 50.7 to show all of B Grade and most of A Grade how it should be done.

F Class Open saw a good 60.5 shot by Matthew Foster of Armidale closely followed by Sean Campbell of Inverell who was showing signs of recovering from a horror start to the competition.

The final stage of the day from the 300-yard mound saw the 'four most



Competitors on the 500 yard mound day one



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likely' top the board with Andrew Wilson winning with a 50.6 to finish the day in first place with 149.18.

In B Grade David Phippard won the day with 142.13 and in C Grade David Grundy was successful with 143.15.

In the scoped rifle classes Grant Smith shot a good 59.5 at 300 yards, however the honours went to Gary Haeusler with 176.10 in F Standard A Grade.

B Grade was won by Glenn Ellis from Crows Nest with 171.11 and, in what was to become an interesting tussle in F Open, Tony Berry from Beaudesert led by 1 point from Inverell's Sean Campbell with 174.8.

Day two kicked off in a similar fashion as the first day with a blustery breeze that was difficult to predict causing problems across the field.

Andrew Wilson started his day with a strong 50.5 to set the tone for the A Grade while Peter Tollis from Inverell put the disappointment of day one behind him and started with a strong 49.5 in B Grade, while in C Grade David Grundy continued his dominance.

In the 'scopies', Chris Barnard from Wingham started strongly yet again with a 59.3 in A Grade while in B Grade Anthony Cahill from



Christina Adams concentrating on scoring



A fantastic group of markers

Narromine Dubbo shot an excellent 59.5.

Sean Campbell from Inverell RSM started as he finished shooting a 60.6 to be sitting one point behind Tony Berry but with a much stronger centre count.

The move to the fifth stage at 500 yards saw Spring Ridge marksman Nathan Smith win with a good 50.5 with McKenzie, Abrahall, Wilson and Chad chasing.

In F Standard B Grade Peter Drew of Brisbane RC and formally of Grafton led the way with 59.3 to put himself in contention for an aggregate win.

Sean Campbell showed that his nerves were well behind him

shooting the highest score F Open for the championship, 60.7. He now had a one-point lead over Tony Berry and it would come down to who could hold it together best as they headed back to the challenging 600 yards.

Mal McKenzie and Mike Chad dropped two points and one point respectively at 600 yards to give Andrew Wilson every chance to win barring a mishap. A steady 49.2 gave Wilson a two-shot margin and back-to-back championships.

B Grade saw a strong finish by the field with Dennis Hilton taking the stage with a 49.7 and also the day



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two Aggregate with 146.18

The C Grade saw a tied finish with David Grundy and Jack Picton shooting a 47.3.

In F Standard A Grade Gary Haeusler shot a 58.1 to win second position for day two behind Grafton's Chris Barnard. F Standard B grade saw Bob Steel shot 57.6 to just top Glenn Ellis with 57.3.

The battle in F Open continued with Sean Campbell down on the mound early in the stage and needing to keep the pressure on his contenders. Trying conditions saw him drop two points but still setting a difficult task for his opposition.

Bob Nix from Goondiwindi finally won the stage with a 60.4, while Tony Berry, chasing hard, dropped a point to give Sean the win for day two and the championship.

Grand Aggregate winners for the OPM were:

A Grade: Andrew Wilson (Narrabri) 298.28, Mal McKenzie (Wingham) 296.28 and Mike Chad (Port Macquarie) 296.27

B Grade: Dennis Hilton (Grafton) 286.26, Peter Tollis (Inverell) 285.23 and Chris McKenzie (Grafton) 283.20

C Grade: David Grundy (Grafton) 286.22, Jack Picton (276.18)



Katrina Geary and Mitch Foster enjoy the moment



Mayor Paul Harmon making presentations at the close of the shoot



Wise men prepare for 600 yards on day one



Sean Campbell with his first OPM 60 at 300 yards day two

F Standard A Grade: Gary Haeusler (Goondiwindi) 350.17, Chris Barnard (Wingham) 348.24, and John Bloomer (Grafton) 343.17

F Standard B Grade: Peter Drew (Brisbane) 341.19, Glenn Ellis (Crows

Nest) 338.19 and Bob Steel (Crows Nest) 335.17

F Open: Sean Campbell (Inverell RSM) 351.26, Tony Berry (Beaudesert) 351.20 and Bob Nix (Goondiwindi) 347.20



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)

Under 25 Shooter (TR) (Under 25 years as at first day of match)

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)

Cadet (TR)

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

Tyro (TR)

AARA Trophy (TR)

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



*The Executive reserves the right to alter the Programme,
Badge/Prize Money according to entries.
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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.

Please indicate number of rounds and type of projectile required.

.308

155.5 Berger FB Projectile

.223 (Sierra)

5. Accommodation

Powered Caravan/Tent Site (per night).... \$30.00
from to = Total amount \$

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) \$

8. I enclose payment by:

CASH (at office only, do not post)

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SWDRA Easter Prize Meeting Report

Article and photos
by George Wittorff

Forty-five of the state's top marksmen and women attended the Coolilup Rifle Range at Capel over the Easter weekend to compete in the South West's Annual Open Rifle Championships.

