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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

Jim Bailey, winner of the ACT Queens.
Cover photograph by Bill MacFarlane.

Chairman's Message

Rifle Shooting needs your help. We are all aware that like many other organisations the number of participants is slipping away. Recall how the introduction of F Class gave a welcome boost to our numbers. What is needed now is yet a further expansion of our competitions and it is in this area that your suggestions or ideas are sought.

There are restrictions in that the competition must conform to rifle range standing orders. At this point fire with movement – the old run down – standing or kneeling will mostly be disallowed. NQRA has been trialling some matches but at this stage these have not become universal.

From another perspective, consideration will need to be given to a move from volunteering to paid positions. People generally are less likely to give of their time to assist. It is a general move in our wider society. Many sporting groups rely upon paid coaches, administrators, board members and councillors to continue. Whilst our sport has traditionally relied on volunteers, maybe with the imposition of health and safety requirements, government bureaucracy and the increasing reluctance of people to be held responsible, the problem needs addressing. All of us really just want to go out on shooting days, fire off the set number of rounds in the course of fire to attain the satisfaction of being there and competing. This will have the added matter of increased cost to go shooting.

The Commonwealth Games is well-nigh upon us. Belmont for all types of shooting will be essentially shut down in March and April to have the venue finalised for the Games themselves. For those competing for Australia we wish our competitors good fortune. All of the different disciplines will be reliant on volunteers from throughout the membership of all shooters to ensure the efficient running of the events.

Again, I implore those who are prone to criticise the way that shooting is administered to please make yourself available to be on the local rifle club committee, State Association or even more so - the National Rifle Association of Australia. Someone has to take over the reins, and have a different approach perhaps, as Father Time will ensure that replacements are needed.

G R Duncan
Chairman

Teams Announced

NRAA Teams Announced

The NRAA would like to thank all those that nominated for the Australian Palma Rifle Team and the Australian Veterans Rifle Team – Trentham, New Zealand 2019. We are pleased to advise and congratulate the below team members on their successful selection:

Australian Palma Team

Captain: Darren Enslin
Manager: Catherine Berry
Master Coach: Geoff Grenfell
Coaches: Jim Bailey, Rob Cadden, Steve Negus, Rob Rush
Shooters: Mitch Bailey, Ashley Bidgood, David Black, Alex Davies, Duncan Davies, Ben Emms, Kathryn Kent, Brett McCauley, Donna Negus, Brendan Parkins, Ben Picton, Hamish Pollock, Matthew Pozzebon, Lee Robinson, Chris Schwebel, Matt Shepherd, David Smith, Rob Sweegers, Gillian Webb-Enslin, Andrew Wilson

Australian Veterans Rifle Team

Captain: George Wittorff
Manager: John Caske
Master Coach: Rob Rush
Coaches: Rob Cadden, Tony McGuigan
Shooters: Graham Aitchison, Mark Buchanan, Michael Chad, Eric Christie, George Edser, Geoff Grosskreutz, Jim Jeffery, Colin Jones, John Kiefer, Peter Maher, Mike Rankin, Geoff Wellburn, Barry Wood, Ken Young
Emergency: Len Hayes

We wish them every success in Trentham, New Zealand in 2019!

Australian Under 21 Target Rifle Team - 2019 World Championships

Wellington, NZ: January – February 2019

Expressions of interest requested from Under-21's

The NRAA is seeking expressions of interest from current members of the NRAA who wish to be considered for the 2019 Australian Under-21 Target Rifle Team.

Successful applicants will join a talent development squad from which the team will be selected later in 2018.

Applicants must be under 21 years of age as of the date of the match (Sunday February 3, 2019) and should have a current intention to formally nominate and attend the Championships.

The application form and further details concerning the team and the process are on the NRAA website:

http://www.nraa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/NRAA-Team-Nomination.pdf

Responses are due to the NRAA by **5pm Monday March 22, 2018.**

Trans Tasman Teams

F Open Team Report

By Dennis Shallis

Photos provided by Albert van Wyk and Dennis Shallis

The Australian F Open Team recently contested the Trans-Tasman Match held at Trentham New Zealand. The Team consisted of:

Dennis Shallis	Captain
Greg Warrian	Coach
Les Rozsnyai	Shooter
Lewis Reynolds	Shooter
Albert Van Wyk	Shooter
Geraint (Gerry) Thomas	Shooter
Graham Sells	Shooter

Of the team, only the Coach had shot on Trentham before so, the practise day and shooting in the Wellington Rifle Association Championships, were the only opportunities to get a feel for the conditions. To say the conditions were interesting would be an understatement, with very hot days (mid to high 30's) and challenging winds becoming the norm for the event.

Monday January 29 was challenging from the start, with the wind flags giving varying indications on wind speed and directions.

Our first range at 300 yards gave the coach an idea of what he would be dealing with and after 27 odd minutes, the team was finished and off the mound we went, with a handy lead of four points up our sleeves. At 600 yards, the Team was on the mound with quick changeovers and ready to fire shots down range, completing this stage within approximately 18 minutes. After this stage, the Team was showing their form and were 10 points ahead of the Kiwi's.

After a break for lunch, the Team was faced with the prospect of the long ranges. Conditions were found to be

FTR team who won the Trans-Tasman match, the board shows results after the 1,000 yards. Final score was 1100.47 for us and 1078.35 for the NZ team. Left to right: Rod Mahon (Captain), Betta Gianasi, Geoff Willis, Don Laughton, Jeff Eppleston, David Vivian-Jones, Chris Allman (Coach), Eva and Alan Patrick (Reserves).

Australian and New Zealand F Class Open teams on the 1000 yards mound at Trentham

even more challenging than the morning, with mirage running left and right and very testing wind conditions. Again, the team followed our program, down and out as quickly as possible at 900 yards, finishing in 24 odd minutes, with a 14 point lead for that range.

For the 1,000 yard match the Team stayed with the plan as for the other ranges and in just under 32 minutes it was all over and we could tally the results. Again, this was a clear range win, in hard conditions with 27 points.

To say that the team performed well is an understatement. The team had an outstanding competition, winning the match 1,149.80 to the NZ score of 1,108.54 - a margin of 41 points and 26 Super Centres. Lewis Reynolds also had the highest off rifle score in the match with 232.14, one point ahead of Gerry, 231.10 and Graham, 231.16.

As always, these events are made by the people in the team and it was a pleasure and honour to take a great bunch of people to Trentham, with a great wind coach, who is owed no small level of thanks for our success.

Many of our team took part in other matches: Greg took first place in the Wellington Rifle Association Championship (F Open); in third place was Gerry; with Lewis in fourth and Les in fifth place.

In the Masefield matches, the Aussie F Open boys kept the flag flying with Greg in sixth, Albert in seventh and Graham in eighth place.

The Belt series was conducted over three days, however with the exception of the 1,000 yard range, Thursdays ranges were cancelled due to strong winds. If you don't believe the conditions were that bad, look at the aluminium flag pole at 900 yards!!!!!!

The final F Open placings in the top 10, were Les in third place, beating Lewis by one point who came in fourth and Albert who placed eighth overall.

A big thanks goes to our host and the friendly people who were more than happy to help us out with shade tents and good conversation. We are looking forward to seeing them in Belmont.

FTR Report

By Rod Mahon

The Trans Tasman Teams event was shot on one day and was the third Trans Tasman match to be shot – the second to be competed for in New Zealand.

We shot 300 yards early and with friendly conditions there was not much between both teams. The next range was 600 yards. With conditions starting to get a bit more trying, the Kiwis picked up a few points on us.

At 900 yards both teams had drawn the left side of the range, which made the coaches job even more difficult due to the humidity and swirling winds. The Kiwis were going to push us all the way.

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At 1000 yards we had the middle of the range and conditions were a bit more readable, even though the wind was stronger and flicking from left to right and back again. The team put in a great shoot. We actually beat our 900 yard score and were only a few points off beating our 600 yard score, so in the end it was a comfortable win.

We had a virus affect a few of us: Chris our coach was quarantined and spent two days in bed before the shoot. We had a wet towel over his head for the entire shoot, so he did a fantastic job of wind reading.

All shooters did a great job and although we were all in Canada last year, some shooters had not shot with Chris coaching them before.

So, I was very happy with the way that the team gelled. A special thanks is extended to Alan and Eva, our emergencies, who fitted in so well and also Phil Hodder who helped out with scoring. We also thank the Kiwis who helped out with gear and cooked the traditional barbeque tea for us.

This was a great trip and resulted in three wins in three Trans Tasman matches.

Very windy flag

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ACT Rifle Championship

By Paul Simmons and Shaun Wingrove, Photos by Bill MacFarlane

The ACT Rifle Championship, incorporating the RA Rolph lead up and the ACT Queens Prize, was held in Canberra at the McIntosh Rifle Range from Wednesday November 15 to Sunday 19. The traditional running of the Tiverton Cup was regrettably washed out due to inclement weather and as such, no teams' events were able to proceed. Special thanks go to our Chief Ranger Officer Peter Hulett, and our Butts Officers - Derek Boughton and Rod Sewell.

The Target Rifle Queens Winner, Jim Bailey (back to back champion), was chaired in by his son Mitchell, Holsworthy club members and New South Wales shooters. The chairing party was accompanied by the F Class Queens Winners: Frans Knox (FTR) wearing the Wilson Belt; John Simons (FS) wearing the Trindall Belt; and Bob Kinnear (FO) wearing the Phil Dovey Belt.

All disciplines and ranges were conducted on the Kongsberg electronic target system, with Target Rifle and F Class shooters shooting side by side. The system performed exceptionally throughout all five days of individual competition. The weather, true to Canberra form, was the source of the only disruption, with lightning interference impacting targets on one range causing the range to be cancelled. The competition was completed in full from that point without interruption. Twelve to a target and a program that included 100 scoring shots during the Queens and 65 in the RA Rolph was a testament to the system and the efforts of Graham and Helen and their dedicated target team, putting in the hard work of preparing the targets.

Canberra has become infamous for delivering at least four seasons in a week to all who attend and this year was no different. The weather, at times, confounded and frustrated the strongest shooters in attendance. The impact of the weather across the 2017 event was noticeable but the skill and ability of all participants was also on display. The McIntosh Range is one range where the ability to shoot consistently in all conditions, maintain equipment and read the conditions between shots is duly rewarded. This was borne out in the final results.

The RA Rolph

A total of 127 competitors participated in the Lead Up, which was a fantastic turn up. Day one of the Rolph

ACT Queens Winner Jim Bailey in the Chair and his son Mitchell out front

Evidence of the Target Fairies

provided warm conditions for all shooters. The few clouds that lurked were benign, with the conditions delivered mostly being calm for the most part - a very polite 1/2 MoA left and right at the first 500 metres. As the day progressed through to the second 500, conditions held and ensured that scores were high. The day's third range at 600 metres delivered some slight changes in conditions, with cloud building and temperatures warming up, but winds still held moderate at worst, with 1L to 3R beginning to challenge a few of the shooters. The only shooter to go 'clean' through day one was Jim Jeffery in Target Rifle. The first day winners received bottles of wine from **Yellowtail Wines:**

F Std A Grade		
John Simons	Broken Hill NSW	206.16
F Std B Grade		
Anthony Daniel	Bungendore Rifle Club ACT	203.8
F Open		
Richard Bailey	Goulburn NSW	207.21
FTR		
Don Laughton	Lang Lang VIC	199.8

Kongsberg Electronic Targets across Canberra Rifle Range

Geoff Willis on his way to winning the RA Rolph in FTR

TR A Grade		
Jim Jeffery	Lyndhurst Rifle Club NSW	175.26
TR B Grade		
Frank Chester	Mareeba Rifle Club QLD	170.14
TR C Grade		
Thomas Hamilton	Shore Rifle Club NSW	163.13

In day two of the Rolph, the good weather conditions were maintained for the first range at 800 metres, some moderate cloud cover was present with warm temperatures and the wind was quite calm for most of the first 800 metres. Light sprinkles hit the last few shooters at the first 800 metres and continued into the second 800 metres (right to left flag movement 1R to 21/2R. Very high scoring was demonstrated in all grades and disciplines for the second range. Over the 15 shot second stage many extremely respectable scores fell short of top placing, such was competition in these extremely favourable conditions. There were multiple shooters 'clean' for the day in Target Rifle and F Open. The weather was sure to keep up its end of the deal with serious showers only really apparent just at the end of the day. The application of the roll through policy proved decisive in making sure that all planned shots for the day were completed by all participants. The second day winners also received bottles of wine from **Yellowtail Wines:**

F Std A Grade		
Trevor Rhodes	Maryborough VIC	178.14
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Dave Phipps	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	177.13

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F Open		
Richard Bailey	Goulburn NSW	180.24
FTR		
Geoff Willis	Bathurst Rifle Club NSW	178.13
TR A Grade		
Duncan Davies	West Wallsend NSW	150.26
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The trying conditions of the McIntosh Rifle Range in November meant that only one shooter went through 'clean' for the two day aggregate (Jim Jeffery), with the winners being Thomas Hamilton (TR C), Tony Logan (TR B), Jim Jeffery (TR A), Richard Bailey (FO), John Simons (FS A), Anthony Daniel (FS B), and Geoff Willis (FTR). A rifle cover was generously supplied as a lucky door prize by **Joe Balls Canvas Products.**

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3	Graham Aitchison	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	323.32
4	Scott Brindley	Explorers Rifle Club NSW	323.32
5	Duncan Davies	West Wallsend NSW	322.45
6	Christopher Schwebel	Holsworthy NSW	322.33
7	David Martin	Kalgoorlie WA	322.33
8	Tony McGuigan	Mosman Neutral Bay NSW	322.32
9	Nick Cock	Bathurst Rifle Club NSW	321.38
10	Donna Negus	Bungendore Rifle Club ACT	321.37
11	Warren Breeding	Yunta SA	321.26
12	Les Fraser	Lyndhurst Rifle Club NSW	320.38
13	Rob Avery	Cessnock Rifle Club NSW	320.34
14	Christopher Maher	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	320.33
15	Alex Davies	West Wallsend Rifle Club NSW	320.3
16	Don Thompson	Natives QLD	320.26
17	Stephen Williams	Bathurst Rifle Club NSW	320.25
18	Stuart Collings	Mosman Neutral Bay NSW	319.33

Target Rifle - B Grade - RA Rolph			
1	Tony Logan	Ipswich QLD	317.28
2	Rex Waite	West Wallsend NSW	317.22

Leader Boards at the end of the RA Rolph

3	Frank Chester	Mareeba Rifle Club QLD	316.27
4	Laura Brindley	Explorers Rifle Club NSW	316.24
5	Paul Simmons	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	316.2
6	Richard Brodie	Goulburn Rifle Club NSW	314.22
7	Raymond Wilson	Katoomba Rifle Club NSW	314.19
8	Tony Ivankovic	Werribee VIC	313.28

Target Rifle - C Grade - RA Rolph

1	Thomas Hamilton	Shore Rifle Club NSW	310.27
2	Clancy Reynolds	The Scots College Rifle Club NSW	308.18
3	Phil Donoghue	Grafton Rifle Club NSW	298.21

F Class Standard - A Grade - RA Rolph

1	John Simons	Broken Hill NSW	382.28
2	Malcolm Sharp	Lyndhurst Rifle Club NSW	380.28
3	Trevor Rhodes	Maryborough VIC	380.23
4	Peter Johnstone	Marrickville Rifle Club NSW	376.23
5	Mahlon Reid	Boddington WA	375.24

F Class Standard - B Grade - RA Rolph

1	Anthony Daniel	Bungendore Rifle Club ACT	371.11
2	Dave Phipps	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	370.25
3	Robert Bartlett	Wingham Rifle Club NSW	369.21

F Class Open - RA Rolph

1	Richard Bailey	Goulburn NSW	387.45
2	Geoffrey Krake	Mildura - Red Cliffs VIC	386.43
3	Bob Kinnear	Boddington WA	385.32
4	Russell Le Maitre	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	385.28
5	Andrew Beavis	North Sydney Rifle Club NSW	377.25

FTR - RA Rolph

1	Geoff Willis	Bathurst Rifle Club NSW	374.24
2	Don Laughton	Lang Lang VIC	374.15
3	Stephen Sharp	Bungendore Rifle Club ACT	369.15
4	Daniel Sly	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	363.15
5	Rod Mahon	South Bendigo VIC	362.19

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F Class Tradition - Frans Knox (FTR) Wilson Belt, Bob Kinnear (FO) - Phil Dovey Belt, and John Simons (FS) - Trindall Belt.

