

National Rifle Association of Australia Limited MEMBER UPDATE #45

Chairman/Finance – Gordon Duncan

The Ladies National Teams Championship will be conducted at Belmont in conjunction with the National Queens Series in June 2018. The Matches celebrate fifty years since the inaugural event. By then it is planned to invite participants from prior years at a dinner along with the Trophy Presentations.

The Commonwealth Games shooting events will competed for at Belmont with all types of shooting contested. Fullbore Target Rifle, Pistol, Clay Target, Small Bore and Air Rifle events will be showcased. Ben Emms and Jim Bailey, Australia's representatives have been spending quite an amount of time practising at home, at Belmont and other places under the tutelage of the team Coach Stuart Collings. Obviously, all shooters wish them the very best of results in their shooting. There are a significant number of Games volunteers who will assist in the running of the events.

SARA will be hosting the National Veterans Teams Matches during the time of their own State Championships in May. Any State who still wishes to be a part of the competition will be able to enter should that be their desire.

As an extension of the normal functions of the NRAA, at the invitation of the Tasmanian Rifle Association I attended a Council meeting in Launceston on Sunday 18 March. TRA is facing a difficult time of it and have done for a number of years now. The main areas of concern are membership not expanding resulting in a strain on finances and administration, and the loss of rifle ranges around the State.

Shooting Australia has recommended that all types of shooting take part in a "Come and Try" day any time in May. Details of the event are to be found at your own State Association or at Shooting Australia. Take it up and register to make this a memorable occasion and a possibility of attracting additional members.

Rules – Reg Cunningham

An update of the Standard Shooting Rules version 5.0(e) will be published soon. The new version will include the addition of new and modified rules which have been approved. These rules are listed below and become effective as from the 1st March 2018.

CHAPTER 3.

Rule 3.1.1.4 The weight of the rifle with all attachments excluding the sling shall not exceed 7.0kg.

Rule 3.1.3.2 The minimum trigger pull shall be 500gms (1/2kg).

CHAPTER 20.

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NEW RULES

CHAPTER 16 SERVICE RIFLE SHOOTING

16.9.7 Barricade Assist Position – BAP. Specifically constructed wall type barricades, and objects (man-made or natural). Barricades can be placed on the firing point in the firer's lane, making the firer adopt alternative firing positions as the barricades and match instructions dictate. A sling, if fitted, may be used as an aid to steadying the rifle. The butt of the rifle is to be placed against the shoulder. The rifle is to be held with both hands, thereby maintaining complete control.

CHAPTER 13 TARGETS

13.7 At the discretion of the competition organizing body a target identification number may be placed on the target face or edge of the target frame to allow F Class shooters better identification of their target. If the identification system is used the position or size of the identifying number must not have any effect on a Target Rifle Shooter when aiming, sighting, or firing their shot.

Competition – John Fitzgerald

National Championships 2018

This year will see a change to the National Championships in June. The program will be as follows:

47th NRAA National Championships Match Program



NRAA Presidents Match - Day 1

Wednesday, 20 June 2018

08:30 hours 1st Stage: 300, 500, 500, 600 yards

NRAA Presidents Match - Day 2

Thursday, 21 June 2018

08:30 hours 2nd Stage: 800, 900, 1000 yards

NRAA Queen's Prize - Day 1

Friday, 22 June 2018

NRAA Queen's Prize - Day 2

Saturday, 23 June 2018

08:30 hours 2nd Stage: 800, 900, 900 yards (15 shots)

NRAA Queen's Prize - Day 3

Sunday, 24 June 2018

08:30 hours 3rd Stage: 900, 1000 yards

13:00 hours NRAA Royal Kaltenberg Challenge Cup:

1000 yards (Top 20 Presidents and

Queen's Score Shoot Off)

The Mace Medal

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Australian Teams

The NRAA are pleased to announce the following Australian Teams that will be competing in the 2019 World Long Range Championships in New Zealand.

Australian Palma Team 2019

Captain:Darren EnslinManager:Catherine BerryMaster Coach:Geoff Grenfell

Coaches: Jim Bailey Steve Negus

Rob Cadden Rob Rush

Shooters: Mitch Bailey Ben Picton

Ashley Bidgood Hamish Pollock
David Black Matthew Pozzebon
Alex Davies Lee Robinson

Duncan Davies Chris Schwebel
Ben Emms Matt Shepherd
Kathryn Kent David Smith
Brett McCauley Rob Sweegers

Donna Negus Gillian Webb - Enslin Brendan Parkins Andrew Wilson

Reserve Coach: John Ashton

Reserve Shooter: Tim Berry

Australian Veterans Team 2019

Captain:George WittorffManager:John CaskeMaster Coach:Rob Rush

Coaches: Rob Cadden Tony McGuigan

Shooters: Graham Aitchison Colin Jones

Mark Buchanan John Kiefer
Michael Chad Peter Maher
Eric Christie Mike Rankin
George Edser Geoff Wellburn
Geoff Grosskreutz Barry Wood
Jim Jeffery Ken Young

Emergency: Len Hayes