Despite the threat of strong winds and rain, which affected attendance to some extent, shooting commenced on Friday to compete for the Coolilup Cup, which is fired over 300, 500 and 600 metres.

Manjimup's Mark Milentis with a score of 148 with 13 centre bullseyes won the target rifle section from a possible 150.

Denis Blechynden from Beverley won the F Standard section, while Courtney Day from Busselton took out the F Open category. Shaun Stoffels from Bassendean Bellevue won the F/TR category.

Friday and Saturday scores covered all ranges from 300 to 600 metres, and marksmen competing in both the Service Rifle and Sporting/



Winner of Coolilup Cup Target Rifle



Day 1 Agg winners A Timms (FTR); J Davey (Service); A Trease (TR Div2) J Moore (TR Div 1); M Viviers (F Open); N Carver (F Std Div 2); G Oates (F Std Div 1)

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Hunting classes used those scores to make up their respective competition. Simenon McGorlick won the Sporting/Hunting class and Julian Davey took off the Service Rifle section.

Saturday and Sunday's shoots progressed over seven ranges, from 300 to 900 metres. Despite a difficult mirage and cross winds, three records were recorded over the two days.

John Moore of Leonora won the Target Rifle section with a perfect score of 350/350, including 44 central bullseyes.

Busselton's Graham Oates also created a match record with a total of 418 from 420. His score included 38 central x's, while clubmate Bryce Day, shooting F Open also attained a record score of 418 with 36 x's in his division.



Shaun Stoffels - FTR winner



F Std Winner - Graham Oates

Perth marksman Shaun Stoffels was a clear winner in the F/TR division.

Following the individual matches, a four-man DRA team shoot was conducted which was won by South West No 1.

Results:

COOLILUP CUP:

TR: Mark Milentis 148.13; John Moore 147.21; Shayne McDonald 146.14.



MHR Nola Marino presenting TR winner John Moore with his trophy



Julien Davey (Service Rifle) and Simmeon McGorlick (SportingHunting)

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F Open winner - Bryce Day

F Std: Denis Blechynden 176.10; Ashley Norwood 174.12; Graham Oates 172.12.

F Open: Courtney Day 177.19; Brad Day 177.14; Rene Drew 174.16.

F/TR: Shaun Stoffels 173.7; Brad Yates 172.10; Judy Dickenson 170.7

SERVICE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP:

Julien Davey (1); Jack Nixon (2); Rod Davis (3)

SPORTING/HUNTING:

Simmeon McGorlick (1); Ian Shields (2); Brett Merritt (3).

SWDRA OPM: Grand Aggregate:

TR: John Moore 350.44 (Rec); Mark Milentis 348.36; Mick Forsberg 341.33.

F Std: G Oates 418.38 (Rec); Cathy Keogh 408.31; Ashley Norwood 402.19.

F Open: Bryce Day 418.36 (Rec); Rene Drew 414.44; Brad Day 413.35.

F/TR: Shaun Stoffels 410.33; Alex Timms 401.22; Judy Dickenson 397.28.

Full results may be viewed on SWDRA website: www.southwestrifle.weebly.com



Division 2 Target Rifle winner - Allan Trease



Winning SWDRA Team G Oates (on scope); Bryce Day; Courtney Day; Brad Day



Brad Day; Courtney Day; Shaun Stoffels



A cold start to a sunny day

Rosedale Open Prize Meeting

Article by Alan Fraser

Photos by Albert van Wyk

Rosedale's March 2019 Open Prize Meet (OPM) saw a very encouraging turnout of more than 60 shooters, one of the best attendances of recent times.

An even spread across all classes and grades made for good competition. F/TR was the smallest class but its numbers have increased at this OPM every year since its introduction in 2014.

On Saturday, the weather was fine and warm with moderate north-easterly wind, which is a 9 o'clock

cross wind as the shooter sees it. Subtle directional changes mean easterlies are always tricky at Rosedale, and if you don't have the skill to succeed, then only luck will save you.

In A Grade, Mark Horsnell got on top of the conditions from the outset with the only TR possible of the day and continued in the same vein for the rest of Saturday.

A highlight of day was John "Ollie" Adrich's win in B Grade. For health reasons John had not shot competitively for several years so his success brought loud applause.

Performances were a little hot and

cold in C Grade, and the hottest was from Robert Muir, including a credible 47.3 at 500 yards.

Saturday was definitely "Ladies Day" in F-Standard. Di Jonker had a blinder in A Grade, and her good friend Kay Eland took B Grade with a very similar daily aggregate score.

Trevor Jury won the day by a clear margin in F-Open, and Don Laughton edged out Brad Steer in F/TR.

