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Members Forum and AGM

Representatives from each State and Territory met with the Board in Sydney in January for the first Member's Forum since early 2021. Covid had caused disruptions to the previous schedule and there were many items discussed to reinvigorate the forward progress of the NRAA and our sport. More details on activities will be provided in further updates.

The Annual General Meeting was held following the Member's Forum. Stephen Negus was elected to the Board to join John Baxter. The Members and Board identified key areas of focus that require immediate attention to ensure that the company functions to best serve core business moving forward. To provide the NRAA board with the support and guidance it requires, in the shortest amount of time, it was decided that three delegates, (Andrew McKillop (QLD), Adrian Siebel (NSW) and Albert van Wyk (VIC) would be appointed to the Board in casual vacancies. These appointments will be in place for a period of up to one year or to the next AGM (whichever comes first), at which time, there will be a call for open elections. All Councillors committed to actively seeking suitable and experienced people to nominate for election as NRAA Directors at the 2023 AGM. In the interim period, an important step change is a greater focus on subcommittees, who will expand the consultation and involvement by the States and Territories, to deliver greater transparency and sharing of ideas.

Following the AGM, John Baxter advised that he had decided to resign from the Board. John has been an exemplary servant of the sport in administration for the NRAA and NSWRA over many years. He has also performed in and led successful high performance teams at State and National level for many years. We wish him well for the future. The Board is reviewing options for the casual vacancy left by John.

At the first Board Meeting following the AGM, Stephen Negus was elected as Chair.

Ammunition and Components

The Ukraine war continues to cause significant disruptions to the global supply chain of components for sporting target shooting purposes. The Board is actively engaging with alternative supplier arrangements for primers and projectiles - more details will be provided as these are finalised. Whilst retaining the key role of negotiating national supply contracts and prices from suppliers, the Board will move the NRAA away from the administration associated with component ordering and delivery. States and Territories will manage this directly when arrangements are finalised.



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Ammunition and Components (cont'd)

The supply of Berger projectiles is sporadic and limited with only a small portion of an order expected to arrive in the next couple of months. As an interim alternative, the States and Territories have placed large orders to utilise the backlog of .30 cal Sierra #2156 HPBT PALMA projectiles which will permit TR and F-Standard members to continue to compete.

The NRAA is reviewing the rules associated with projectiles to allow access to a broader range. The details will be determined by a subcommittee and are expected to be confirmed within the next SSR update in July.

Teams

National Veterans Teams Matches (Sydney, January 2023)

New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria contested matches in both TR and F-Standard disciplines over two days prior to the NSW Championships. In Target Rifle NSW dominated both the Masters and the Don Cook Match to also secure the Kosi-Ford Trophy for the combined scores. Highlights were evergreen Mark Buchanan top scoring in the Masters Match with 75-6 and Jim Jeffery recording the only 200-28. Both were ably coached by Steve Williams.

In F Standard, NSW took out the Ernie Mace match over 800m. The Rob Richards-Mousley Match was won by Queensland, with the combined aggregate going to NSW by a solitary point. Trevor Rhode from Victoria was top score in both matches under the coaching of Carol Hulett.

Congratulations to NSWRA on hosting a well-run and enjoyable event.

Details of scores can be found here: [National Veterans Teams Matches, 2023 - NRAA - National Rifle Association of Australia](#)

F Open and FTR Teams to the World Championships 2023

Covid forced a long delay from the last World Championships in 2017, where our FO team won gold and our FTR team finished a close second. Both our teams have been preparing equipment and training diligently over the past two years for the next matches which commence in March in South Africa. Best of luck to both teams who will be the ones to watch in this year's event and I'm sure that many team members will be prominent in the Individual World Championships.



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NRAA Bisley TR Team 2023

Congratulations to James Corbett on his appointment as Captain. Jo Corbett has been appointed as Adjutant/Manager. A large squad of over 25 members will travel this year to the UK to compete in the Overseas, Kolapore and Mackinnon international matches.

Trans-Tasman Matches in NZ 2024

NRAA has received an invitation from NRANZ to field a number of teams (TR, Open, Veterans, Ladies, U25 as well as FO, FTR and possibly FS) at their matches in January 2024. Expressions of Interest will be called shortly and subject to there being a minimum number of suitable nominations, and revised firearms permit costs being acceptable, NRAA proposes to field multiple teams.

Veterans TR Team to World Long Range Championships 2024

Congratulations to Neil Gibbins on his selection as Captain, together with Scott Brindley as Adjutant/Manager. The Board has endorsed a strong squad to travel with final team positions to be selected in South Africa. We wish them all the best of success in defending the title won in 2019.

Stephen Negus

NRAA Chair