The ACT Queens

A final entry list of 175 for the Queens, accorded with the expected numbers for the 2017 championship based on recent years. The overall entry number was bolstered by some of Canberra's new recruits competing in their first major competition. The Queens started cloudy with sunny breaks, while the wind tended lightly from the 3 o'clock requiring 1 1/2L – 2L at the first 500 metres; the day was looking positive with a promise of a little challenge. The second 500 range offered another good stage, with the weather holding off and pushing competitors a little bit more with 2 1/2L.

A one-hour lunch break provided a rest and a chance to watch the clouds building and moving across the range and the valley. Much to the annoyance of some who scored superbly later into the 15 shot 600 metre match (with the first shooters down getting the worst of the conditions), lightning and thunder descended and the CRO called a halt before any damage was done to people and equipment. Despite waiting for some time, one or two more heavy flurries of rain and the line of succeeding storm cells, forced the committee's hand and led to the cancellation of the range and no further shooting that day. Subsequently the Tiverton Cup was also abandoned as a result. We would like to thank our medal sponsors Robert Courtney and Russell Le Maitre of Group Solutions Gunsmithing.

Given there were only two ranges for the day, a number of shooters in Target Rifle A and B and F Open went through 'clean'. The individual Queens day one winners were rewarded with 500g of Winchester Powder as donated by Winchester Australia for F Open and FTR, while Target Rifle and F Standard received cash prizes (a reversal of the powder winners from 2016):

F Std A Grade		
Tim Letts	Darwin VIC	100.14
F Std B Grade		
Robert Lawler	Bega Rifle Club NSW	100.12
F Open		
Thomas Hamilton	Shore Rifle Club NSW	98.6
FTR		
John Simons	Broken Hill NSW	119.8
TR A Grade		
Thomas Doxford	Nowra Rifle Club Inc NSW	117.4
TR B Grade		
Keith Hills	Lyndhurst Rifle Club NSW	120.14
TR C Grade		
Anthony Pedersen	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	119.12

Day two opened with weather not much better than the previous day. Competitors were welcomed with 30 minutes of rain prior to the scheduled start. As the morning progressed through 600, light showers kept up for all of the morning and just about everyone got their fair share of wet weather at the two 600 metre matches. Competitors were spared the full strength of wind, however, the heavy flags managed to hide the actual strength of gusts, with competitors noting 1MoA Left to 2MoA left as a common wind setting across the mound. Despite a promising lifting of clouds looking north-east

F Class perpetual belts

and in the interests of completing the planned ranges, there was no lunch break and the double 800 metres started very soon after the 600 metre double. With the double 800 metres commencing, wind became quite variable and difficult from the left (6 MoA Left to zero) and heavy flags catching less seasoned shooters badly off guard. Every third shooter or so also had light showers to deal with on the mound. Only one shooter went 'clean' for the day - Alex Davies in Target Rifle - although Bob Kinnear in F Open went very close, only dropping one shot for the day.

All medallists in the Queens day two aggregate who were in attendance received the product of our neighbour and sponsor, the **Mount Majura Vineyard**:

F Std A Grade		
John Simons	Broken Hill NSW	235.19
F Std B Grade		
Andrew Sarri	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	231.12
F Open		
Bob Kinnear	Boddington WA	239.20
FTR		
Frans Knox	Brisbane QLD	233.13
TR A Grade		
Alex Davies	West Wallsend Rifle Club NSW	200.21
TR B Grade		
Angus Mitchell	Darwin Rifle Club QLD	196.20
TR C Grade		
Mark Fairbairn	Cannon Hill RSL QLD	190.11

Day three began with a nice looking day that greeted the field of competitors at the start, with the wind still from the left and the sun coming up. The previous day's rain, warm night, moist ground and strong morning sun gave rise to relatively humid conditions as the day heated up. Day three of the ACT Canberra Queens provided no let up from tricky wind conditions and was again very difficult in frequent rough patches. The massive changes and 180 degree turns of wind in the blink of an eye destroyed many hopes of shooters

An emotional Bob Kinnear winning F Open, with Kate (the Dovey Family generously sponsor the F Open Barrel and Belt)

Proud Family – Target Rifle Queens Winner Jim Bailey, with wife Jo and son Mitch

across all disciplines and several days of challenging conditions, wet equipment and fatigue took a toll with positions across the board changing quite a bit. The variance and difficulty of the weather, while seriously challenging newer shooters and those not familiar with the range's unique conditions, demonstrated the significant ability of those who maintained their

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Winners podium

positions on the board. Nevertheless, most shooters who attended had a good time and will hopefully return again next year with a friend.

Of the seven overnight leaders, five went on to win their respective categories. Jim Bailey only dropped two points for 423.50 out of the possible 425 (i.e. 50 centres, 33 bullseyes, and 2 inners) with Mark Thurtell finishing second on 421.43 and receiving the Jim Reid Runner Up Trophy (taking the place of his brother Peter who came second in 2016). Bob Kinnear took out F Open with a reasonable margin over second place, while Frans Knox held off a fast finishing Anthony Pedersen to hold his overnight position in FTR. F Standard saw John Simons and Tom Doxford hold their overnight position. The significant movements for the day were Angus Mitchell in Target Rifle B Grade and Mark Fairbairn in Target Rifle C Grade who moved from third and second respectively overnight, into first place.

The individual Queens day three winners were rewarded with 500g of Winchester Powder as donated by Winchester Australia for F Open and FTR, while Target Rifle and F Standard received cash prizes (a reversal of the powder winners from 2016):

F Std A Grade		
John Simons	Broken Hill NSW	143.10
F Std B Grade		
Peter Harris	Goulburn Rifle Club NSW	142.4
F Open		
Peter Merriman	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	149.10
FTR		
Mike Samuels	Beaudesert QLD	142.7
TR A Grade		
Jim Bailey	Australian Rifle Team NSW	124.12
TR B Grade		
Rex Waite	West Wallsend NSW	121.10
TR C Grade		
Mark Fairbairn	Cannon Hill RSL QLD	117.6

Jim Bailey collected his third Queens prize in Canberra after winning it in 2011, 2016 and 2017. We wish good luck to Jim, Ben and Stuart for the upcoming Commonwealth Games.

Many thanks go to our long standing member Chris Bourke for again paying the piper and to Group Solutions Gunsmithing and Corella for providing access to the set of six Hardy Engineering Rifle Barrels that were again won by each Queens Prize winner; with the C Grade winner receiving a voucher from the generosity of One Off Precision.

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Target Rifle - A Grade - Queens Prize The Target Solutions - Kongsberg E-Targets			
1	Jim Bailey	Australian Rifle Team NSW	423.5
2	Mark Thurtell	Lyndhurst NSW	421.43
3	Duncan Davies	West Wallsend NSW	420.42
4	Robert Sweegers	Lyndhurst Rifle Club NSW	420.41
5	Alex Davies	West Wallsend Rifle Club NSW	419.51
6	Donna Negus	Bungendore Rifle Club ACT	418.42
7	Don Thompson	Natives QLD	418.36
8	Michael Millen	Mosman Neutral Bay NSW	418.32
9	Brett McCauley	Fashions Mount Wellington NSW	417.46
10	Ben Picton	Goondiwindi NSW	417.45
11	Rob Avery	Cessnock Rifle Club NSW	417.45
12	Stuart Collings	Mosman Neutral Bay NSW	417.42
13	Les Fraser	Lyndhurst Rifle Club NSW	417.42
14	Jim Jeffery	Lyndhurst Rifle Club NSW	415.47
15	Graham Aitchison	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	415.43
16	Mark Horsnell	Werribee VIC	415.41
17	Nick Cock	Bathurst Rifle Club NSW	415.38
18	Tim Letts	Darwin VIC	415.38
19	Christopher Maher	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	415.31
20	Owen Hook	Railway & Tramway NSW	414.33
21	Neil Drain	Port Macquarie Rifle Club NSW	413.42
22	Ben Emms	Australian Rifle Team NSW	413.4
23	Mal McKenzie	Wingham NSW	413.39
24	David Higgins	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	413.36
25	Mitchell Bailey	Holsworthy Rifle Club NSW	412.44

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FTR Queens Winner Frans Knox receiving his number one badge from Chief Range Officer Peter Hulett

Target Rifle - B Grade - Queens Prize
Angela & Chris Maher & Donna & Steve Negus

1	Angus Mitchell	Darwin Rifle Club QLD	414.33
2	Frank Chester	Mareeba Rifle Club QLD	411.31
3	Ann Chinnery	Marian Rifle Club QLD	411.31
4	Terry Trigg	Central Australia NT	410.24
5	Carol Hulett	Geelong VIC	407.27
6	Tony Logan	Ipswich QLD	406.26
7	Rex Waite	West Wallsend NSW	405.31
8	Damien Doyle	Cooma Rifle Club NSW	405.24
9	Norm Brown	Narromine-Dubbo NSW	403.3
10	Robert Lawler	Bega Rifle Club NSW	402.29
11	Bill Pryde	Spalding SA	402.29
12	Laura Brindley	Explorers Rifle Club NSW	402.27

Target Rifle - C Grade - Queens Prize
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1	Mark Fairbairn	Cannon Hill RSL QLD	401.23
2	Clancy Reynolds	The Scots College Rifle Club NSW	393.26
3	Thomas Hamilton	Shore Rifle Club NSW	392.21

F Class Standard - A Grade - Queens Prize and The Trindall Belt
Malcolm Challen and Rae Foot

1	John Simons	Broken Hill NSW	497.37
2	Ralph Garlick	Lyndhurst Rifle Club NSW	488.25
3	John Faulkner	Nowra Rifle Club NSW	484.24
4	Malcolm Sharp	Lyndhurst Rifle Club NSW	484.23
5	John Kent	Fashions Mount Wellington NSW	483.3
6	Bob Pedersen	Wodonga NSW	481.27
7	Alan Fuge	Nagambie VIC	481.23
8	Emma Kent	Fashions Mount Wellington NSW	478.21

F Class Standard - B Grade - Queens Prize
David Higgins and Dennis Formiatti

1	Thomas Doxford	Nowra Rifle Club NSW	487.22
2	Robert Bartlett	Wingham Rifle Club NSW	479.28
3	Andrew Sarri	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	478.21
4	Ben Wright	Bathurst Rifle Club NSW	472.18
5	Dave Phipps	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	471.23
6	Robert Kozminski	Roseville NSW	463.15

F Class Open - Queens Prize and The Phil Dovey Belt
The Dovey Family

1	Bob Kinnear	Boddington WA	503.4
2	Keith Hills	Lyndhurst Rifle Club NSW	499.34
3	Peter Merriman	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	499.33
4	John Peters	Cessnock Rifle Club NSW	497.33
5	Geoffrey Krake	Mildura - Red Cliffs VIC	493.32
6	Adrian Siebel	Hornsby RSL Rifle Club NSW	490.32
7	Greg Warrian	Tumut Rifle Club NSW	489.24
8	Ernie Mace	Central QLD	488.29

FTR - Queens Prize and The Wilson Belt
Cedric May and Stephen Sharp

1	Frans Knox	Brisbane QLD	490.23
2	Anthony Pedersen	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	489.36
3	Mike Samuels	Beaudesert QLD	489.22
4	Gary Faulkner	Roseville Rifle Club NSW	485.34
5	Stephen Sharp	Bungendore Rifle Club ACT	484.27
6	Geoff Willis	Bathurst Rifle Club NSW	482.25

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Trevor Kingston	John Simons	Broken Hill	497.37

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Veterans Trophies - TR in ACT			
DONATED BY	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
Peter Robinson	Don Thompson	Natives	418.36

Super Veterans Trophies - FS in ACT			
DONATED BY	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
Trevor Kingston	Tom Doxford	Nowra	487.22

Super Veterans Trophies - TR in ACT			
DONATED BY	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
Peter Robinson	Owen Hook	Railway & Tramway	414.33

Junior Badge for Grand Aggregate			
DONATED BY	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
Helen Gilbert	Alex Davies	West Wallsend	739.81

Lucky Draw Prize			
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Target Rifle - A Grade			
1	Duncan Davies	West Wallsend NSW	742.87
2	Jim Jeffery	Lyndhurst Rifle Club NSW	740.92
3	Alex Davies	West Wallsend Rifle Club NSW	739.81
4	Donna Negus	Bungendore Rifle Club ACT	739.79
5	Graham Aitchison	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	738.75

John Simons receiving his first place McIntosh Grand Aggregate badge from David McIntosh

6	Don Thompson	Natives QLD	738.62
7	Les Fraser	Lyndhurst Rifle Club NSW	737.8
8	Rob Avery	Cessnock Rifle Club NSW	737.79
9	Nick Cock	Bathurst Rifle Club NSW	736.76
10	Stuart Collings	Mosman Neutral Bay NSW	736.75

Target Rifle - B Grade			
1	Frank Chester	Mareeba Rifle Club QLD	727.58
2	Angus Mitchell	Darwin Rifle Club QLD	726.61
3	Ann Chinnery	Marian Rifle Club QLD	723.54
4	Tony Logan	Ipswich QLD	723.54
5	Rex Waite	West Wallsend NSW	722.53

Target Rifle - C Grade			
1	Thomas Hamilton	Shore Rifle Club NSW	702.48
2	Clancy Reynolds	The Scots College Rifle Club NSW	701.44

F Class Standard - A Grade			
1	John Simons	Broken Hill NSW	879.65
2	Malcolm Sharp	Lyndhurst Rifle Club NSW	864.51
3	John Kent	Fashions Mount Wellington NSW	851.45

F Class Standard - B Grade			
1	Thomas Doxford	Nowra Rifle Club NSW	855.45
2	Robert Bartlett	Wingham Rifle Club NSW	848.49
3	Dave Phipps	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	841.48

F Class Open			
1	Bob Kinnear	Boddington WA	888.72
2	Geoffrey Krake	Mildura - Red Cliffs VIC	879.75
3	Russell Le Maitre	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	869.58

FTR			
1	Geoff Willis	Bathurst Rifle Club NSW	856.49
2	Stephen Sharp	Bungendore Rifle Club ACT	853.42
3	Rod Mahon	South Bendigo VIC	841.44

More photos are available at https://fotenx.smugmug.com/Sports/Target-Rifle-Shooting/2017-ACT-Rifle-Championships-/ thanks to Bill MacFarlane and on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/ACTRifleChampionships/.

NSW Field Class Queens

By Geoffrey Hart

The 2017 NSWRA Field Class Queens was held on November 10-12 at the Dairyville shooting complex, Coffs Harbour. A total of 69 entries were taken for the two categories - Rimfire and Centrefire. The weather was not exactly like the subtropical climate Coffs Harbour usually enjoys at that time of year. Conditions were cloudy with the odd shower and temperatures in the low 20's.