Then came Rosedale's popular novelty event, the One Shot Wonder. Each shooter fires a single shot at the



No 1 badge winners Don Laughton, Kay Eland, Noel Osborn, Robert Muir, Mark Horsnell, Steve Baklien, Albert van Wyk

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1000 yards target. The shot position is measured from the middle of the target, and the target raised with no spotter to help the next shooter.

After all entrants had completed their shots, the results were collated and, back in the clubhouse, the Brownlow style countdown began. Surprisingly, there was just one miss this year, and yet nearly 80 per cent of shots were outside the four rings.

The countdown progressed until just two names remained, both of them having hit centre bulls, and both being target rifle shooters who attend the OPM regularly, Ian Gordon and Peter Hulett. And the winner was ... Peter Hulett, in his capacity as competitor rather than NRAA CRO!

Saturday night's activities included a demonstration by Don Laughton of several types of saxophone that he has used in his professional music and teaching career. A delicious evening meal was prepared offsite and brought to the clubhouse, thanks to the efforts of Albert van Wyk.

Apart from being a couple of degrees warmer, Sunday conditions were much the same with north easterlies, so what was quite tricky at the shorter ranges was to become seriously tricky at the longs.

However, conditions took a little longer than on Saturday to get difficult, and many shooters had very respectable scores at 800 yards.



Rosedale President Colin McDonald presents to Mark Horsnell one of his many awards



Saturday B Grade winner Ollie Aldrich



Not enough rain but plenty of wind

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In-form A Grader Mark Hornell started with a possible again and went on to win the daily aggregate by a whopping eight points.

Things were much closer in B Grade with Steve Baklien edging out Fred Guyatt, and Sunday-only shooter Markus Gaebele easily won C Grade.

In F-Standard A, experience came to fore, with Noel Osborn prevailing and several of his contemporaries the closest to him.

Kay Eland completed the double in F-Standard B, as did Don Laughton in F/TR.

Cloth badges were awarded for the two-day aggregate.

In what was the standout performance of the meeting, Mark Horsnell won the A Grade overall aggregate by 17 points, which earned him a well-deserved ride in the chair, once again to the skirl of the pipes thanks to piper Ian Hart who generously donates his time every year.

Steve Baklien took out B Grade with Fred Guyatt not far back, and Robert Muir was a clear winner in C Grade.

Noel Osborn has won many times at Rosedale but this F-Standard A win is probably his most convincing, and Kay Eland's F Standard B win was all the more meritorious after a horror shoot at 900 yards.

Albert van Wyk is clearly destined for great things in F Open, and it was no surprise to see him take the number one badge here, although it was a very close run thanks to Dave Williamson's efforts. And last but not least, for the third year in a row, Don Laughton won F/TR.



