



## ***National Rifle Association of Australia Limited***

### **MEMBER UPDATE #46**

#### **Chairman/ Finance – Gordon Duncan**

No doubt that by now many of you will have renewed your 2018-19 subscription, part of which relates to the NRAA. For 2019 \$65 has been assessed as necessary for the National body to continue its present role. Like you, I despair when confronted by increasing costs.

I have asked around and the NRAA fee is on the lower end of National bodies in Australia. Past that, I then sought the competitor cost in other sports and was shocked at what people are charged. A six-year-old who has chosen to play Rugby is required to pay \$320. To put this in perspective the season is less than six months. In Netball an eight year old is charged \$372, again for only half a year. As players get older and gain a level of skill then the costs substantially increase. At State standard the extra fees of almost \$200 are added on to local club fees, plus uniforms suitable for the level of play and become an extra cost burden.

My whole point is that provided NRAA continues to work essentially based on volunteers, costs are not unreasonable. Should we move to paid positions then the annual subscription would well increase up to four times the current level.

Shooting Australia, the pinnacle of shooting administration in Australia, is set to recognise shooters in any discipline who have achieved much in their chosen field but go unrecognised because they are not classed as ISSF events. Especially in full bore rifle shooting James Corbett has been unrecognised despite winning three Grand Championships in Great Britain as well as the Bisley Queens Prize. Apart from that amongst other things he has won the Queens prize in Australia 35 times.

Nomination for the position of Director of the NRAA will be called soon. Should you have an interest please be on the lookout for the nomination forms. Many of you have plenty to say, but rather than just saying it on the red phone make it a priority to nominate.

#### **Rules – Reg Cunningham**

An updated version of the Standard Shooting Rules 5.0 (e) was published on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018. The new version includes the addition of new and modified rules. The approved new and modified rules are listed below.

##### **MODIFIED RULES**

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).

Rule 3.4.3.1 Appendix 1 – new projectile added. ELD MATCH .224 80 grain.

Rule 20.9.2 The maximum weight of an F Standard Rifle shall not exceed 8.5kg.

Rule 20.11.1 The minimum trigger pull shall be 500gms (1/2kg).

##### **NEW RULES**

##### **CHAPTER 13 TARGETS**



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Rule 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.

#### 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.

#### **Membership – George Wittorff**

Since the previous Update, the following has been actioned:

1. Circularized S&Ts to promote Shooting Australia’s “Come and Try” initiative.
2. I have continued to include articles in the ATR, and am pleased with the anecdotal and written positive feedback.
  - ATR 132: Summary of membership trends, forecasts, conclusions and reference to assistance to clubs on NRAA website.
  - ATR 134: Two articles:
    - (i) By Alan Patrick, giving suggestions on how to enhance both promotion of upcoming Prize Meetings, as well as increasing attendance.
    - (ii) *An Aide Memoire for Beginning Shooters*, submitted by Piers Cambridge.
2. Database: In the absence of handover files on this matter, I undertook to:
  - Discover the extent of action by the “Database” Committee;
  - Get information of action being undertaken by S&Ts, particularly NSWRA;
  - Approach and negotiate with the national database company SportsTG, and
  - Report findings to the NRAA Board.

My recommendations to the Board are :

- Resist making any decision regarding a data base until the NSWRA situation has been assessed.
- Consider the following: In view of the fact that the NRAA no longer needs to accurately track members’ subscription to ATR – *what other pressing reason is there for the NRAA to have a database.*
- Discover if the S&Ts other than NSWRA are still willing, or able to finance a national data base, or can they afford it.