Ben Rees with his daughter Brianna, (who is just 15 years old). They both shot extremely well at the NSW Field Class Queens.

Apart from the Championship medals and Queen's badges to be won, Coffs Harbour club also included prizes and cash (just like an Open Prize Meeting) which totalled a record amount of $8,600.

The Field Class course of fire is 20 shots, for a possible score of 100. This is made up of:

- five shots FORCED APPLICATION- one 20 second exposure of the target for each shot.
- five shots TRAIN FIRE- one 60 second exposure of the target for all five shots.
- five shots RAPID FIRE- one 30 second exposure of the target for all five shots.
- five shots SNAP- one shot at each exposure of the target. Target will be up for three seconds only and down for between five and ten seconds.

Two possibles were recorded in Centrefire, both at 300 metres: Dean Dewhurst (Tamworth) 100.12 and Glenn Kitchner (Coffs Harbour) 100.9.

Rimfire (the most difficult event), was on Friday, with competition standing at 30 metres, sitting at 60 metres and prone at 90 metres with the very small 250mm dia. targets, having a V bull of just 25mm. Top aggregate score from a possible 300, went to Ben Rees (Coffs Harbour) with 288.22 using his Savage .22 fitted with a Redfield 6-12 power scope. His best score was 99.8 when standing at 30 metres.

Saturday and Sunday saw competition in Centrefire - standing at 100 metres; sitting at 200 metres; and prone at 300 metres (each day) using the standard 1200mm square target. Again, Ben Rees was in top form, winning with 585.59 (from a possible 600) using his Tikka .223 fitted with a Nikon 6-24 power scope. His best score was 99.13 prone at 300 metres.

Ben wasn't the only one in his family showing a high level of marksmanship. His daughter Brianna, a junior competitor, was in top form as well. She won a total of 12 medals plus the No.1 badge for C Grade Centrefire and the No.2 badge for C Grade Rimfire.

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Another junior with excellent results was Karl Olson from Lithgow. He won a total of 10 medals plus the No.1 badge for B Grade Centrefire. Karl used his Lithgow LA101 and LA102 Crossover rifles - an obvious choice, for he is a Toolmaker at Lithgow Arms.

Stuart and Michelle Davidson from Coffs Harbour made sure nobody went hungry on Saturday night. They cooked homemade pizzas (including the base) in a transportable pizza oven, plus rissoles, potato bake, chicken wings and a variety of salads. This was so good that people kept talking about it on Sunday.

The three days of shooting went like clockwork, thanks to efforts of the organising committee, range/butts officers, administration staff and many helpers.

Coffs club was also successful in attracting NBN Television to the event. Their article went to air on the 6pm news. This was good publicity for Coffs Harbour rifle club and excellent publicity for the sport of target shooting.

Results

Rimfire from a possible 300:

A Grade

Ben Rees (Coffs Harbour) 288.22, Glenn Kitchner (Coffs Harbour) 274.16, Andrew Geary (Wingham) 270.8

B Grade

Jake Buckley (Coffs Harbour) 264.12, Rob Woodhouse (Coffs Harbour) 224.5, Katrina Geary (Wingham) 220.5

C Grade

Mitchell Buckley (Coffs Harbour) 233.11, Brianna Rees (Coffs Harbour) 229.5, Leigh McBain (Coffs Harbour) 205.5

Junior

Karl Olson (Lithgow) 241.9, Brianna Rees (Coffs Harbour) 229.5

Centrefire from a possible 600

A Grade

Ben Rees (Coffs Harbour) 585.59, Glenn Kitchner (Coffs Harbour) 585.53, Dean Dewhurst (Tamworth) 584.56

B Grade

Karl Olson (Lithgow) 559.36, Jake Buckley (Coffs Harbour) 552.32, Max Archer (Coffs Harbour) 549.36

C Grade

Brianna Rees (Coffs Harbour)) 513.17, Ted Mitchell (Coffs Harbour) 505.13, Tim Bowyer (Coffs Harbour) 496.11

Junior

Karl Olson (Lithgow) 559.36, Brianna Rees (Coffs Harbour) 513.17

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Helpful Big Bore Shooting Tips

We thank Ben Emms for sending this article that was passed on to him recently so that we could share this with our readers – Ed.

These instructions are intended only for big bore, high calibre rifle competitors and will be of little use to your air rifle thespian, your clay target "scatter gun" wankers nor your wannabe, rim fire "plinkers". These types can often be seen hanging around at competitions, trying to be seen with their big bore heroes. Vermin.

Make no mistake, it is widely known that Queens Shoot competitors have the broad shoulders, granite jaw and balls the size of grapefruit, that attract the ladies. While the constant cheering and flashing of bared breasts can be a distraction and can cause some loss of concentration, let's not pretend that target shooting is difficult. To those of us who cut our teeth shooting stampeding bison from the back of an unbroken colt, lying on the ground shooting at a piece of paper is hardly a challenge. Unlikely as it might seem though, most competitors find a way to miss and these instructions, if followed carefully, should enable the reader to excel at any level.

I have laid these instructions out in simple point form with headings for each section. No one section is more important than any other however, the last section, "Competition" should be invaluable to the reader leading up to an important international event.

Equipment:

Familiarise yourself with your rifle. The first thing you will notice is that part of it is wood and the rest is steel. The wood bit is referred to as the "stock", but no one knows what the steel bit is called. If you fiddle about for a while you will discover the "bolt". Lift this and slide it back. You will now see a little hole, known to the enthusiast as "the little hole". This is where the pointy end of the ammunition goes.

All rifles require ammunition. Some shooters can get very "thingy" about their ammunition and agonise over every round. I've always said if it's not covered in corrosion and it will fit in "the little hole" without too much hammering then it should be fine. Some "experts" insist that the little numbers on the base of each round should in some way match the little numbers on the side of the barrel - poppycock! If it goes in "the little hole" and goes "bang" then you've bagged yourself another gold medal.

Don't wear anything of a "camouflage" appearance. We're not in Viet Nam now.

Aiming:

Hitting a desired target is all about "narrowing your focus". Don't just aim indiscriminately at the black dot. Choose a section of, or entry point in the black dot. During my remarkable international shooting career, I developed a technique that should benefit the young "up and comer". Smearing pig fat on the bullseye attracts flies. It is then a simple matter of choosing a fly and blowing his head off. At the longer distances (say, over 2000 yards) it will probably be sufficient to just hit the fly without worrying about a head shot.

Firing:

A lot has been made of pulling the trigger. Really though, it's basic stuff. Lie still, line up the sights on the target, pull the trigger and BANG, you've scored a bullseye. Simple.

When firing off a shot, one should hold on to the rifle as firmly as possible. The veins in your arms should stand out like whipchords, your teeth should be clenched, knuckles white and your pulse should be pounding in your ears like the drumming hooves of the Light Brigade. This is big bore rifle shooting for Christ's sake, not some namby pamby, feel good, "let's hold the gun gently", left-wing horses' hoof convention!

Breathing:

Over rated.

Competition:

As alluded to earlier, hitting a stationary bit of cardboard at "tennis ball throwing" distances is not difficult and yet, a man can be quite proficient at training and fall to bits in the heat of competition. This sort of weak minded gutlessness is not acceptable and should have been weeded out of our national team during the good old, rarely fatal, "live fire", night exercises that I sincerely hope are still conducted.

A lot of your more "progressive" nations will have no such rigorous selection policy and their teams are likely to be full of soft-handed chokers. It is these weaknesses we can exploit with some good natured gamesmanship.

I always found it helpful to display a completely unflappable demeanor. This is best achieved by having a massive night "on the tiles" just before the final training day. Nothing like shooting a perfect score with a residual blood alcohol reading in excess of 0.18 to put the wind up the opposition.

Couple this with making sure they all have their morning double caffeine, double shot, double sugar 800ml macchiato (with a couple of those little white pills you got last night at the Team night club) and you're well on your way to gold.

It is vital that the Australian team display good sportsmanship. It is only good manners to find out a bit about your fellow competitors. Ask questions. This is best done in a quiet moment (eg. as they are about to pull the trigger). Questioning their parentage, ethnicity and sexuality can only serve to strengthen the bonds between our countries.

I hope some of these simple tips will help the reader reach his full potential as a marksman. Remember, what you are shooting at is:

a) not shooting back and

b) not trying to gore you to death

so what's the big deal?

How to Choose the Right Scope

By Lew Horwood

It is a challenge to pick the right scope for competition shooting. There is a large range to choose from. Sometimes scopes are purchased based on price. This can be a false economy when it fails during an important competition. Cheap scopes have poorer quality lenses; adjusting mechanisms that wear; and an inability to handle rough treatment.

All riflescopes have pros and cons. I am a keen match rifle shooter. Match rifle shooting is shot over 1000 yards, 1100 yards, 1200 yards and 1500 yards; with a rifle chambered in .308 Winchester. Having the right scope is critical. Over the last 20 years, I have purchased many scopes trying to find the perfect scope.

A few years ago, I purchased a NSX 5.5-22 long range scope from the South Australian Rifle Association. This scope was developed for the US military extreme long-range shooting. Being able to lower the magnification on heavy mirage days at ranges like Lower Light in South Australia was very helpful. The scope has 100 minutes of elevation and 60 minutes of windage. This scope was a pleasure to use.

Nightforce competition riflescope

In June 2017, I travelled to Raglan rifle range in North Queensland. This is a very pleasant range to shoot on and the food and the hospitality were great. The markers were very good and I was able to get a few muddies thanks to a local shooter.

When I got home I had some new powder to test. I was doing this when my rifle fell off the table onto a concrete floor. The windage knob struck the floor first. This was a substantial impact and the scope should have suffered. I sent it to Nightforce to see what was broken. The technicians said that it would have handled that impact. They checked it for me and found that it was still perfect.

I now have a Nightforce competition 15-55 x 52 riflescope. This is the ultimate competition scope for serious competition. I still use my NSX on my second rifle. The higher magnification on the competition scope comes in handy. It has a zero stop, which allows the shooter to wind down to a preset zero by feel. The lenses are made of ED glass. (ED stands for extra low dispersion). ED glass focuses light wavelengths to a finer point than standard lenses. This produces a better image contrast. The elevation adjustment components are made with proprietary alloys that ensure a lifetime resistance to wear. The threads are so fine and so precise that only a skilled pair of hands can assemble them. The lenses are hand bedded so that no metal to glass contact is made. This avoids breakage, stress or misalignment over time. It eliminates the point of impact shifts and image degradation over time that cheaper scopes suffer.

2018 Match Rifle & Long Range F Class

Event Calendar

March 3 & 4 **Tasmanian State Titles** *Campbell Town*	**March 5** **Merton Vale 1500 yard** *Campbell Town*
May 5 & 6 **NSW State Titles** *Ungarie*	**June 9 & 10** **Queensland State Titles** *Raglan*
August 25 & 26 **South Aust. State Titles** *Lower Light*	**November 3 & 4** **Victorian State Titles** *Stawell*

Australian Match Rifle and Long Range F Class Championships
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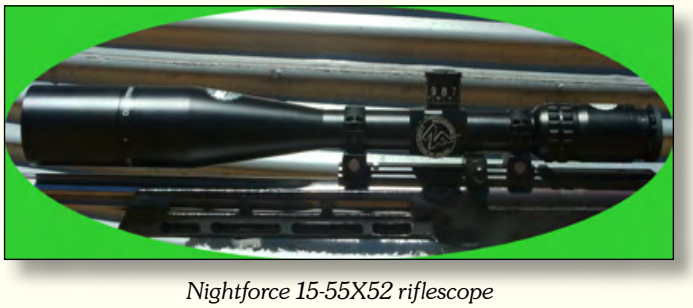

Nightforce 15-55X52 riflescope

The lenses located in the erector tube are used for magnification changes. When changes are made to elevation or windage, the erector tube is what you are adjusting. The lenses travel along internal raceways to adjust magnification. If a scope is not robust, the lenses can become misaligned, resulting in point of impact shift. The erector tube in all Nightforce riflescopes is secured to a snag-free gimbal system. This ensures that the adjustments you dial in will not shift under recoil.

Nightforce riflescopes are used on heavy calibre sniper rifles like the .50 BMG and the 14.5/114mm Russian. All Nightforce riflescopes are covered by a transferable Limited Lifetime Warranty. The competition scope will cost you around $3000.

In conclusion, my experience tells me that in order to choose the right scope, it can be important to consider more than the cost in order to select a robust product which will meet the needs of competition and stand the test of time.

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S.A.R.A. News

From the Executive Officer's Office

2018 SARA Queens May 2-6

Enter before April 1 to receive a discount. The entry form is on our website

http://www.riflesa.asn.au/Queens.htm

You can also enter online. Please note, we are not giving out prize money this year and therefore the entry fee has been reduced. Note: new shooting format too, 900m in the Queens. Get in quick for a caravan site!!!

Free Queens Entry

Great news from the Board. We are again offering all U18 shooters FREE entry into the 2018 Queens in May. If you have not shot at the Queens before, you will find it a great learning exercise – as well as a lot of fun.

U18 F Class State Team

We are currently calling for expressions of interest from U18 F Class shooters who would like to get involved in State Team shooting. This is intended to be a fun and learning experience, with the chance to meet up with other like-minded young people.

Plans are already afoot for a team to potentially shoot at the NSW Queens in October 2018.

If you are interested in this or in team shooting generally, please contact the SARA office.

New Executive Officer

Congratulations to Mark Tyler on his appointment as Executive Officer.

SARA Store

Our new online store is up and running. It's a gunstore for everything shooting related. Public and Members welcome.

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Instructions for completing the Annual Return will be supplied along with the form itself.

Affiliation fees for 2018/2019 are yet to be decided.

Members' Addresses

Individual members are requested to ensure that any change of address is reported to their club and to the SARA office promptly. Your co-operation is appreciated by everyone concerned with the annual registration of members.

Individual members are requested to ensure that any change of email address is reported to SARA as soon as possible. We are trying to collect all members email addresses so notices and newsletters can be distributed more easily. Please send an email to admin@riflesa.asn.au.

DRA Teams/Country and Club Teams

This year's DRA Teams and Country and Club Teams matches will be held on June 23 and 24. Notices will be send out to DRA and Club secretaries soon.

Long Range Target Shooting

The South Australian Rifle Association controls the sport of Long Range Target Shooting within South Australia. There are 34 affiliated clubs operating from 27 rifle ranges all over the state and Broken Hill offering easy access to our great sport. Our Mission is to provide a safe, educational and encouraging environment, to promote firearm awareness and safety, and to facilitate the sport of Competitive Target Rifle Shooting at all levels.

-Types of Shooting-

Target Rifle

The traditional long range shooting - 300m to 1,000m. Shot from the prone position using peep sights. The rifles used are either .223Rem or .308Win calibre. This discipline is shot in the Commonwealth Games.

Match Rifle

Match Rifle Shooting is long range target shooting conducted over the distances of 1000, 1100 and 1200 yards or 900, 1000 and 1100 metres - i.e. where normal full bore target shooting stops, Match Rifle shooting starts!

F Class

Usually shot in conjunction with the Target Rifle. Still shot from the prone position but the rifles are shot using rests and any sights (scopes etc) are allowed, includes F Open, F Standard and FTR

Service

Uses any legal unmodified military rifle up to 8mm. Magazines are permitted and matches are fired from 100m to 300m. Service Rifle matches closely follow those conducted in the military.