Concentration on the 1000 yard mound

Rosedale Open Prize Meeting 2019

SHOOTER		Entry	DAY 1 Sat Mar 16				DAY 2 Sun Mar 17				Grand	
Pos	Name	Club	No	500yd	600yd	700yd	Agg	800yd	900yd	1000yd	Agg	Agg
A 1	Mark Horsnell	Werrimbee	49	50 ⁶	48 ³	48 ⁵	146 ¹⁴	50 ³	48 ⁴	42 ¹	140 ⁸	286 ²²
A 2	Ross Jackson	Yarram	38	48 ⁷	45 ³	46 ³	139 ¹³	47 ⁴	42 ³	41 ²	130 ⁹	269 ²²
A 3	Barry Wood	Katandra	53	49 ⁵	47 ⁰	43 ⁰	139 ⁵	50 ⁵	39 ¹	40 ⁰	129 ⁶	268 ¹¹
A 4	Simon Whatley	Katandra	31	49 ⁵	44 ¹	49 ²	142 ⁰	49 ⁷	40 ⁰	35 ¹	124 ⁰	266 ¹⁶
A 5	Richard Tapps	Lilydale	20	48 ¹	39 ¹	45 ⁰	132 ²	49 ⁵	46 ³	36 ¹	131 ⁹	263 ¹¹
A 6	Ian Gordon	Warr-Drouin	50	44 ⁰	46 ³	42 ²	132 ⁵	49 ³	41 ¹	35 ⁰	125 ⁴	257 ⁹
A 7	Carol Hulett	Geelong	37	47 ²	45 ²	46 ²	138 ⁶	48 ²	42 ³	24 ⁰	114 ⁵	252 ¹¹
A 8	Blade Lacey	Maryborough	14	48 ³	45 ⁴	47 ²	140 ⁹	49 ⁴	45 ⁰		94 ⁴	234 ¹³
A 9	Owen Henry	MCC	45	44 ⁰	46 ²	43 ⁰	133 ²					133 ²
A 10	Peter Maher	Lilydale	57					49 ⁴	45 ³	38 ⁰	132 ⁷	132 ⁷
A 11	David Brewster	Fitzroy-Caulf	58					50 ⁷	43 ³	38 ¹	131 ¹¹	131 ¹¹
B 1	Steve Baklien	Lilydale	34	46 ²	46 ¹	43 ²	135 ⁵	49 ⁵	43 ¹	37 ²	129 ⁸	264 ¹³
B 2	Fred Guyatt	Karramomous	47	47 ³	43 ²	44 ¹	134 ⁶	49 ³	43 ²	36 ¹	128 ⁶	262 ¹²
B 3	Laurie Coote	Lang Lang	8	45 ¹	44 ¹	44 ⁰	133 ²	49 ⁵	42 ⁰	36 ¹	127 ⁶	260 ⁸
B 4	Peter Hulett	Geelong	36	47 ³	39 ⁰	47 ⁵	133 ⁸	49 ⁴	41 ¹	35 ²	125 ⁷	258 ¹⁵
B 5	Dale Vanderhorst	Lilydale	19	46 ³	44 ¹	41 ¹	131 ⁵	49 ⁵	37 ⁰	35 ¹	121 ⁶	252 ¹¹
B 6	Richard McRae	Warr-Drouin	46	45 ²	39 ¹	42 ²	126 ⁵	45 ⁴	41 ³	31 ⁰	117 ⁷	243 ¹²
B 7	John Aldrich	Moe	41	49 ³	44 ²	43 ⁰	136 ⁵					136 ⁵
B 8	Garry Kay	Yarram	48	45 ¹	45 ³	40 ¹	130 ⁵					130 ⁵
C 1	Robert Muir	Lang Lang	13	47 ³	40 ⁰	39 ²	126 ⁵	46 ²	34 ⁰	23 ²	103 ⁴	229 ⁹
C 2	Brian McKenna	Moe	23	42 ¹	28 ⁰	40 ⁰	110 ¹	41 ¹	40 ²	27 ⁰	108 ³	218 ⁴
C 3	Colin McDonald	Rosedale	27	38 ¹		39 ¹	77 ²	42 ¹	30 ¹	27 ¹	99 ³	176 ⁶
C 4	Markus Gaebele	Lilydale	55					46 ¹	37 ⁰	47 ³	130 ⁴	130 ⁴
C 5	Myles McCormack	Lang Lang	21	43 ⁰			43 ⁰					43 ⁰
FA 1	Noel Osborn	Rosedale	1	56 ³	55 ²	49 ²	160 ⁷	57 ²	54 ¹	49 ⁰	150 ³	320 ¹⁰
FA 2	Bruce Houston	Rosedale	4	56 ¹	56 ²	48 ¹	160 ⁴	58 ⁴	50 ¹	45 ⁰	153 ⁵	313 ³
FA 3	John Eland	Fitzroy-Caulf	25	56 ¹	51 ¹	52 ¹	159 ³	54 ³	47 ⁰	45 ¹	146 ⁴	305 ⁷
FA 4	Di Jonker	Wangaratta	16	58 ³	53 ¹	52 ¹	163 ⁵	57 ⁴	47 ⁰	37 ¹	141 ⁵	304 ¹⁰
FA 5	Trevor Rhodes	Maryborough	9	58 ²	48 ⁰	53 ²	159 ⁴	54 ¹	44 ⁰	43 ⁰	141 ¹	300 ⁵
