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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

NSW Queens Winner Jim Bailey,
Photograph by Donna Negus.

Chairman's Message

The Members have spoken and after the vote at the Annual General Meeting on November 28 there are three new Directors on the Board. As the Board has been described by the President as an Old Men's Club, the replacement directors, who are of a much younger age group will no doubt bring a freshness to the organisation. Hopefully then, magic can be woven and all of the matters which seem to be of concern, will be rectified.

Major thanks must go to John Fitzgerald who has been a part of the Board since its establishment in 2002 when the NRAA was incorporated as a Company. He has been heavily involved, especially with Competitions and Rules during that long period of service.

Bob Pedersen undertook the folios for Rules and then IT over a number of years and was instrumental in promoting F Class.

Reg Cunningham was the person in charge of Rules with his stint as a Director. He was plagued early in his tenure with questions concerning the application of the rules.

Within 12 months the balance of the "old men" will finish their terms of appointment. Good quality applicants for these two positions will be sought.

There is a perception amongst shooting members that the Directors are on a gravy train. The reality is that the directors meet much of the cost of their office from their own resources. They receive little financial support other than fares and accommodation at meetings.

A meeting will be held electronically on December 18 and a Board Meeting in early March. This delay has been the result of the requirements of people to be at the Palma matches in New Zealand in January and February.

Unfortunately, there has been disquiet from the F Class community over the selection of team Captain. Both nominees were seen as worthy of the position but only one was chosen. There will be further discussions on the matter but you only have to look at the various Parliaments to realise what division can be instigated. Shooters can decide not to continue with their application for the matches in South Africa. It will enable another aspiring team member to have the opportunity to be included in the eventual team.

Best wishes to the various teams - Australian Rifle Team, Veterans, Under 25 and Under 21 who will be competing in what can be described as the Palma Matches.

May you continue to enjoy the sport of Target Rifle Shooting overall and when given the chance to do so, speak of its benefits.

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New Deputy Editor For ATR

ATR 138 will be the last for Deputy Editor Laurelle Tunks who, after more than 10 years of dedication and attention to detail spent on ATR, is moving on to enjoy life a little more. I'm sure all those who have dealt with Laurelle over her years of doing all the hard work on ATR will join me in thanking her for all the good humour, patience and grace she brought to the task.

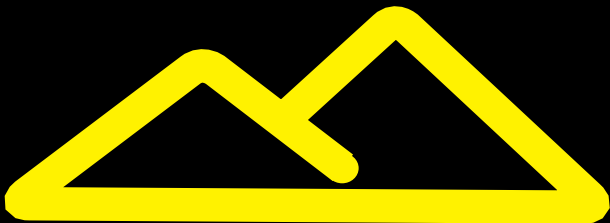
Being helpful to readers, advertisers and administrators while dealing with a finicky editor and sticking to strict production deadlines can be a frustrating endeavour, not that anyone would ever have known that from Laurelle's calm and pleasant demeanour. Thanks Laurelle, you will be missed.

Joining as ATR's new Deputy Editor from issue 139 is Tung Nguyen. Tung is a media professional with experience beyond his years. Having studied a degree in journalism, Tung started his career writing and sub-editing for various automotive publications including Carsales, Wheels magazine, CarThrottle and Australian Road Rider.

Four years after joining the GoAuto team, Tung has worked his way from a cadet journalist to deputy managing editor. With a clear passion and understanding of all things editorial, as well as a keen eye for detail, Tung is very much looking forward to adding the role of deputy editor of ATR magazine to his responsibilities.

Please join me in welcoming Tung to the ATR editorial team, and don't hesitate to contact him in regard to all things editorial. I have worked with Tung before and am exceptionally pleased to be doing so again.

Daniel Cotterill
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Dear Editor,

As more and more clubs move into the 21st Century with electronic targets it is time that the shooting movement started to give serious consideration as to how we can apply Baffling to our ranges so we can do away with the large areas of unusable land making up our danger zones.

The requirement of danger zones mean that it is becoming almost impossible to either find an area large enough to accommodate what we currently require for a range within easy reach of our membership, as well as hold onto what we already have - or for clubs to be able to afford the cost of purchasing or leasing the required acreage and then building the infrastructure.

There must be some engineers, scientists, computer experts and architects amongst our membership that could come up with practical suggestions on how we could successfully baffle our ranges?

If baffling is possible, look at the benefits it could bring to long range target rifle shooting when married with electronic targets.

We could have fixed firing points under cover. With a fixed firing point the electronic targets could be towed out to whatever distance you are shooting on the day, or you could set up your targets at different distances especially for prize shoots.

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The amount of land required for most clubs would be reduced down to say a strip 200 metres by 1,000 metres, which makes a site for a range much easier to locate and purchase/lease.

With a covered fixed firing point and the use of modern noise absorbing materials, one of the objections that usually arise, that of noise, could be overcome to where it is no longer a problem.

In the case of Anzac Rifle Range, Malabar and Hornsby Rifle Range in Sydney where their danger zones extend into national parks it could be a selling point for the Commonwealth and State Governments to fund the cost of baffling, as locking up parts of national parks for danger zones is always a sticking point in negotiating continued tenancy of the ranges and the freeing up of these areas would be seen as a big win for the Government.

Baffling is being looked at and implemented at overseas ranges so surely it is time that the conversation started here if we wish to see our sport continue to be accepted and thrive.