Port Campbell Rifle Club on a High

By Russall Lenehan

Port Campbell Rifle Club President, Alan Blain knows just how difficult it is to win one shooting shield, but what he still can't fathom is how the rifle club managed to be in possession of five of the most prestigious rifle shooting shields in Victoria.

Remarkably, the small club of enthusiastic shooters have won all five of the shields on offer in the past 12 months - a feat that may have never been achieved before.

"The club has five shields from the Western District year and some of these shields have been competed for well over 100 years," Mr Blain said.

"It's quite a challenge and a thrill; we're quite pleased to have them."

The five shields include the Corangamite shield which commenced in 1903, Warrnambool Citizen's shield in 1907, and the Camperdown Rifle Club Challenge shield in 1925.

The Rifle Clubs Union Challenge shield and the J Eldridge shield are the remaining two shields and they were first held in 1951 and 1958 respectively.

Mr Blain said that while the Club was aware of the magnitude of their achievements over the past 12 months, it hadn't been an easy process.

"It could be the first time in the competition that a club has held all five shields in a 12 month period," he said.

"It's been extremely difficult to hold one shield, let alone five, so we must be doing something right."

Mr Blain said that each competition was unique. The competition for the Corangamite Challenge shield is held on one day and involves ten shots over 300, 500 and 600 yard distances in a coached team of six," he said. The importance of the coach was not to be underestimated. "The four best scores go towards the final score."

The club's quest to retain the coveted Corangamite shield will be held on home turf this year, with that event scheduled to be held in March.

Anyone wanting to view the shields can do so via a display at Heytesbury District Historical Society.

Back Row: Russall Lenehan, Peter Doolan, Neil Gamble, Wes Eldridge. Front Row: Alan Blain, Paul Jeffery's, Henry (Dog), David Roberts

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Rosedale December 2017

By Alan Fraser
and photos by Jeff Thorpe

Rosedale's December shoots were scheduled as usual for the first weekend of that month, but persistent rain disrupted proceedings severely and the Saturday afternoon 500 yard sweepstake event had to be abandoned. However, despite the forecast of more rain on Sunday, a slightly depleted but willing field of shooters attended and were rewarded with a relatively nice day.

As the scores show, even on a good day, 1000 yards is not easy at Rosedale. The westerly wind varied in strength enough to keep everyone guessing. In Target Rifle 45 points was a good range score and in F Class no-one bettered 55. Winners in each of the seven classes received a Christmas ham.

Shooters who took home the bacon:

Target Rifle A Grade:		
Ross Jackson	Yarram	90.7
Target Rifle B Grade:		
Dallas Coote	Lang Lang	89.4
Target Rifle C Grade:		
Richard McRae	Warragul-Drouin	79.1
F Standard A Grade		
Noel Osborn	Rosedale	102.3
F Standard B Grade:		
Denis Fahy	Rosedale	87.0
F Class Open:		
Alan Fraser	Rosedale	108.2

Lois Osborn 1000 Yards 2017

Score Board

Pos		SHOOTER Name	Club	Entry No	Scratch Scores 1000yd	1000yd	Agg	MCSI
A	1	Ross Jackson	Yarram	18	45 3	45 4	90 7	157.8
A	2	Simon Whatley	Katandra	24	44 3	45 1	89 4	152.4
A	3	David Brewster	Fitz-Caulf	17	44 3	43 2	87 5	151.1
B	1	Dallas Coote	Lang Lang	11	43 2	46 2	89 4	152.4
B	2	Peter Hulett	Geelong	9	44 0	40 1	84 1	141.4
B	3	Carol Hulett	Geelong	10	38 0	43 0	81 0	135.7
B	4	Daniel Clothier	Moe City	23	37 0	38 0	75 0	127.2
B	5	Laurie Coote	Lang Lang	25	34 1	40 1	74 2	128.1
C	1	Richard McRae	Warr-Drouin	22	41 1	38 0	79 1	134.3
FA	1	Noel Osborn	Rosedale	2	51 2	51 1	102 3	150.0
FA	2	Kay Eland	Fitz-Caulf	7	47 0	54 0	101 0	144.2
FA	3	John Eland	Fitz-Caulf	8	50 1	49 1	99 2	144.3
FA	4	Bruce Houston	Rosedale	20	50 2	45 0	95 2	138.6
FA	5	Colin Firth	Lang Lang	13	42 0	52 1	94 1	135.7
FA	6	Alan Wright	Lang Lang	14	47 3	37 0	84 3	124.3
FB	1	Denis Fahy	Rosedale	12	40 0	47 0	87 0	124.2
FO	1	Alan Fraser	Rosedale	5	54 1	54 1	108 2	144.0
FO	2	Alistair Kevan	Rosedale	4	52 1	55 0	107 1	140.6
FO	3	Albert van Wyk	Rosedale	1	51 2	54 0	105 2	138.9
FO	4	Barry Giblett	Rosedale	6	50 1	54 0	104 1	135.7
FO	5	Norm Nelson	Moe City	26	50 4	49 1	99 5	134.1
FO	6	Antony Cave	Rosedale	15	50 3	48 2	98 5	132.4
FT	1	Don Laughton	Lang Lang	21	54 4	55 2	109 6	158.8
FT	2	Jeff Thorpe	Rosedale	16	50 2	55 2	105 4	149.4
FT	3	Paul Murphy	Lilydale	19	44 0	47 0	91 0	122.6

FTR:		
Don Laughton	Lang Lang	109.6

Don Laughton's excellent performance scored highest on MCSI ratings, and his name will join those of past winners on the Bullet Shield.

Don Laughton receiving the overall winners trophy from president Noel Osborn

TR winner Ross Jackson receives his ham from Rae Houston

Classic and Military Shoot - Castlemaine and Kyneton

By Glenda Keel

Castlemaine and Kyneton Rifle Clubs combined to run the annual "Classic and Military Shoot" on the Castlemaine Range on Saturday September 23, 2017. The event was well attended with some shooters travelling long distances to compete. Competition was in two classes: standard as issued "Military Rifle" and "Classic Target Rifle".

The first event from 300 yards is the "Snap". Here the target is exposed to the shooter for five exposures of six seconds, in which two scoring shots need to be fired, giving a score from ten shots.

The second event, also from 300 yards is the "Rapid". Here the shooter has sixty seconds to fire ten shots at the bullseye.

The final event is shot from 500 yards and is the "Deliberate". Here the shooter has ten shots which are scored individually. The maximum score for the thirty shots is 150.30. The shoot is as much fun as it is serious.

Many of the rifles are only used once a year and are predominantly Lee Enfield .303 and Mausers of many types and calibre. With some exceptional sponsorship from the Bendigo RSL and The Golden City Collectors Association of Bendigo, some wonderful prizes were on offer and the clubs were able to put on a fine historical display of old firearms with some live demonstrations.

The first demonstration we were able to perform was with a 1943 MKII Vickers machine gun in .303 calibre manufactured in Lithgow, New South Wales. This gun is capable of 450 to 550 rounds a minute. It has its own Lithgow manufactured tripod, is water cooled and usually has a six man team for operating. The .303 rounds are fed by a cloth belt containing 20 rounds. To see and hear this machine is truly awesome.

The next firearm was a US MI Carbine made in 1943 by The Underwood Elliott Fisher Co, Hartford, Connecticut. They are well known for making typewriters and cash registers. The calibre was 30MI (7.62 x 33mm) - a light rifle round. It is semi-automatic and capable of 40 to 50 rounds per minute with an effective range of about 300 yards. The US Army used these in World War Two, the Korean War and Vietnam. It has

All the winners L-R. Malcolm Laurence, Darren Trevena, Tim Woodman, Brian McKenna, (standing) Bill Taylor, Matt Beale, Dave Rushbrook, Bob Pearce Jnr FRONT. Richard Ruddick, Simon Dillon, Alan Mills, Bruce McClean, Peter Pearce.

a 15 shot magazine with 30 shot magazines that were available after World War Two. Over 6,200,000 were made by many US companies.

The third firearm was also from World War Two and manufactured in 1943. It was a Bren Gun MK 1 manufactured at Lithgow. The gun came in a box/kit with spare barrels, armourer's kit, spares and fitted with a stainless steel muzzle brake. These were extremely accurate and designed to fire three to seven shot, short bursts. Being very accurate, these were designed to take out machine gun posts. This particular gun was fitted with a very rare 100 round drum magazine used for airport protection. Jeff Pannan from the SSAA Military Rifle Club gave a very well informed speech on all three firearms with around 80 extra guests on hand to view this "live firing". This was the first time the club has done a display with three firearms and it would have been a long time since these three types have been fired together anywhere. There was also a wonderful display put on by members in the clubhouse consisting of early range firearms and equipment used in the past. This is a very important part of preserving our history and we had about 80 invited guests who really appreciated the chance to see and hear our live display.

The day's shooting competition went really well with some excellent medallions and trophies on offer.

Classic Rifle A was won by Peter Pearce from Kyneton with 130.7 and second place went to Alan Mills from Castlemaine with 129.7. Third prize went to Brian McKenna from Moe City with 128.1.

Classic Rifle B was won by Robert Pearce from Kyneton with 116.0; second was Malcolm Laurence (Castlemaine) with 110.2 from Chris Jolme (Castlemaine) on 102.1. Military Rifle A was won by Dave Rushbrook from Werribee with 131.5; second was Andrew Deans from the Military Rifle Club with 122.0, with Simon Dillon from the SSAA third on 90.3. Military Rifle B was won by Bruce McLean from the Military Rifle Club with 107.5 from club mate Matt Beale with 94.1.

Helpful staff included

Markers

and butts officers

Stan Smith and Bob Pearce

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Castlemaine's Richard Ruddick was third with 81.1.

Following the presentations, a very enjoyable barbeque was held, with competitors having the chance to discuss the finer points of the historical rifles on show during the day.

The Clubs would like to thank our major sponsor, The Bendigo RSL and The Golden City Collectors Association of Bendigo for their support in enabling us to put on this event and to help us in preserving our military history. There are not too many places where you can be part of "Live History" such as this.

We will be again running this day in 2018 on Saturday September 22. For more information contact Peter Pearce 0407 349 184 or Chris Jolme 03 54 474 2552.

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Chris Jolme with his M1 Carbine

Australia Day at Castlemaine

By Glenda Keel

Members of Castlemaine Rifle Club celebrated Australia Day by holding our annual Australia Day Shoot on January 26. This event has quickly grown from a small club shoot to a very popular day attended by some of the country's best marksmen. With temperatures predicted to be around the forty degree mark, shade tents were set up on the mound and also behind for competitors. This was appreciated by all.

Shooting consisted of three rounds of ten scoring shots, all from the 500 yard mound. There was a light breeze with mirage and some very good scores were recorded. At the first round, A Grade was won by Bendigo's Greg Tomorad with 50.8; B Grade went to Castlemaine's Richard Ruddick with 49.4; and C Grade also went to a Castlemaine shooter in Malcolm Laurence with 47.0. F Class A Grade was won by Paul Gustafsson from South Bendigo with 59.4; F Class B Grade was won by Martin Pereira from Werribee with 58.4; and Bendigo's Bill Siegloff won F Open with 60.8.

The second round again produced some good scores. A Grade went to Geoff Grenfell from Bendigo with 49.5; B Grade went to Richard Ruddick from Castlemaine with 50.5; and C Grade went to Malcolm Laurence from Castlemaine with 48.2. In F Class A Grade victory went to Paul Gustafsson from South Bendigo with 58.2; F Class B Grade was taken by Elisa Hall from South Bendigo with 57.3; and F Open went to Bill Siegloff from Bendigo with 60.8.

Conditions did not improve for the third round but scores continued to be good. Bendigo's Geoff Grenfell won A Grade with 50.8; Carol Hulett from Geelong won B Grade with 49.3; and Castlemaine's Malcolm Laurence won his third range in C Grade with 49.2. Paul Gustafsson continued his good form to win F Class A Grade with 59.4. In F Class B Grade Werribee's Martin Pereira won with 58.4. South Bendigo shooters had a good day, with Phillip Giddens winning F Open with a score of 60.4.

The winners in each grade received the impressive Australia Day Medallions:

Victoria Police Rifle Club

By Andy Drinkwater

The Victoria Police Centennial Open Prize Meeting 2017 was held on November 25 at Wellsford Range, Junortoun (near Bendigo).

This year we tried a different approach with registration, with all competitors being required to register and pay entry prior to the day. Whilst the response was initially slow, by close of registration we had a total of 37 entries.

All categories were represented and this year we welcomed for the first time FTR open and NATO class to the event, from which the post-match feedback was very positive. Other clubs may be encouraged to add this to their shooting classes.

The club continued with last year's theme of continuing the remembrance of World War 1. This year the commemoration was focussed on recalling the centenary of the battle for Passchendaele, where again Australia suffered huge losses for little gain.

The prize winning trophies reflected the theme, with figurines of Australian riflemen presented along with designer 50 Cal trophies as secondary prizes.

The event consisted of three shoots of two sighters and ten scoring shots at 1000 yards. Conditions at the start were near perfect, however, during the day the wind picked up and gave some competitors grief. The wind was tricky and this was reflected in some scores. The weather was hot later in the day.

The event was a day enjoyed by all different disciplines, with F Class and Open using the new Silver Mountain targets.

The support staff of range officer, markers and scores officer made the day run smoothly. Special thanks are extended to them, in particular to the Bendigo Lions who catered for the event. It was an early finish. The raffle was well-supported with great prizes, thanks to Danny from Delta Tactical for his huge contribution to the raffle prize table.

Thanks go to everyone who participated and supported the event. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

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The A Grade medal went to Bendigo's Geoff Grenfell with a score of 149.21.

The B Grade medal was won by Castlemaine's Richard Ruddick with 145.12.

The C Grade medal was won by Castlemaine's Malcolm Laurence with 144.4.

The F Class A Grade medal went to Paul Gustafsson from South Bendigo with 176.10.

The F Class B medal went to Martin Pereira from Werribee with 169.8.

In the class with the most competitors (F Open), the winner was Bill Siegloff from Bendigo with 179.19.

The Club was again very pleased to have our Patron, Maree Edwards MLA for Bendigo West in attendance to congratulate and present medallions to all the winners. Although it was very hot, everyone enjoyed celebrating Australia Day on the Castlemaine Range. The day was concluded with a magnificent barbeque and desserts at the newly renovated Clubhouse. The contact details for Castlemaine Rifle Club are: phone: 03 5474 2552 or email: glend595@gmail.com

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North West Open Prize Meeting

Article and photos by Rodney Winwood

The North-West Open Prize Meeting was held on January 13, 2018 at the Campbell Town Rifle range. Normally it is held at Sheffield but this year we had a change of venue. Warm overcast conditions greeted 27 shooters from around Tasmania. With 3, 5 and 600 yards on the card for the day and with the electronic targets up, the match was under way just after 9 am.

In Target Rifle A Grade, Mark Walters was on top with 49-03 with James Gillies next with 46-05. In F Class Standard A Grade, Bob Pedersen was top with 59-05, with Brendon Hunt next on 57-03. In Target Rifle B/C Grade, Andrew Halley was top with 47-05 followed by Peter Harris on 44-03. In F Class Standard B Grade, Derek Hadfield was top with 57-05, with Rob Armstrong and Barry Gough both next with scores of 57-03.

F Class Open was taken out by Stephen Clark and Rod Dolman shooting 59-04 and Jeremy Brown was next on 58-05.