FA 6	Jason O'Rourke	Fitzroy-Caulf	35	57 ³	48 ¹	46 ⁰	151 ⁴	54 ³	48 ⁰	40 ⁰	142 ³	293 ⁷
FA 7	Bruce Serjeant	Rosedale	7	57 ³	52 ²	46 ⁰	155 ⁵	56 ²	37 ⁰	42 ⁰	135 ²	290 ⁷
FA 8	Garry Warrender	Wangaratta	3	58 ³	47 ²	52 ³	167 ⁸	59 ⁵	48 ⁰		107 ⁶	264 ¹³
FA 9	Colin Firth	Lang Lang	39	55 ⁰	53 ¹	52 ¹	160 ²					160 ²
FA 10	Craig Weaire	Nagambie	26	57 ⁵	50 ¹	49 ⁰	156 ⁶					156 ⁶
FA 11	Hayley Steer	Grantville	44	56 ¹	53 ⁰	47 ⁰	156 ¹					156 ¹
FA 12	Peter Marum	Fitzroy-Caulf	59					50 ⁴	51 ²	42 ¹	143 ⁷	143 ⁷
FB 1	Kay Eland	Fitzroy-Caulf	24	54 ⁰	58 ¹	49 ¹	161 ²	59 ⁶	40 ¹	46 ⁰	145 ⁷	306 ⁹
FB 2	Alan Wright	Lang Lang	28	55 ¹	46 ⁰	46 ⁰	147 ¹	55 ¹	53 ⁰	36 ⁰	144 ¹	291 ²
FB 3	Dragi Jankovic	Moe	29	55 ⁴	52 ²	45 ⁰	152 ⁶	58 ⁵	47 ¹	28 ⁰	133 ⁶	285 ¹²
FB 4	Denis Fahy	Rosedale	40	48 ⁰	51 ¹	44 ⁰	143 ¹	52 ¹	35 ⁰		87 ¹	230 ²
FB 5	Clinton Franks	Geelong	22	43 ⁰	49 ⁰	35 ⁰	127 ⁰					127 ⁰
FB 6	Jim North	Lang Lang	42	42 ⁰	38 ⁰	43 ⁰	123 ⁰					123 ⁰
FO 1	Albert van Wyk	Rosedale	2	60 ⁵	54 ¹	55 ²	169 ¹²	58 ³	58 ²	50 ⁰	166 ⁵	335 ¹⁷
FO 2	David Williamson	Moe	54	59 ³	54 ³	55 ⁴	168 ¹⁰	60 ⁵	55 ³	51 ¹	166 ⁹	334 ¹⁶
FO 3	Alistair Larmour	Birchip	11	59 ³	56 ¹	51 ¹	168 ⁵	60 ⁵	56 ²	47 ²	167 ³	331 ¹²
FO 4	Trevor Jury	Fitzroy-Caulf	33	60 ⁵	57 ¹	56 ²	173 ⁸	59 ¹	54 ¹	44 ⁰	157 ²	330 ¹⁰
FO 5	Phil Jonker	Wangaratta	17	60 ⁷	55 ³	54 ¹	169 ¹¹	57 ³	50 ¹	49 ²	156 ⁵	325 ¹⁷
FO 6	Marcus Cave	Rosedale	6	53 ²	60 ³	50 ⁰	163 ⁵	59 ⁵	50 ¹	49 ⁰	158 ⁵	321 ¹¹
FO 7	Barry Giblett	Rosedale	15	56 ³	55 ⁰	50 ¹	161 ¹⁰	48 ³	46 ⁰	44 ²	138 ⁵	299 ¹⁵
FO 8	Alan Fraser	Rosedale	30	57 ⁴	55 ¹	53 ⁰	165 ⁵	53 ³			53 ³	218 ⁸
FO 9	Joe Melbourne	Nagambie	51	58 ³	50 ¹	54 ¹	162 ⁵					162 ⁵
FO 10	Colin Firth	Lang Lang	63					60 ⁵	55 ⁰	41 ¹	156 ⁷	156 ⁷
FO 11	Peter McCashney	Lang Lang	32	54 ⁰	56 ³	46 ⁰	156 ³					156 ³
FO 12	Sophie Elphick	Lang Lang	61					48 ¹	54 ²	44 ²	146 ⁵	146 ⁵
FO 13	Andrew Cameron	Rosedale	10	58 ⁴	49 ¹		107 ⁷					107 ⁷
FT 1	Don Laughton	Lang Lang	12	58 ⁵	49 ⁰	52 ²	159 ⁷	58 ⁴	55 ⁵	48 ¹	161 ¹⁰	320 ¹⁷
FT 2	Marty Kelly	ECDRA	18	57 ³	49 ²	49 ⁰	155 ⁵	59 ⁴	57 ³		116 ⁷	271 ¹²
FT 3	John Maurier	Yarram	5	54 ²	44 ⁰	44 ⁰	142 ²	52 ²	32 ⁰	29 ⁰	113 ²	255 ⁴
FT 4	Brad Steer	Grantville	43	54 ²	52 ²	52 ²	158 ⁶					158 ⁶
FT 5	Mike Waites	Warr-Drouin	52	54 ²	51 ⁰	49 ¹	154 ³					154 ³
FT 6	James Elphick	Lang Lang	62					51 ²	47 ³	44 ⁰	142 ⁵	142 ⁵
FT 7	Paul Murphy	Lilydale	56					53 ²	48 ²	41 ⁰	142 ⁴	142 ⁴
FT 8	Jeff Thorpe	Rosedale	60					54 ¹	47 ¹	36 ¹	137 ³	137 ³



Saturday F-Std B Grade winner Di Jonker

104th No. 6 Ovens and Murray DRA OPM and Wangaratta Rifle Club OPM

Article and photos
by Matt Powell

Brilliant Autumn weather with light north easterly winds and a tricky variable mirage welcomed the 90 shooters from all over Australia, including Western Australia, New South Wales and Queensland to the Glenrowan rifle range in North East Victoria for the 104th No. 6 Ovens and Murray DRA and Wangaratta Rifle Clubs open prize meetings on the 20th and 21st of April 2019.

The competition was conducted over three ranges, two 10-shot matches at 500 yards and a single 15-shot match at 600 yards. Competition was held on a combination of Hexa electronic and manual targets.

There were several impressive scores shot in the early morning with conditions getting tougher during the day as the mirage started to play a greater part in the proceedings.

The first 500-yard event in the cooler morning conditions and calm wind saw many possible scores shot in all disciplines.

The range winners were Mark Horsnell in Target Rifle A (TRA) Grade with a score of 50-10, Trevor Viney in Target Rifle B (TRB) Grade shooting 50-6, Pettina Love on top in Target Rifle C (TRC) Grade with 49-6, John Simons in F Standard A (FSA) Grade with a 60-9 score, Alex Brown in F Standard B (FSB) on 60-4, Trevor Jury winning F Open (FO) with 60-8, and Marty Kelley taking out F Class Target Rifle (FT/R) on 60-8.

For the second 500-yard range conditions had changed with the mirage picking up and the wind varying more than the first range, which resulted in the scores declining from the first range.

The range winners were David Xuereb in TRA (50-6), Paul Diffey in TRB (49-5), Andrew Habets in

TRC (49-3), John Simons in FSA (60-7), Alex Brown in FSB (59-4), William Boyack in FO (60-8) and Michael Waites in FT/R (60-5).

After lunch, the final event of the day was the 15-shot match at 600 yards. The tricky mirage continued, however the winds declined from the second 500 range.

The longer 15-shot format increased fatigue in participants, resulting in the scores spreading out greater than before.

Range winners were Mark Horsnell in TRA (75-11), Peter Kelley in TRB (74-6), Andrew Habets in TRC (69-3), John Simons in FSA (89-8), Kay Eland in FSB (87-5), Doug George in FO (90-10) and Michael Waites in FT/R (87-5).

The winners of the overall Ovens and Murray DRA Open prize meeting were:



Winners WRC OPM

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Winners O and M OPM

Target Rifle A - Mark Bunt (Katandra) 174-14

Target Rifle B - Rod Gerrett (Wangaratta) 172-15

Target Rifle C - Andrew Habets (Wangaratta) 167-10

F Standard A - John Simons (Broken Hill) 209-24

F Standard B - Jay Eland (Caulfield/Fitzroy) 204-13

F Open - Paul Deehan (Corryong) 208-18

F T/R - Michael Waites (Warragul/Drouin) 205-13

On Easter Sunday, 62 competitors returned for the Wangaratta Rifle Club Easter Sunday Open Prize Meeting under more overcast yet still warm conditions.

This year the format was two 10-shot matches at 500 metres and one-10 shot match at 600m. Prevailing north easterlies proved difficult to read with sudden drop off causing problems for many target sports participants.

The first range at 500m saw calm and overcast conditions which provided the opportunity for good

demonstration of skills with many possible scores achieved.

The range winners were Mark Horsnell in TRA (50-10), Paul Diffey in TRB (50-4), Andrew Habets in TRC (49-5), Graham Crowe in FSA (60-5), Rohan Baker in FSB (60-6), Trevor Jury in FO (60-8) and Marty Kelly in FTR (59-4).

The second range at 500m saw the cloud clear and wind pick up and become choppy with sudden changes in speed and direction, resulting in the scores reducing from the first 500m range.

The range winners were Mark Horsnell in TRA (50-8), Peter Daldy in TRB (50-3), Andrew Habets in TRC (50-4), Jenny Davies in FSA (60-7), Robert Bartlett in FSB (60-3), Trevor Jury in FO (60-7) and Jerry Thomas in FTR (60-5).

After lunch, the final range at 600m was fired and the cloud cover returned, but sudden wind variations continued that resulted in some shooters losing points.

The range winners were Brett Thurtell TRA (50-6), Fred Guyatt TRB (49-5), Pettina Love TRC (48-2), Trevor Rhodes FSA (59-6), Alan

Wright FSB (59-4), Geoff Krake FO (59-6) and Gerry Thomas FTR (57-2).

At the conclusion of the third range, nothing could separate F Class Standard B Grade shooters Alan Wright from Lang Lang rifle club and Robert Bartlett from Wingham rifle club, which resulted in a five-shot per competitor shoot off to determine the final winner, which went to Alan Wright.

The winners of the Wangaratta Rifle Club Open prize meeting were:

Target Rifle A - Brett Thurtell (Wodonga) 150-18

Target Rifle B - Peter Kelley (Wangaratta) 147-13

Target Rifle C - Andrew Habets (Wangaratta) 147-11

F Standard A - John Simons (Broken Hill) 179-14

F Standard B - Alan Wright (Lang Lang) 174-10

F Open - Trevor Jury (Fitzroy/Caulfield) 179-20

F T/R - Gerry Thomas (Bendigo) 176-10

Bill Kneebone

1947 - 2019

Article by Carol and Len Solomon on behalf of Janet Kneebone

Bill was born near Yarrawonga, at Bruce's Bend, on the Murray River. The second of six children, he had a difficult childhood due to the family moving around a lot from Albury to Sassafras.

Bill left home at age 15 and found work as a farmhand before running away from there and ending back in Yarrawonga, where he found work on a sheep station with the Keenan Family, who were able to keep him on the straight and narrow.

He met and married a Cobram lass and they had two children, Jarrod and Matthew.

While at Keenan's he trained as a motor mechanic. Then he moved to, Pullars, a soft fruit orchard, where he got his truck license.