Then it was back to 500 yards and there was still a light breeze coming in from the 3 o'clock side. In Target Rifle A Grade, James Gillies was ahead with 49-03 and Mark Walters was next on 47-01. In F Class Standard A Grade, Bob Pedersen and Gerald Upchurch both shot a 59-04, followed by Phillip Oliver with 58-04. In Target Rifle B/C Grade Peter Harris was top with 48-02, with Andrew Halley next on 47-04.

Bob Pedersen winner of the Tas North-West F Class Standard Perpetual Shield.

Leading F Class Standard B Grade was Ray Halley with 54-01, with Stephen Tamassey next with 53-02. In F Class Open, Stephen Clark was top shooter with 58-07, with Gil Walker next with 58-05.

The Short Range Aggregate of the first two ranges were:

Target Rifle A Grade, Mark Walters 96-04, F Class Standard A Grade, Bob Pedersen 118-09, Target Rifle B/C Grade, Andrew Halley 94-09, F Class Standard B Grade, Stephen Tamassey 109-06 and F Class Open, 117-11.

Lunch time went down well with plenty of food for everyone - snags and burgers plus a top salad.

With 600 yards to go it was still a tight competition in all grades,

The storm

plus good old mother nature was going to have a say as well. Half way through the shoot the thunder and lightning came in, stopping the shoot for about half an hour.

In Target Rifle A Grade, Mark was the victor again with 48-04 followed by John Hope with 48-03. In F Class Standard A Grade, Phillip Oliver shot a very nice score of 60-06, with Bob Pedersen next with 60-05.

Peter Evans sitting and Bob Pedersen

In Target Rifle B/C Grade, Andrew Halley was top with 47-03, with Peter Hannaford next with 44-02. F Class Standard B Grade was led by Stephen Tamassey on 58-06, with Rob Armstrong next on 52-01. In F Class Open, Gil Walker was in good form with a 60-04 and next was Stephen Clark on 57-03.

With all the scores added up, the winners in each of their grades were:

Target Rifle A Grade

Mark Walters 144-08, James Gillies 141-10, John Hope 140-09, Micheal Sweet, two ranges 93-04.

F Class Standard A Grade

Bob Pedersen 178-14, Philip Oliver 175-12, Brendon Hunt 169-09,

Rod Dolman checking the flags

Gil Walker at 600 yards

Gerald and James scoring

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Gerald Upchurch 168-07, Neville McKinnell 166-05, Bruce Johnston 161-07, Daryl Stehbens 160-06.

Target Rifle B/C Grade

Andrew Halley 141-12, Peter Harris 134-05, Peter Hannaford 131-04.

F Class Standard B Grade

Stephen Tamassey 167-12, Rob Armstrong 161-05, Barry Gough 158-06, Ray Halley 158-02, Samuel Scheske 155-02, Peter Evans 129-01, Derek Hadfield 109-05.

F Class Open

Stephen Clark 174-14, Gil Walker 172-14, Rod Dolman 172-06, Cheryle Dolman 169-10, Jeremy Brown 162-10, David Dalrymple 156-02.

Apart from the thunder and rain it was a good shoot with trophy's being donated from clubs and the Sheffield, Railton Community Bank.

Don't forget our Tassie Queens early in March - we need all you top shooters over here.

Phillip Oliver

John Hope

Bruce Johnson

Nightforce Scope

Cheryle shooting

Having a nap

Peter Harris finished before the storm

Peter and Stephen Tamassey

Dr Micheil Sweet ready to shoot

NORTHERN TERRITORY RIFLE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

20th Queens Prize Meeting

June 7 – 11, 2018

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F Std. A and B - FO - FTR - Embroidered Lou Hook Badges
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Sunday	June 10, 2018	NT Queens Prize Stage 2	10 shots @ 600, 600, & 700m
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Sunday	June 3, 2018	Alice Springs Open Stage 3	10 shots @ 600 & 600m

Competitors must carry and produce their current Grading Card and Firearm Owner's Licence

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20th Queens Prize Meeting
June 7 - 11, 2018
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Entries to: The Secretary
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Direct payments to Westpac Bank account:
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BSB: 735-311
A/C: 070177
Please use entrants name as reference.

Surname: .....

Given Names: .....

Address: .....

..... Code: .....

Club: .....

Telephone: .....

Date of Birth (Veterans/Under 25) .....

Firearms Licence No:.....

NRAA SID No: .....

Please Circle Relevant Grade:

A B C FS-A FS-B FO FTR

Veteran ☐ U/25 ☐ Left handed ☐

(Veterans 60 or over at 7/6/2018)
(Under 25 at 7/6/2018)

I declare that I am affiliated with the NRAA through my State Association and that I am eligible for the categories as indicated above.

Signature:

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(Competitors must sign)

ENTRY FEES		$
CASH & TROPHIES:		
Hook Series (All Grades)	***$100***	
Queen's Series (All Grades)	***$130***	
	Sub Total	
LESS Discount for full payment Before April 26, 2018	***$10***	
	Total to Pay	
	Paid	
Ammunition Required ***Yes No*** *(Cost additional to entry) Only HBC available*		

INFORMATION

Standard Shooting Rules of the National Rifle Association of Australia shall apply

GRADING: shall be in accordance with SSR'S Clubs. B and C Grade competitors must produce their grading cards on request.
AMMUNITION: Factory ammunition sold by NTRA at the Meeting. Hand-loads may be used.
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RENT A CAR: All major Rent A Car firms operate from Darwin Airport
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Central Australian Open Prize Meeting
May 31 – June 3, 2018

Name:	Address:		
Club: Please Circle Relevant Grade: A B C FS-A FS-B FO FTR	Ammunition: Yes No *(Cost additional to entry)* *Only HBC available*	McKinnon **$55** Alice Open **$115** Paid	

Wingham Open Championships 2017

By Tony Moon

With 93 loyal shooters and families attending this year's event at the picturesque Wingham Rifle Range, this year's event saw predictions of heavy rain that did not eventuate and the three day shoot ran very smoothly.

Starting with the "Martin" at 600 yards, last year's champion, Peter Thurtell, got off to a flyer with 50.9. Nine shooters shot possibles. Five time winner, Duncan Davies was second - also with 9 Vs.

Match two, the "Costa" saw Mike Millen win with nine. None of the other nine leaders dropped a point. Davies and Thurtell both scored nine centres.

In match three, the "Barnard", Duncan Davies pulled clear with a fantastic 10v possible. Millen, JR Mitchell and Alex Davies dropped one or more shots, making it difficult to catch the runaway leader Duncan Davies with 150.28! Young Matt Shepherd, after his win the day before in the sweepstakes was looking in good form with 150.22. Unfortunately, two of the leaders - Ro McNaught and Steve Southwell - had to withdraw from the rest of the shoot due to family and work commitments.

It now looks like Davies, Thurtell, his son Lyndon and Matt Shepherd are likely winners. At the first range on day two, Duncan counts out Lyndon and Peter Thurtell with seven. Matt shoots five. In match six, the "Purnell", Alex Davies has a blinder with ten! Matt Shepherd is gone, missing his third last shot, low in his group. They go to the last match - the 15 shot match (the "Bartlett") with Davies five vs in front of Peter and Lyndon Thurtell. Praying for a mistake from the leader, the two Thurtells are late in the draw, with Duncan last, making the match a great one for spectator interest. The error is made, but not from Peter or Duncan. Lyndon throws his chance away. We hear Peter, who is shooting at the same time, yell to the scorer, "I did not fire!" A 'V' appears on Peter's target. Lyndon's target is examined, and you guessed correct, he helped his Dad's next target. To the young man's credit, he battles on to two bulls and 10 v's in his next 12 shots to get off the mound with 70.11 out of 75. Peter is going strong, finishes the tournament with seven Vs and gets up with 75.12. A round of applause issues from the right hand side of the range. Duncan hears the applause and knows it is probably for Thurtell. Duncan starts – his group is a bit big, with two bulls in his first three shots. Then he settles in his run with nine Vs in his next ten shots. Shot 14 and a bull, Duncan fires his last and mutters away, not confident! But the shot is marked right in the middle to record a brilliant victory and Wingham Title No six!

Neil Drain also shot 12 Vs for the match. In the day's aggregate, Peter Thurtell gained victory over Duncan with a one V margin. Five shooters scored the maximum, including Neil Drain, Mal McKenzie and Mike Millen. But Duncan can look back at Match

Ricky Li Sydney Boys High, John Kent Fashions Mount, Nick Debellis Grafton, Duncan Davies West Wallsend, Andrew Beavis North Sydney and David Smith Mosman

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No three - the 400 - where he smashed the field with 10 Vs. That is where Peter shot 50.5 and victory was sealed. Duncan and Peter's centre counts of 54 and 50 showed they were the best performers over the weekend. Mike Millen came charging home, finishing third and after his second place last year. Alex Davies finished in fourth position.

New South Wales appears to have another super star with young David Smith from the ever strong Mosman club. David was a member of the successful Junior Australian team which won all three international matches against Great Britain in South Africa. His shoot over there has given David huge confidence in his ability and he has nominated for Palma. Darren Enslin will be very impressed with this young man's grouping.

The B Grade started and Andrew Legallais took the match with seven. David Smith was in silver, and former ladies state team member, Sandy Moore took the bronze. There were five possibles, including Alan Patrick and Andrew Geary from Grafton.

In the second match Nathan Wong fought back with a 50.6 and victory over Cessnock's consistent Ian Newton. An emerging Port Macquarie shooter, David Morton shot well. This is where David Smith fired a loose one and got an inner. In match number three David Smith showed his class with seven. There were no other possibles. David Morton had it won, but threw a leg wobble for his last shot with 49.8. Wodonga's Bryan McGuren finished with seven V's to get bronze.

On day one the favourite, David Smith was in the lead with 149 and David Morton, Alan Patrick and Andrew Geary were in touch with 148. Sandy Moore was hanging on with her fingernails on 147, but her centre count was low. The rest of the field appeared out of the running.

With day two David Smith was already taking control with another seven v's. Alan Patrick was the only one to be a chance and recorded a score of 50. Veteran performer, Bob Philips got silver with a very good 50.5. Luke Bloomer, who had an ordinary first day fought back to achieve bronze.

Then it was match five and this was getting monotonous as David Smith hammered in another seven. Ian Newton added a silver and Luke Bloomer another bronze. But Smith appeared unbeatable at this stage. With the groups he was shooting, only nerves would beat him. The last match, the 15 shot, had only two possibles. Peter Mitchell from West Wallsend got silver with a solid 75.5 and Nathan Wong received bronze with a 74.9, but a huge 75.10 from guess who - David Smith - sealed victory by a massive five points. It just shows the class of this performance, leading with all the pressure he was still able to come up with that shoot! In my opinion, a star is born! David beat Peter Mitchell by two points for the day's aggregate, with Luke Bloomer taking bronze. The grand aggregate with David Smith's score of 324.42 would have been fourth place in the A Grade. Andrew Geary battled on well to get second and Roseville's Alan Patrick took third.

C Grade was bolstered with young enthusiastic shooters from Shore and Sydney Boys High. In match one, Stephen Douglas took a one-point lead, shooting the only 49. A lot of the group suffered with many trying too hard. Ricky Li, from SBH, took silver and Dallas Yan achieved bronze. In match two, Chris McKenzie from Grafton, was fighting for the title with 49.4. Dinan Pingamage took silver and Ricky Li had the bronze. At this early stage, SBH had a slight lead over Shore for the school's title.

Match three saw Shore take their first victory. Patrick Jacombs, won on his last shot over Ricky Li and Chris McKenzie, with all scoring 48.3 The day's aggregate ended with Chris McKenzie having a lead of three centres over Ricky Li. Adam Beale from Shore came in third and Adam needed a big second day as he trailed the leaders by three points. Shore shooters made up the top five places and had four shooters in the top eight.

Day two started with Chris McKenzie and Ricky Li both scoring 49.5, making for a tight contest. Tom Hamilton from Shore took the bronze. As the weekend was progressing, the young GPS Teams' groups were getting much tighter as the nerves settled and they were getting their rhythm. Young Kedar Gu from Shore, recorded a very impressive 48.7. Wingham High shooter Todd Barnard, won the first 600 with the only 49. By now, Ricky Li had a one-point break over Chris McKenzie. Andrew Lui SBH, took the bronze.

At the final 600 which is a 15-shot match, McKenzie shot early and posted a 69, losing his last two shots, which could prove costly in this tight competition. Rick Li followed, showing some signs of the pressure. He had seven bulls and six inners, meaning he could not drop another point if he was to beat McKenzie, as he had him on centres. His fourteenth shot was a narrow bull, and with a huge crowd gathering and holding their breath, he fired his last shot which came up as a bullseye, meaning he had won the C Grade title. With McKenzie missing out by one point. Dallas Yan won the match with a solid 73.7, beating team mate Jason Feng also with a 73. Shore's Kedar Gu took the bronze. The day's aggregate was won by Ricky Li followed by Tom Hamilton and Chris McKenzie.

The Grand Aggregate was won by Ricky Li followed closely by Chris McKenzie and with Tom Hamilton taking bronze.

In F Standard A Grade, Grant Smith from the Spring Ridge Club shot out of the barriers with a 60.5. Marriette Rigby was the only other shooter with a possible. John Kent took the bronze. Match two, at 500, showed six possibles being recorded. The best was John Kent with 60.7. Lyndhurst's Greg Emms, showed good form next and was followed by Grafton's Sue Bloomer gaining bronze. At the 600, there were only two possibles. Malcom Sharp from Lyndhurst, took first place from his team mate Greg Emms with the warhorse Bob Pedersen taking third. So, day one finished with the first nine places covered by only two points. John Kent led the way with 178.16, meaning his centre count would assist him later in the competition. Eva Patrick took silver and Marriette Rigby was in third place, also recording 178.

The next morning, Marriette Rigby took the lead. Four

shooters achieved possibles and all were now chances for the title. Sue Bloomer was the only person who moved back in the field. Bob Harvey took silver and Greg Emms the bronze. At the first 600, six possibles were shot, five of which were in contention for the title. John Kent took gold from Marriette Rigby leaving Greg Emms taking another bronze. Malcom Sharp was the next to drop off the leading pack. The 15-shot match at 600, saw Bob Harvey shoot an 86 which was not good enough to keep up with the leaders. Greg Emms, lost two shots early and couldn't see himself winning with an 88. Eva Patrick kept herself in contention with a great 90.8. Marriette Rigby lost a point early but went on to finish with eight X's for a solid score of 89.9 to overtake Eva on X's. It was now up to John Kent to shoot 90.3 to win. His group was magnificent and not only did he shoot 90.9 but he also won the range and championship!

The record showed that in F Standard B experience helps, and Richard Rostron from BHP took the first range. Five shooters scored 59 with Byron Murphy from Coffs Harbor taking silver and regular visitor Derry Crisp taking bronze. At the second range, Wingham's Christina Adams shot her personal best score of 60.8 ahead of Meaghan McKenzie from Grafton with a great shoot of 60.7, with Duncan Robinson from Wingham taking bronze. At the last shoot of the day, Wingham's Ean Heaney took gold with 59.6 ahead of veteran Peter Drew, with Richard Rostron taking bronze. The day's aggregate was won by Richard Rostron who was too consistent with a 59 average! Christina Adams had a great day out, taking silver and Nick Debellis from Grafton took the bronze.

Day two started with Derry Crisp having a great start, shooting 60.7. David Forster from Dubbo, took silver and Alex Bunt trying to get back to form, settled for bronze. In the 600 yard match, Peter Drew showed his class with the only possible. Nick Debellis was in the silver position and Ean Heaney, bronze. Going into the final range, Nick Debellis had a handy lead from Peter Drew who needed a large score to catch Nick. Nick finished with two of his last three out of the six ring, but was too good, taking silver for the range and the title by two points. Ean Heaney shot 89 to take gold, with Richard Rostron taking bronze. Grafton's Nick Debellis, on his first visit to the tricky Wingham range, won the day two and grand aggregates, with E Heaney taking silver and D. Crisp the bronze.

When I looked at the F Open field, with no Rod Davies current world champion, Matt Paroz or Ben Ferrara competing, it appeared Andrew Beavis was the hot favourite to win again this year. At the first range as "sports tab's" favourite, he went to a big lead, shooting 60.9! Club mate Paul Brown took silver with Chris Rigby taking bronze. At the 500, four shooters scored possibles with Chris Rigby taking gold, Beavis silver and John Peters bronze. The day's last range saw Andrew Beavis shooting his third straight possible with 60.7 for gold, Chris Rigby silver and Paul Brown the bronze. The day's aggregate was won by Beavis with a 180.23, leading Paul Brown by one point with Chris Rigby third.

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Competitors from Sydney Boys High School

Day two started with Paul Brown having an outstanding 60.8, John Peters 60.7 and Andrew Beavis did not look like missing with 60.7. Moving back to 600 and Andrew Beavis was thinking "this championship is mine..... to lose"! He posted a 60.9 and went further in front. Chris Rigby shot well with a 60.8 and Paul Brown lost ground by shooting 60.5. The last 15 shot 600 yards saw Paul Brown giving himself a chance with a 90.9. Beavis was next to shoot. He started with a six, then fired nine straight X's followed by a six, then four X's to shoot an outstanding 90.13 to take the title for the second year in a row! Andrew won the day two aggregate from Paul Brown, with John Peters taking bronze. Grand champion was Andrew Beavis, silver went to Paul Brown, one point behind and Chris Rigby was third.

The sweepstakes, which is shot before the Championships on the Friday afternoon, was conducted at 600, using a 600 aiming mark and a 300 metre bull. This caused some interesting comments from competitors. In the A Grade, Matt Shepherd who has nominated for the Australian Palma Team to New Zealand, was too good for former Wingham winner John Ashton, with NSW State team rep, Mike Millen in third place. In the B Grade, Wodonga's Bryan McGuren had a good win over Sandi Moore. Young Shore shooter Tom Hamilton took out the C Grade. In the F Standard, young Wingham junior Declan Heaney, defeated a strong field including Bob Pedersen and Eva Patrick, who took out the minor placings. F standard B Grade, saw Byron Murphy counting out Derry Crisp in a close match with Peter Drew finishing third. In the F Open, Paul Brown narrowly defeated Maree Gallagher, with Chris Rigby placing third.

Wingham would like to thank all the competitors who ignored the weather warnings, that once again were incorrect; the sponsors; and donors: including Lauders Real Estate (Old Bar and Wingham), Johns River Tavern, Endeavour Rifle Club, Machin's Saw Mill, Bev and Mike Rogerson and Chris Barnard Electrical.

Grand Champions for 2017

A Grade			
D Davies	325.54	P Thurtell	325.50
M Millen	324.44	A Davies	323.47
M Shepherd	323.43	M McKenzie	323.36
L Thurtell	320.40	R Avery	319.32
R Ashton	318.36	J Ashton	318.30
B Grade			
D Smith	324.42	A Geary	319.32
A Patrick	319.28	D Morton	318.34
C Grade			
R Li	310.16	C McKenzie	309.21
T Hamilton	305.22	S Douglas	303.10
F Standard A			
J Kent	387.38	M Rigby	387.31
E Patrick	387.27	G Emms	386.20
F Standard B			
N Debellis	381.22	R Rostron	379.25
E Heaney	379.24	P Drew	375.29
F Open			
A Beavis	390.52	P Brown	389.41
C Rigby	387.39	J Peters	386.3

MDRA Festival of Sydney Prize Meeting - 2018

By David Asper
Photos by Barbara Schwebel

After a difficult twelve months during which there was considerable disruption to shooting life as we know it on the Anzac Rifle Range, the Sydney MDRA was pleased to be able to once again offer shooters across the state – and an interstate visitor or two – the opportunity to complete a "Queens in a weekend" over January 27 and 28. With Australia Day falling on a Friday, competitors were able to take advantage of a relaxed trip to Sydney. The same can't necessarily be said of the return journey, with the Monday being a normal working day for most.

MDRA Clubs had no access to their clubrooms between late 2016 and late 2017 while the Commonwealth undertook asbestos remediation work on the buildings. This meant that there were very limited accommodation facilities on the range, and even the target shed was off limits for a few months, during which time the heavy electronic targets were stored in a shipping container. The combined effect of these restrictions led to the cancellation of the 2017 Festival of Sydney. We were able to hold the 2017 Anzac Day prize shoot on the basis that a half day meeting was manageable under the circumstances.

So, you can appreciate our satisfaction at the prospect of a return to business as usual. Even the weather co-operated - though the second day in particular was hot and quite humid, with the sea breeze providing less relief than usual.

Total competitor numbers for the weekend was 62 entries; which is about half the number we had in 2016. A significant reason for this reduction, was the large number of Australian shooters who had travelled to the New Zealand National Championships and associated matches. We had considered moving the Festival of Sydney to a later weekend but concluded that it was more important to re-establish our regular programme of events as quickly as possible. Had this prize meeting been moved it would have been difficult to avoid clashes with other events and we would have lost the advantage of a long weekend. With another big programme of events in New Zealand in 2019, including the Palma Match, we know that we will face a similar situation next January.

Festival of Sydney A Grade Winner Jim Jeffery Lyndhurst

The shoot ran very smoothly on our electronic targets and with the smaller number of competitors we were able to get through each day's programme in good time. Entries were spread fairly evenly across Target Rifle and F Standard and the standard of marksmanship was high. The winner of the Target Rifle A Grade aggregate, Jim Jeffery of Lyndhurst Rifle Club, did not drop a point all weekend finishing with 450.61.

Competition was very tight in F Standard. In A Grade Peter Duncan of West Wallsend Rifle Club defeated Gary Faulkner of Roseville Rifle Club by one point. In B Grade it was even closer with David Phipps of Canberra Rifle Club edging out Robert Kozminski of Roseville Rifle Club by just a few X's. Also noteworthy was the performance of Target Rifle B Grade winner, Adam Beale of Shore School, whose score

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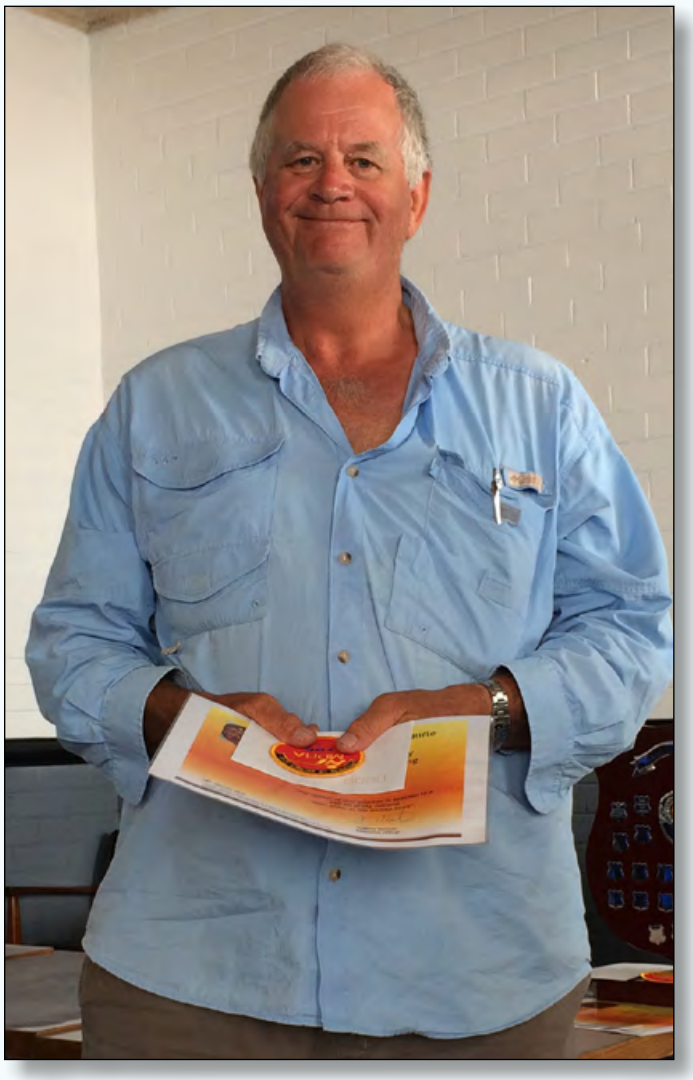
F Standard B Winner David Phipps Canberra



F Open Winner John Peters, Cessnock

of 395.34 would have won a good A Grade badge.

A feature of this shoot in recent years has been the inclusion of a Final at 800 metres for the top scorers in each discipline – Target Rifle, F Standard, FTR, and F Open. Because of the uncomfortable conditions on the Sunday afternoon, some competitors agreed to dispense with the Final and accept the two-day aggregate as the final scores. However, the Final was conducted for Target Rifle and F Open disciplines; this extra stage is reflected in the aggregate scores below. At the conclusion of shooting, a brief presentation was conducted in the NSWRA Bar area, at which prizes including cloth badges and cash were presented.

As always, the prize meeting could not have been conducted without considerable effort by a small but dedicated crew. The MDRA thanks CRO Ian Trevathen, MDRA President Bill Barry and MDRA Secretary Barbara Schwebel; all of whom did a lot of work behind the scenes before and during the event; and Angie Osborne who kept everyone very well fed and watered. Thanks also to Committee members Joe DeBattista and Greg Horder for organising the butts; and the small band of MDRA members who helped put the targets into the frames each morning and back into the shed at the end of each day. Finally, big thanks go to Ken Hammond of Bankstown-Chatswood Rifle Club for his continuing but largely unseen work to inspect and repair the range perimeter fence every Saturday (and Sunday in this case).

Our thanks and appreciation are extended to Optimus Projectiles who provided the major prizes for Target Rifle A Grade and F Standard A Grade.

Grand Aggregate Results

Target Rifle - A Grade			
1	Jim Jeffery	Lyndhurst	450.61
2	Angus Martin	Roseville	448.54
3	Mal McKenzie	Wingham	447.51
4	Angus Bell	Port Jackson	445.50
5	Nick Cock	Bathurst	445.48
6	Owen Hook	Railway and Tram	394.37
7	David Xuereb	Explorers	393.45
8	Shaun Wingrove	Canberra	392.35
9	Graeme Bright	Bathurst	391.34
10	Nigel Oliver	Concord	390.35

Target Rifle - B Grade			
1	Adam Beale	Shore School	395.34
2	Ardam Johnston	B/town Chatswood	392.37
3	Dennis Hilton	Grafton	390.34
3	Peter Mitchell	West Wallsend	390.34
5	Damon Livermore	Sydney	388.32

C Grade Winner Greg Pike, Port Jackson

Target Rifle - C Grade

1	Greg Pike	Port Jackson	373.28
2	Russ Tiesler	Canberra	323.10

F Standard - A Grade

1	Peter Duncan	West Wallsend	478.48
2	Gary Faulkner	Roseville	477.45
3	John Faulkner	Nowra	474.41
4	Ken Eppleston	West Wallsend	472.39
5	David Bridges	B/town Chatswood	471.39

F Standard - B Grade

1	David Phipps	Canberra	473.42
2	Robert Kozminski	Roseville	473.39
3	Ben Wright	Bathurst	467.28

F Open

1	John Peters	Cessnock	534.48
2	Dan Jeffery	Holsworthy	526.36
3	John Dixon	Griffith	467.26

FTR

1	Anthony Pedersen	Canberra	477.45

QRA Juniors Committee Australia Day Open Prize Meeting

By Erica Young

Ask almost any Australian shooter and they'll agree with you; there are not enough junior shooters in our sport. Over time, we have seen our Under 25 State Team Championships dwindle down to three states competing, as most other states run short on junior shooters to field a team. The states that are still able to field teams often struggle to find the numbers. In response to the Queensland situation, the QRA Juniors Committee formed in 2017 as a subcommittee of the QRA, with the goals of recruiting and training new young shooters, and providing training and financial support to the existing young shooters within the QRA.

The Committee held an open prize meeting over the Australia Day long-weekend on the Duncan Range at Belmont over Friday January 26 and Saturday January 27 as the first of their events for 2018. Following throughout the year will be Open Days for young people to come and try our sport, and training weekends for those keen on developing their skills.

While the weather was sweltering, as only the Australian January can be, the QRA members showed their support for their junior shooters and braved the hot and humid weather. With generous support from MDRA clubs, the ranges were set up with shades over the firing points that were gratefully appreciated by all. On Friday a total of 58 shooters competed, and on Sunday 51 shooters competed. Many of our Under 25 shooters from South East Queensland made the trip for the weekend as well, totalling seven junior shooters on range. While this number is small, it represents over 80% of our current active junior shooters.

The two days were shot on the Duncan Range's Hexta electronic target system. Conditions on Friday were mostly smooth for 500 and 600 yards, but Belmont turned on its tricks for 900 and 1000 yards on Saturday. Shooters from across southern Queensland made the trip, and provided top level competition.