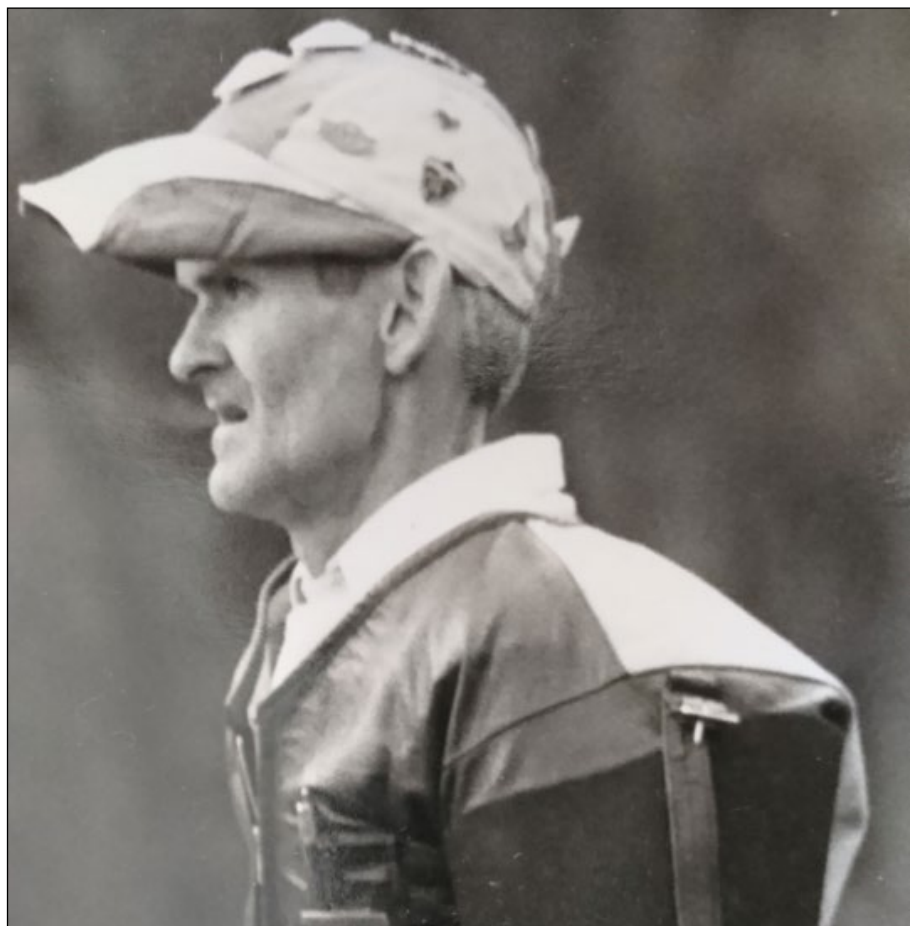
He worked day and night shifts driving the fruit to Melbourne in the picking season, and spent 10 years there, where once again he moved jobs to the abattoirs for three years.

An avid cricket player, Bill was a better bowler than a batsman throughout his youth to maturity.

Eventually he took up the sport of rifle shooting at the Katamatite Rifle Club in 1975. This is where he met Janet (nee Rodger) Kneebone, they eventually married in Melbourne in the 80s.

Bill loved his shooting; he was very quick and accurate an unusual combination. Throughout his shooting career, he had numerous successful achievements including 13 Queens Badges from 1989 - 2013, top-scoring in the Victorian Country Team in 1989, being a member of the Victorian State Rifle team in 2002, and included on the Goodwill Team to New Zealand in 1992.

Numerous clubs from all over Australia had visits from Bill and Janet, and as Bill's badge collection rose from many of the prize meetings he attended, his notoriety as a quick shooter spread.



When Janet and Bill moved to Melbourne in 1985, they became members of the Diamond Valley Rifle Club. There, Bill started his career as a coach, taking the Pennant Team to several successes.

He was also a pleasure to coach, because he was so fast as a shooter, the coach had to be quick and decisive - you really had to make up your mind about weather changes, quick smart.

He was known around Victorian circles as Machine Gun Bill.

After Diamond Valley Range closed, he joined the Bacchus Marsh Rifle Club.

In 2004, Janet and Bill moved to a warmer climate, settling in Emu Park, east of Rockhampton.

There he joined the Raglan Rifle Club. While at Emu Park, Bill enjoyed partial retirement, doing some work mixed with a bit of shooting.

In 2016, Bill contracted emphysema, which put the brakes on his prone-position shooting. He tried shooting scope off the bench, but it just wasn't the same.

Every now and then he would get the urge for some powder smoke and drop in to the Raglan Club for a quick whiff.

He always remained quiet and composed, a very faithful and true friend to those he knew, who never had a bad word about anyone and always looked for the best in people - a true gentleman in of the sport of rifle shooting.