Some of our Under 25 shooters - Riley Crawford, Sebastian Hopkins, Ryan Biss and Josh Pratt

Day One Aggregate

500 yards, 600 yards, 600 yards

A Grade			
1.	Colin Cole	North Arm	148.18
2.	Ash Bidgood	Crows Nest- Goombungee	148.17
3.	Geoff Grosskreutz	Brisbane	148.17
B Grade			
1.	Kevin Howlett	Natives	145.10
2.	Rudi Mueller	Natives	144.11
3.	Sebastian Hopkins (U25)	Gold Coast City	144.08
C Grade			
1.	David Nicol	Ipswich and District	136.07
2.	Tom Basterfield (U25)	Natives	132.06
F Standard A			
1.	Denis Aarons	North Arm	178.16
2.	Dick Blocksidge	Albert	170.12
3.	David Hatherell	Gympie-Kilkivan	169.06
F Standard B			
1.	Wayne Blair	Natives	167.09 SHOOT OFF
2.	Ian Marks	Brisbane	167.09 SHOOT OFF
3.	Riley Crawford (U25)	Gympie-Kilkivan	167.07
F Open			
1.	Lindsay Crombie	Brisbane	178.15
2.	David Boreham	North Arm	178.10
3.	Peter Broom	Beaudesert	177.16

FTR			
1.	Frans Knox	Brisbane	174.11
2.	Jim Dunsmore	North Arm	163.03
3.	Jeremy Hopkinson	Beaudesert	162.07

Day Two Aggregate

1000 yards, 900 yards, 900 yards

A Grade			
1.	Colin Cole	North Arm	145.11
2.	Rodney Prayle	Maryborough District	144.08
3.	Ash Bidgood	Crows Nest-Goombungee	143.11

B Grade			
1.	Kevin Howlett	Natives	138.13
2.	Des Voght	North Arm	136.05
3.	Rudi Mueller	Natives	135.07

C Grade			
1.	David Nicol	Ipswich and District	136.07

F Standard A			
1.	David Hatherell	Gympie-Kilkivan	160.05
2.	Wayne Latham	Natives	158.05
3.	Denis Aarons	North Arm	155.08

F Standard B			
1.	Craig Clarke	Gatton Glenore Grove	161.08
2.	Riley Crawford (U25)	Gympie-Kilkivan	151.03
3.	Ian Marks	Brisbane	145.02

Champion Junior Trophy

Australia Day Sporting Medals

F Open			
1.	George Constantinou	Natives	169.08
2.	Craig McGowan	Brisbane	169.08
3.	Lindsay Crombie	Brisbane	169.07

FTR			
1.	Frans Knox	Brisbane	170.04
2.	Jim Dunsmore	North Arm	156.04
3.	Craig Pratt	Natives	152.04

Grand Aggregate

A Grade			
1.	Colin Cole	North Arm	293.29

CLERMONT RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Open Prize Meeting - Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th May 2018
Billy Sing Marksman - Monday 7th May 2018

***OPM* Saturday 5th May**—8.00am start
1 x 10 shot match @ 400m, 1 x 10 shot match @ 500m, 2 x 10 shot matches @ 600m

Sunday 6th May—8.00 am start
2 x 10 shot matches @ 800m Nominations OPM $80.00
Grand Ag badges / prizes in all Grades. Range and Daily Ag medals
PAID MARKERS Standard Shooting Rules Apply
Committee reserves the right to alter programme at its own discretion

Billy Sing Marksman Shoot
Open invitation to all licensed shooters and clubs including ADF
Monday 7th May nomination $40.00 Start 9.00am
2 x 300 metre 10 shot matches inc 2 marked sighters, time 5 minutes per 10 shot match
2 x 600 metre 10 shot matches inc 2 marked sighters, time 6 minutes per 10 shot match

Billy Sing Marksman Shoot rules:
2 marked sighters fired, board pulled down and patched out, board up, shooter fires 10 shots with board remaining up for the all shots, board down, scores and bullet group rec-orded, board up with bullet placement shown to shooter, board down and patched out. Note: 1 x flag only will be used 1/2 way down the range at each distance.
Rifle classes:
Fullbore (Peepsights only). Service Rifles (Blade sights or as manufactured).
Scope Rifle (including F standard, F Open, FTR, Field) Maximum calibre 8mm, No Muzzle Brakes allowed.
1st place badges for each range in each class. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in each class for Grand Aggregate. PAID MARKERS. Committee reserves the right to alter the programme.

Camping available on the Range—some powered sites $5.00 per night
Some meals available. Contact Jan Thornhill 0408 980 939—Noel Byrne 0419 791 751
Indication of your intention to attend would be appreciated—
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A Grade Aggregate Winner Colin Cole

2.	Ash Bidgood	Crows Nest-Goombungee	291.28
3.	Rodney Prayle	Maryborough District	291.21
B Grade			
1.	Kevin Howlett	Natives	283.23
2.	Rudi Mueller	Natives	279.18
3.	Des Voght	North Arm	278.17
C Grade			
1.	David Nicol	Ipswich and District	262.11
F Standard A			
1.	Denis Aarons	North Arm	333.24
2.	David Hatherell	Gympie-Kilkivan	329.11
3.	Dick Blocksidge	Albert	325.19
F Standard B			
1.	Craig Clarke	Gatton Glenore Grove	320.13
2.	Riley Crawford (U25)	Gympie-Kilkivan	318.10
3.	Ian Marks	Brisbane	312.11
F Open			
1.	Lindsay Crombie	Brisbane	347.22
2.	David Boreham	North Arm	345.17
3.	Peter Broom	Beaudesert	344.24
FTR			
1.	Frans Knox	Brisbane	344.25
2.	Jim Dunsmore	North Arm	319.07
3.	Craig Pratt	Natives	310.08

The winners of the Daily Aggregates and Grand Aggregates were presented with Australia Day Sporting Medals which are of limited availability, and usually only provided to government bodies and Australia Day organisations. We were fortunate to receive these medals in recognition of our sport's long competitive history and Commonwealth Games involvement, and they were generously donated by the QRA. The medals were presented by John Johnstone OAM (University of Queensland Rifle Club).

In addition to these medals, we were lucky to present, for the first time, the Champion Junior trophy, generously donated by former QRA President and long-standing shooter Rod Bickell (University of Queensland Rifle Club). This trophy was presented to the top scoring target rifle Under 25 shooter for the weekend, and was won by Sebastian Hopkins from Gold Coast City Rifle Club.

A beautiful Parker pen was also generously donated by John Fitzgerald and was awarded to the A Grade Grand Aggregate winner, Colin Cole from North Arm Rifle Club.

The weekend ran smoothly thanks to the efforts of those on the organising committee and volunteers on the range. Thank you to our QRA Juniors Committee members that were present over the weekend: John Menzel, Peter Doig, Kim O'Loghlen, Craig Pratt, Vicki Pratt, and Erica Young. Thank you also to our additional range officer Peter Compton, our electronic target manager John Williams and butts officer Tony Inwood. Thank you to our Under 25's for their assistance on the range over the weekend. This weekend exemplified our state's commitment and support for our junior shooters, and the QRA Juniors Committee and existing Under 25 shooters are tremendously grateful for the attendance and support we received.

Over the weekend approximately $4500 was raised to support our cause. This was made possible by the support and donations from the QRA, the Syndicate 1 clubs (Natives Rifle Club, University of Queensland Rifle Club, Brisbane Mariners Rifle Club, and Pacific Rifle Club), John Fitzgerald, Helen Griffiths, Rod Bickell, Kim O'Loghlen, Tingalpa Landscaping Supplies, Andrew Mayfield, and Lindsay Schneider, along with all our volunteers and competitors. A heartfelt THANK YOU from us all!

The Rod Bickell QRA Australia Day Champion Junior (Target Rifle) winner Sebastian Hopkins

Reg Rowlands

1932 - 2017

These words were said in a ceremony at Lyndhurst where a final shot was fired to farewell our mate and Lyndhurst Rifle Club legend - Reg Rowlands.

When I first set to the task to write this eulogy I thought to myself it is going to be a little hard not to repeat what I wrote for Alan three years ago. But then I thought seeing as they were identical twins, maybe that can be excused a little. I'm sure they stole more than one kiss without the young lady knowing they had switched!

Reg, along with his twin brother Alan, grew up as an intrepid, young Australian boy, in an era prior to all the restraints and rules of modern life which can stifle the individual before he is allowed to develop into his own person. Born on "Rockville" just over the hill in 1932 when the country was still racked by the Great Depression and still in the shadows of the Great War, Reg was Lyndhurst to the core. He was one of those connections to an age fast disappearing.

Intrepid is the word to describe our young heroes. Reg told me after Alan had passed away, of a story when they were still quite young – at the time of the Cowra Breakout. The boy's dad, Roy, was a member of the local VDC – that trained on this very range. He went off with my Grandfather Jack with fixed bayonet to guard the railway line that you crossed over coming here today.

The boys were still at an age where war appeared exciting and went "hunting Japs" up every gully on "Rockville" and "Sydenham" with their trusty .22's. They were on one of these expeditions when one day an army plane flew over probably doing the same thing. Reg thought it would be fun if they made like they were Japs – running and hiding in the scrub. Our young heroes quickly thought the better of it when the plane turned around and came back towards them for another look! Strange how the fun

disappears really quickly when you think death is about to rain down from above!

After schooling at Mandurama it was then onto Trinity Grammar in Sydney, where Alan and Reg were introduced to shooting seriously. The boys returned to Mandurama and joined the Lyndhurst Rifle Club in 1949, where their dad was now the Captain just after it had reopened after the enforced closure of World War Two.

Success at this great sport certainly never comes easy, but by God natural talent sure helps, and if anyone had that in buckets it was Reg Rowlands. At the time the boys hit their straps after the war, Jack Emms was one of the top shots in New South Wales and as they say; success breeds success. There is nothing like having an "Old Bull" in the paddock that the "Young Bull" wants to beat!

After a decade honing his skills, Reg secured the much coveted selection for the New South Wales State Team in 1961; gaining NSW cap no.313. Reg would go on to represent the state on a record 28 separate occasions in the open team in the National Matches and on a further 11 occasions in either Veteran or Goodwill teams as either shooter or coach - a feat that will never be equalled.

Reg had a New South Wales blazer

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that had more braid on it than a Field Marshal's dress uniform! He almost needed a double breasted jacket! On one occasion, NSW was about to take the field when it was realised that the team manager had forgotten to order hat bands for the team. Not a problem. Reg soon fixed that when he peeled of hat band after hat band off his old Tilley hat to cover all those in the team without!

Reg wore the green and gold of Australia with great pride and finished with a most impressive international record. Reg represented in the Palma match on five occasions. He coached in all five teams but in 1982 in Canada he shot as well as coached.

He competed in the Empire (or Australia Match as it is now known) on ten occasions from 1975 through to 2000. At Bisley he shot and coached in the Kolapore and the Mackinnon. He made the final of the Queens Prize on two occasions; his best result being fourth in 1982. His best result in the Grand was 39th in 1978. These results were achieved in fields of 1000 plus competitors.

Individually, at home Reg enjoyed more than just his fair share of success. He amassed a total of 108 Queens badges from across the nation and around the world. It was not until 1986 that Reg finally got to ride in the Queens winners chair when he took the coveted prize in Brisbane. Along the way Reg was successful in eight Lead Up events and six Grand Aggregates.

On one of the first occasions I travelled to the NSW Queens – 1985 from memory – Reg was successful in winning the Macintosh – the lead up event to the Queen's. Well a carry on ensued like you would not believe. Those were the days when you were flat to get into the bar and if you could, flat to see from one side to the other for the tobacco smoke. I can still remember Reg, the morning after, encased in his sleeping bag under the cleaning bench in the Parramatta clubhouse looking much the worse for wear! After five days of that I can see why these boys may not have won the Queens Prize on the number of occasions where they may have been entitled to!

Sitting in the Coach's chair is how most of us remember Rego. As a coach it was where he really shone. In combination with Greg Hahn they were probably the most successful pair ever fielded by NSW. They teamed up in 1988 to help Australia win the pinnacle of World Shooting - the Palma Trophy. Unfortunately, we haven't regained it since!

On the subject of coaching, I had many discussions with Reg over a beer. "It's about coaching the man as much as it is about reading the wind" he told me. "Bullseyes" regardless of their placement on the target or proximity to the line were always "Right in the guts!"

In November 1989 NSW were in Canberra for the National Teams. Reg was coaching with quite a few new boys in the team. He told me he was there in the chair at the first range, watching the end of the barrel of the shooter – who will remain nameless but there was more than one – going around and around. When the circles got small Reg said "Hit it!" NSW won setting a new record score!

When I started shooting in 1981, Reg was the same age as I am today – 49. As a wide eyed kid looking on I thought he was about as cool a bloke as there was going around on a rifle range! A schooner in one hand and a durry in the other, paddocks full of fat cattle, travelling the world shooting. That's the life for me!

Talk about have a good time. I've never known blokes work so hard at having fun! Reg, Billie and Robbo were a threesome that played up just about everywhere they went. I remember being with them at the Captain Cook Hotel in Bendigo and they had brought their own mascot with them to the bar. A small toy camel. The Thirsty Camel! He was pointed at whoever's turn it was to shout next. He turned so quickly I'm certain he must have been dizzy. I certainly was by the end of it!

One of the best stories I've been told occurred at one of Reg's favourite destinations - Bisley.

Reg found himself the night before the famous Kolapore Match surrounded by the English, herded up against the bar! Now the English are crafty campaigners. They had brought out all their second stringers and scorers and such like to get those unwary Australians on the drink and put them under the weather. Enter the other half of our dynamic duo! Alan swaps places with Reg and the English are none the wiser. A big night ensues. Alan finally makes it back to the huts just a little after four! Waking Reg with tales of what a great night had been had!

The following morning Reg, bright eyed and bushy tailed, fronts the mound full of vim and vigour! The English scorers with ties askew and eyes bleary could not believe what they saw. "Great night boys!" Reg went on to top-score the match and Australia won the trophy whilst Alan finally fronted around 11!

Last year at the Sydney Queens we asked Reg to coach Lyndhurst in the Sargard teams. Reg was quite uncertain when he first got down in the chair. "Well maybe just the first sighter" he said. "Bugger that mate you're here now" and then we were away.

"Right in guts mate, hit him again!"

In an instant I was 20 something, Reg was 60 something. The only worry we had was winning this bastard and who was shouting first at the bar!

All I can say is I was glad I went first. By the time Jim Jeffery got too close we hadn't dropped a point. You could have cut the air with a knife! There was more riding on this than winning the World Championships in Camp Perry! All everyone wanted to do was win it with Rego.

Win it we did, with a perfect score – not dropping a point! It was the first winning Sargard team Reg had been in for Lyndhurst since 1961 and a prouder bloke you would never have seen. Lyndhurst to the end - that was Reg Rowlands!

"In the guts mate. Hit him again!"

Graham John Dyson

1950 - 2017

Graham passed peacefully after a long battle with cancer. When I saw him for the last time a couple of days before, he said "I'm not afraid to die. I'm ready to go". With these words we said our farewells, shook hands and our eyes spoke all the words that we could not.

We will all remember Graham in our own ways.

He was a family man. A brother who made home brew under the shearing shed whilst Mum and Dad were at church. A loving husband of first wife Lyn, who died suddenly, ending their 18-year marriage. A devoted father to John, Terresa and Joanna. Going to the footy and barbeques. Getting involved in school council, football and social clubs. A grandfather who listened intently to the many stories, offering words of wisdom or just happy to enjoy their company. Going fishing was one of the many things he loved to do with Arna during their 25-year marriage.

A committee man, Graham believed in getting involved in things. This meant that he was always attending meetings, he loved due process and proper procedure. Graham's service ranged from Football club, Social club, Hall committees and the CFA. He served three terms as VRA Councillor, DRA President and Rifle club captain. This devotion to serve may have come from doing two years National Service when he was 19.

He was a working man. On the family farm and surrounding Byaduk area. He had a particular love of making hay on his MF 355 tractor and NH baler. An engineer in their steel business, building sheds and fixing the unfixable piece of farm equipment. A motelier taking bookings and making beds. A real estate agent learning all about growing grass to make milk - he loved nothing more than chewing the cud with dairy clients, believing that he had to know their business better than they did. This way he could promote the positives and suggest improvements to gain the best result for them.

As a shooter he was a good target rifle driver and match rifle shooter, with some success as an individual. His greatest moment was winning the Brigadier Trophy at Bisley, England, in 2010. This is no small feat, with over 1000 competitors.

But Graham rose above the crowd when it came to coaching. His ability to read a shooter's emotion, the wind flags and the mystery of mirage was equalled by but a few in this world. As a shooter, I would revel in his excitement as we would score centre after centre. His name appears many times on many shooting trophies - like the Coorangamite Shield and the Merrett Trophy to name but two. His talent as a coach saw him represent Victoria in Target Rifle and Match Rifle on numerous occasions. He travelled to England, West Indies and New Zealand as a coach with National teams -winning accolades everywhere.

As a friend, Graham had the ability to think and problem solve. He would quietly listen over a beer or a cup of tea. At the odd time with a raised eyebrow if something seemed a bit different. This once again was his powers of observation at work, now instead of mirage it was people and life. He would chew over an issue, shooting or personal, sometimes for weeks before offering guidance or a solution. This he gave freely and without favour to all who sought his counsel.

I will remember Graham as a mentor, but most of all he was my friend, for whom I mourn.

David Rich

In 2012, Graham and Arna were members of the 2012 Australian Match Rifle Team that toured the UK and competed for the Woomera Trophy against Great Britain at Bisley. Graham coached the highest scoring Australian shooter for the Woomera competition and was given a "Bisley Wind Flag" by the Great Britain team. Below is a photograph of Graham from that trip.

William John Parker

1939 - 2017

Bill was born in Perth on July 13, 1939 and had a humble upbringing as an only child. He didn't speak much about his childhood, only to remember fishing in the Swan River, stealing figs from a neighbourhood fig tree and being terribly scared of his mother! He did speak briefly about his father, William Parker, who taught him to shoot fullbore rifle from an early age and gave him the passion for things mechanical.

Bill was also a member of the local CMF Regiment, the 10th Light Horse, which fuelled his interest in the military – all things that would go on to shape his life.

Bill stopped school early to be an apprentice electrical fitter and ended up having to go to night school to matriculate. He did dabble with university physics but decided that it took a different mindset to think like that!

Bill was the product of that magnificent generation of Australians that fought in two world wars. He was influenced by pragmatic and focused people and it certainly shaped the way he thought and acted. His boyhood was defined by prioritising the important things in life, being frugal and appreciating every small thing when it came his way.

However, by far the biggest

influence on him in those early years was meeting Beverley; Bev went to Perth from Warracknabeal in Victoria on a working holiday and wound up finding the man she would marry. The two fell in love, married, and produced two fine boys: Nigel and Richard. Bill and Bev always put family first.

Bill applied to the Australian Army in 1961 and was accepted into officer training at Portsea in 1962. He graduated to Armoured Corps and began his career as a tank troop commander. Bill's tour of Vietnam in 1969 and 1970 certainly shaped his perceptions of service life and the role of our military in society. Bill did not speak much about his operational service. Every now and again a snippet would come out over a beer and a laugh, or if you read something and asked a direct question. Such is the manner of all our heroes from past conflicts. They are notable by their modesty. He was wounded a couple of times and lucky a few more, but he always said that he had 'done his bit' and looked upon this as a mark of pride. And so he should. Bill was felt let down by Australian society on his return from the war. As many will remember, our society took their frustration at government policy out on the military that carried out their orders, which had an effect on Bill's family. Bill never forgave the RSL for being part of this travesty and as such never marched at ANZAC Day. Instead, he would spend the day in quiet contemplation of mates lost and experiences that few could understand. Yet it was his generation of Vietnam veterans that ensured that those who currently serve would not suffer the same indignity of being shunned by our own country.

It was in Vietnam that Bill started his passion for fly fishing. One finds it hard to understand how jungle warfare equates to following the teachings of the Complete Angler on the Chalk Streams of Hampshire in England, but it was Bill's great mate Frank Hickling that had a fair bit to do with it. According to Bill, the two of them would sit in his tent and tie flies from 'Veniard's' fly tying volumes in between operations.

And of course on return from Vietnam Bill honed his fishing skills, again with Frank, up on Lake Eucumbene where the two of them found solace and more than the occasional trout. Bill's passion for fishing never abated, and his skill continued to increase right up to his last days. There was always a bit of competitiveness there – Bill would always say 'well done!' when one caught a fish, but deep down he was grumbling under his breath that it wasn't he who had the bragging rights! Bill loved his fishing, he loved being out in strange places and he loved spending time with the people who shared his passion.

Perhaps Bill's favourite posting during his Army career was the three years he spent in the Australian High Commission in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. This posting, more than any other, gave him a freedom to work in a way that he had never experienced before; access to an amazing culture; and to meet some amazing people. Not everyone does well in PNG – but the team of Bill and Bev certainly made such an impression that they are remembered in PNG to this day.

When Bill's time in the Army finished, after a very successful 23 years, he spent another nine years with the Australian War Memorial – probably the perfect post-Army job as it kept him in touch with the military, but he could use some of the management skills he had learned. It also allowed him to leave something for future generations by helping to preserve our military heritage. Bill was very proud of that.

Bill and Bev retired to the South Coast, NSW, in 1994 and this enabled Bill to rekindle his passion for fullbore rifle shooting, where he joined Milton Rifle Club (later Nowra Rifle Club after Milton closed). Bill was a brilliant shot – not just a good one. At one stage, he was on the verge of qualifying for Commonwealth games selection and he won many of the local, district and state competitions. Bill won the NSW Champion of Champions with his 5.56 in July 2008 and received a letter from the Governor General in congratulations. This was a huge honour and testament to his shooting skill. Bill applied himself to this pastime in the same way he attacked most things in life – with passion.

As a father, Nigel and Richard could have asked for no greater role model. Bill was strict but demanded things be done correctly. "If it's worth doing then it's worth doing properly" he would always say.

So, Bill started from humble beginnings and worked his way to great success. He was a fantastic husband, father, grandfather, friend, soldier, fisherman and rifle shot. He always felt that he had succeeded in life – and indeed he had. He was proud of where he had taken his family. So let us remember him for the richness of his life and the privilege of being part of it. - Rest in peace Bill.

Queens Series

2018

March 8-12 ..... TAS Queens

April 18-22 ..... VIC Queens

May 2-6 ..... SA Queens

May 16-20 ..... NQRA Queens

May 31- June 3....Alice Springs Open

June 7-11 ..... NT Queens

June 20-24 ..... National Queens

August 7 - 11 ..... QLD Queens

September 21-28 ..... WA Queens

October 3-7 ..... NSW Queens

November 14-18 ..... ACT Queens

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14-18 ACT Open Championships Queens (Canberra)

NEW SOUTH WALES

March

8-12 Tasmanian Open Championships Queens (Campbell Town)
10-11 NSW F Class Association TR, FTR, FOPEN F STD (Ungarie)
18 New England District Rifle Association OPM (Spring Ridge)
31-1Apr Lyndhurst Rifle Club Easter OPM 2 Days (Lyndhurst)
31-1Apr Inverell RSM Rifle Club Easter OPM 2 days (Anzac)

April

13-17 Victorian Open Championships Queens (Wellsford/Bendigo)
25 MDRA - Anzac Day OPM (Anzac)

May

2-6 South Australian Open Championships Queens (Lower Light)
6 Spring Ridge OPM (Spring Ridge)
7-8 National Veterans Team Event Teams (Lower Light)
16-20 NQRA Open Championships Queens (Townsville)
20 Riverina District Rifle Association OPM (Cootamundra)
20 Cessnock Rifle Club OPM (Cessnock)

June

7-11 NT Open Championships Queens (Darwin)
9-10 Wingham OPM 2 days (Wingham)
10 Eugowra OPM (Eugowra)
NRAA Championships Queens (Belmont)

July

1 West Wallsend OPM (Cessnock)
14-15 DRA Weekend including Country v City C of C, DRA TEAMS (Anzac)
16-20 Schools practice (Anzac)
21 All Schools Teams (Anzac)
22 Josephson Teams (Hornsby)

August

7-11 QRA Queens (Belmont)
19 Explorers Rifle Club OPM (Lockhart)
26 Narromine-Dubbo Rifle Club OPM (Narromine-Dubbo)

September

1-2 Ungarie Sweepstakes and OPM (Ungarie)
17-19 State Teams TR and U25 TEAMS (Pinjar WA)
21-28 West Australian Open Championships Queens (Pinjar WA)
29-30 Coonabarrabran Rifle Club OPM (Coonabarrabran)

October

1-6 Australian Match Rifle and Long Range Championships (Coonabarrabran)
3-7 NSWRA 142nd Open Championships Queens (Anzac)
7 Ultra long distance 1000yds - 1500yds Event (Coonabarrabran)
14 Cootamundra OPM (Cootamundra)
21 Gosford OPM (Kariong)
28 Bathurst OPM (Bathurst)

November

3-4 North Shore DRA 2 day OPM (Hornsby)
10-11 Coffs Harbour Rifle Club Field/Rimfire OPM (Dairyville)
14-18 ACT Open Championships Queens (Canberra)

December

2 Lithgow Rifle Club OPM (Lithgow)

QUEENSLAND

March

8-12 Tasmanian RA Llewellyn Series and Queen's
11 Gatton Glenore Grove PM
30- 2 Apr Easter
[TBA] Central Qld Championships

April

4-15 Commonwealth Games * Belmont Ranges closed 25 Mar-16 Apr
15 North Arm .303
18-22 Victorian RA Syme and Queen's
28-29 QRA Champion of Champions and City v Country

May

2-6 South Australian RA Hunt and Queen's
5-7 Western District RA Muckadilla Shoot
5-6 Clermont Prize Shoot
7 May Day
16-20 NQRA Wilson and Queen's
19-20 Darling Downs DRA PM

June

2-3 Bundaberg-Burnett Rifle Club PM
7-11 NT Queen's
16-17 Natives PM
18-19 Ladies Teams Matches
20-21 NRAA President's Match
22-24 NRAA Queen's
[TBA] Darling Downs Rifle Club .303 Fromelles Shoot

July

7-8 Monto Sweepstake Shoot
15 Beaudesert Rifle Club PM
29 Ipswich & District Rifle Club PM

August

4 Brisbane Rifle Club PM
5 MDRA PM
7-8 QRA Duncan Series
9-11 QRA Queen's
18-19 Gemfields Rifle Club PM
25-26 Barcaldine Rifle Club PM
31-2 Sept Goondiwindi Rifle Club PM

September

[TBA] NSW RA Lead-up & Queen's
21-28 WA Queens

October

1 Queen's Birthday
[TBA] South Burnett DRA PM (Wondai)
27 North Arm Rifle Club PM
28 Lilley DRA PM

November

14-18 Canberra Queens

December

[TBA] Darling Downs Rifle Club PM
8-9 Raglan Christmas Shoot

NORTH QUEENSLAND

March

24 – 25 Club Teams

May

(TBA) Marian PM
(TBA) MDTRA PM
15 TMRC PM
16 - 17 Wilson
18 - 2 Queens

July

14 - 15 Cairns PM
28 – 29 Pennants

September

1 - 2 Atherton PM

October

6 Herberton PM
7 Ravenshoe/Mt Garnet PM

November

3 C&IDRA PM
4 Mossman and District PM

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

March

17-18 State Team Prac (Lower Light)
31 Murray Bridge OPM (Monarto)

April

2 Match Rifle (Lower Light)
7 Barker Memorial (Pt Pirie)
8 Pt Pirie OPM (Pt Pirie)
25 Father and Sons (Mt Barker)
29 Long Range F Class Prac (Lower Light)

May

2-3 Hunt (Lower Light)
4-6 Queens (Lower Light)
7-8 National Veterans Teams (Lower Light)
19-20 State Team Prac (Lower Light)

June

3 Long Range F Class Prac (Lower Light)
23 DRA Teams (Lower Light)
24 Country and Club Teams (Lower Light)

July

29 Match Rifle (Lower Light)

August

11-12 State Team Prac (Lower Light)
25-26 Match Rifle Champs (Lower Light)

September

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

VICTORIA

March

17 Rosedale OPM Day 1 (Rosedale)
18 Rosedale OPM Day 2 (Rosedale)
11 Match 1 Victorian Precision Service Rifle Series (Castlemaine)
31 Ovens & Murray PM (Glenrowan)

April

1 Wangaratta PM (Glenrowan)
2 ECDRA PM (Violet Town)
18-19 VRA Syme (Wellsford)
20-22 VRA Queens (Wellsford)
25 Bacchus Marsh Anzac Day PM (Bacchus Marsh)

May

12-13 Stawell PM (Stawell)
19-20 Shoot for Autism (Grantville)

June

24 Match 2 Victorian Precision Service Rifle Series (Castlemaine)

August

4 GV DRA PM (Karramomus)
5 Karramomus PM (Karramomus)
19 Match 3 Victorian Precision Service Rifle Series (Castlemaine)

September

8 Wodonga PM (Tallangatta)
9 Wangaratta Charity Shoot for Cancer (Wangaratta)

November

18 Match 4 Victorian Precision Service Rifle Series(Castlemaine)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

March

3-4 Esperance Rifle Club PM (Esperance)
17-18 Perth Fremantle Picnic Shoot (Pinjar)
30 Coolilup Cup (Coolilup)
31-1Apr SWDRA Prize Meeting (Coolilup)

April

21-22 Alec McWhirter Memorial PM (Wurgabup)
28-29 Golden Bullet (Coolilup)
29 WARA Council Meeting (Pinjar)
29 AFDRA Prize Meeting (Pinjar)

May

4 Moora Rifle Club PM (Moora)
5-6 Midlands DRA PM (Moora)
6 AFDRA Prize Meeting (Pinjar)
19 2017 Champion of Champions (Pinjar)
19-20 Metropolitan DRA Prize Meeting (Pinjar)

June

2-3 Eastern Goldfields DRA (Kambalda)
10 Billy Sing Service Snipers (Pinjar)
24 Bindoon Rifle Club PM (Bindoon)

July

1 WARA Council Meeting & Annual Meeting of Council (Pinjar)
14-15 Meekatharra Rifle Club PM (Meekatharra)
28-29 Chapman Valley Rifle Club PM (Chapman Valley)

August

3 Geraldton Greenough RC PM (Greenough)
4-5 North West DRA PM (Greenough)
25-26 Carnarvon Rifle Clun PM (Carnarvon)

September

8-9 Central Wheat Belt DRA PM (Merredin)
15-16 Northampton Rifle Club PM (Northampton)
16 WA Veterans Championships (Pinjar)
17-19 2018 National TR Teams (Pinjar)
20 DRA Teams, Ray Miles Teams (Pinjar)
21-22 Duke of Edinburgh & Queens PM (Pinjar)
23 WARA Annual General Meeting (Pinjar)
21-24 Queens PM (Pinjar)

October

6-7 Dowerin Rifle Club PM (Dowerin)
28 Corrigin Rifle Club PM (Corrigin)
31-2 Nov Australasian Police & Emergency Services Games (Pinjar)

November

3-4 Busselton Service Rifle (Coolilup)
10 WARA Council Meeting (Pinjar)
11 City of Subiaco Prize Meeting (Pinjar)

TASMANIA

March

2 MR Practice from 1.00pm. (Campbell Town)
3 Tasmanian Match Rifle Champs 1000, 1100, 1200 (Campbell Town)
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5 1500 Yards Championships 1,500 (Campbell Town)
8 Llewellyn Series 500, 600, 700, 800 (Campbell Town)
9 Llewellyn Series / 1000 Champs 900, 1000 : 1000 (Campbell Town)
10 Tas Queens PM Stage 1 500, 500, 600, 600 (Campbell Town)
11 Tas Queens PM Stage 2 700, 700, 800, 800 (Campbell Town)
12 Tas Queens PM Stage 3 900, 1000 (Campbell Town)
24 Sandford Prize Meeting 500/600/600 (Sandford)

April

7 Campbell Town Prize Meeting 500/600/900/1000 (Campbell Town)
28 Teams Match - Coached Pairs 900, 1000 (Campbell Town)

May

12 Palmerston Club Teams (long range) 800/900/1000 (Campbell Town)
26 TRA Long Range Prize Meeting 15 @ 900/1000 (Campbell Town)

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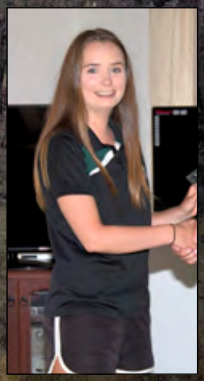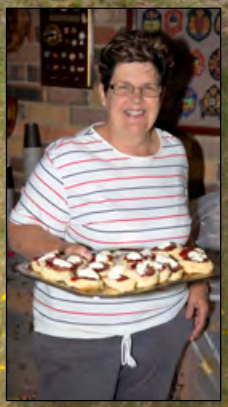
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