After a short illness, at Christmas and New Year 2019, he passed quietly at the Yeppoon Hospital.

He will be sadly missed by his family and friends, and the shooting fraternity who also knew him as a great friend and competitor.

Rest in Peace Bill, in that big rifle range in the sky.

Thomas Chaffey

1952 - 2019

Article by Frank Baldwin with assistance from Ron Chaffey and Bill Eggins

We celebrate the life of Jeff Chaffey and remember a good man, a loving son, caring bother, great uncle, cousin and a great mate.

Jeff was 66 years old when passed away on Tuesday January 8, 2019, at Grafton Base Hospital - a date that will always be etched in our memories as the same day five years earlier that his beloved mother, Audrey, left us.

Jeff was born on July 15, 1952 at Runnymede Hospital, Grafton to Tom and Audrey Chaffey. He was the oldest sibling to Kayleen, Narelle, Ron and Leanne.

As a young man, Jeff grew up rowing on the mighty Clarence River and he was a member of the NSW lightweight fours combined high school champions.

One of Jeff's adult goals was to return to amateur rowing when he moved back to Grafton, and he did just that, with the help from brother Ron, to sit in a double scull on the river for a photo, stating that "this feels very natural".

His other dream was to return to his childhood musical instrument, the bagpipes.

From an early age, Jeff managed to collect and accumulate numerous motorbikes, whole and in parts, stored in various locations, that would "one day" become the wonderful spirited machine that he envisioned. His love of bikes never wavered, he knew every make and model, and usually set passwords to that effect.

Working life began in 1973 when Jeff joined Woolworths in Ballina and then to Canberra. In '75 he was employed by the Commonwealth Public Service with the Australian Army, and in 1992 was transferred to Darwin.

He then moved over to the Navy and his position was the important role of Base Resource Staff Officer



(managing finance). He controlled Darwin Defence Force Base's property maintenance with 91 staff.

Jeff retired from full-time work in 2012 and pursued his other interests - one being chairman/president of the Northern Territory Rifle Association.

Jeff always had a love of target shooting, starting back in the '70s, and at one point won the Grafton Club A Grade championship. He was very proud to represent the members of Alice Springs and Darwin clubs, doing utmost to put strategies in place to further membership and funding for the Territory.

Jeff was also very involved with the Darwin Aviation Museum, aircraft being another life-long

interest, and he could name every plane and its purpose. He had always wanted to be a pilot, but unfortunately that dream was never realised.

His energy at the museum was always enthusiastic, so much so that successful government grant applications were often referred to as "a three-dollar hot chocolate outlay bringing in \$20,000 of funding".

The thing that made Jeff a good person to us all is that he made time and effort to keep in touch with everyone he cared for.

Jeff loved his family and friends, and he was loved in return.

There was no better person to be my "best man" at our wedding, thanks my dear mate, Jeff, R.I.P.

ACT

November

13 Canberra Queens

NEW SOUTH WALES

July

6-7 DRA Week-end including the
Country VS City Team Match (Anzac)

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

July

13-14 Monto Sweepstake Shoot

21 Beaudesert Rifle Club PM

28 Ipswich and District Rifle Club PM

August

3 Brisbane Rifle Club PM

4 MDRA, Belmont PM

5 Archer Trophy and F Class Challenge

6 QRA Duncan Series

8 QRA Queen's

17-18 Gemfields Rifle Club

24-25 Barcaldine Rifle Club PM

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

July

6 - 7 Cairns Prize Meeting, Wangetti Range (Cairns)

27 - 28 Pennants, HRSC (Townsville)

August

31 C and IDRA Prize Meeting (Atherton)

September

1 Atherton Prize Meeting (Atherton)

October

12 Herberton Prize Meeting (Herberton)

13 Ravenshoe/Mt Garnet Prize Meeting (Ravenshoe)

November

3 Mossman and District Prize Meeting (Mossman)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

July

3-7 SARA Queens (Lower Light)

8-9 Junior F Class State Team (Lower Light)

28 Match Rifle (Lower Light)

August

17-18 Whyalla OPM (Whyalla)

24-25 SA Match Rifle Champs (Lower Light)

October

13 No.2 DRA OPM (Mt Barker)

VICTORIA

July

3-7 SARA Hunt and Queens (Lower Light)

27 Pennant Reserve

28 Council Meeting

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

July

7 WARA Council Meeting and Annual Meeting
of Council Clubroom (Pinjar)

6-7 Karratha Rifle Club PM (Karratha)

13-14 Meekatharra Rifle Club PM (Meekatharra)

27-28 Chapman Valley Rifle Club PM (Chapman)

August

2 Geraldton Greenough RC PM (Greenough)

3-4 North West DRA PM (Greenough)

17-18 Carnarvon Rifle Club PM (Carnarvon)

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)

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)

December

15 East Perth Rifle Club PM (Pinjar)

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2019**

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August 6-10 QRA Queens

September 27-30 WARA Queens

October 9-33 NSWRA Queens