Mark Rea
Gosford District Rifle Club

Match Rifle & Long Range F Class Event Calendar

2019

March 2 & 3

Tasmanian State Titles
Campbell Town

March 4

Merton Vale 1500 yard
Campbell Town

May 4 & 5

NSW State Titles
Ungarie

June 8 & 9

Queensland State Titles
Raglan

August 24 & 25

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October 8-10

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Coonabarabran

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ERRATA - Please note - Some of the Merrett Match results were missing from the National Teams article in ATR 137. See below for the full scores. Details are also available from the NRAA website.

The Merrett Match Results

VRA

Captain: James Corbett

John McDiarmid	50.04	46.04	50.07	47.03	193.018
Keith Toh	50.06	48.02	50.09	46.02	194.019
Brett Thurtell	49.03	48.05	49.03	47.04	193.015
Mark Horsnell	49.06	49.06	48.03	46.00	192.015
Ross Jackson	50.04	49.05	50.06	49.05	198.020
David Black	48.01	48.06	49.05	49.05	194.017
David Brewster	50.06	49.03	47.03	49.04	195.016
Peter O'Dwyer	50.05	49.04	48.04	49.03	196.016
James Corbett	50.07	48.04	50.06	48.05	196.022
Tony Ivankovic	45.02	39.03	49.03	43.03	176.011
Total	491.044	473.042	490.049	473.034	1927.169

NSWRA

Captain: Mal McKenzie

Mal McKenzie	50.03	47.01	48.05	48.05	193.014
Josh Gordon	49.07	50.04	46.04	43.01	188.016
Scott Brindley	49.04	48.04	47.03	47.03	191.014
Hamish Bongers	50.08	48.03	48.04	41.01	187.016
Angus Martin	50.08	48.06	49.07	47.03	194.024



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Mike Chad	50.07	48.05	49.06	49.06	196.024
Barb Schwebel	48.05	49.04	46.04	49.02	192.015
Rob Sweegers	50.06	49.04	50.01	43.04	192.015
Matt Shepherd	50.06	49.03	49.07	48.02	196.018
Kathryn Kent	50.07	50.06	46.04	47.03	193.020
Total	496.061	486.040	478.045	462.030	1922.176



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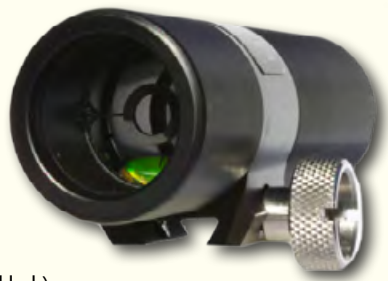
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Harley Hill	46.03	47.01	49.02	43.02	185.008
Flav Konieczny	49.05	50.03	48.05	46.02	193.015
Warren Breeding	48.04	48.04	46.02	47.01	189.011
Brad Semmler	50.05	50.07	50.03	49.05	199.020
Ian Noll	49.06	49.02	49.06	46.01	193.015
Lynlee Lowe	47.02	47.02	50.05	47.02	191.011
Kym Muller	49.04	50.08	34.00	49.04	182.016
Bronwin Hajek	49.05	50.06	50.08	49.04	198.023
Paul Savage	50.05	50.06	47.03	50.03	197.017
Total	487.043	491.040	471.035	473.025	1922.143

QRA
Captain: Darren Enslin

Shane Abood	48.07	48.04	50.04	42.04	188.019
Dean Enslin	49.07	50.07	50.05	47.04	196.023
Andrew Mayfield	48.05	44.03	49.04	47.05	188.017
Shaun Connolly	49.05	47.05	49.03	45.02	190.015
Gillian Webb-Enslin	50.06	48.05	50.09	48.04	196.024
Peter Schafferius	48.06	49.07	49.04	45.05	191.022
Matt Pozzebon	50.05	48.07	43.02	48.04	189.018
Geoff Grosskreutz	49.02	50.04	50.05	47.01	196.012
Kim O'Loughlen	47.03	50.06	49.03	48.02	194.014
George Edser	49.02	49.03	47.03	47.04	192.012
Total	487.048	483.051	486.042	464.035	1920.176

WARA
Captain: Garry Craigie Coaches: C Tuckey, S McDonald

Roger Brown	48.05	44.00	47.03	47.05	186.013
Neil Townsend	48.05	50.05	50.07	47.03	195.020
John Moore	50.04	47.04	47.04	47.01	191.013
Steve Crago	47.04	47.03	47.04	46.03	187.014
Garry Craigie	49.05	50.03	47.04	45.01	191.013
Gary Filgate	48.03	47.01	48.04	47.03	190.011
Mick Forsberg	50.04	49.05	48.03	50.07	197.019
Michael Green	50.05	49.05	49.02	46.03	194.015
Nathan Lauritsen	48.06	47.03	50.04	46.03	191.016
Mark Milentis	49.02	49.04	49.04	47.03	194.013
Total	487.043	479.033	482.039	468.032	1916.015

NQRA
Captain: Eric Christie Coaches: T Deeds, M Beecham, A Chinnery, E Christie

Anne Chinnery	48.01	46.04	46.02	48.02	188.009
Dudley Ford	49.06	49.03	49.04	46.01	193.014
Doug Pollock	50.04	48.05	47.02	40.00	185.011
Frank Chester	48.03	48.06	47.01	37.00	180.010
Mark Beecham	45.03	48.02	47.03	38.01	178.009
Trevor Deed	49.06	48.05	48.04	46.03	191.018
Marty Eitenever	48.01	48.04	49.05	46.03	191.013
Peter Barry	47.03	49.04	47.04	49.04	192.015
Eric Christie	48.06	48.03	48.05	47.03	191.017
Garry Gee	49.04	47.05	48.02	47.01	191.012
Total	481.037	479.041	476.032	444.018	1880.128



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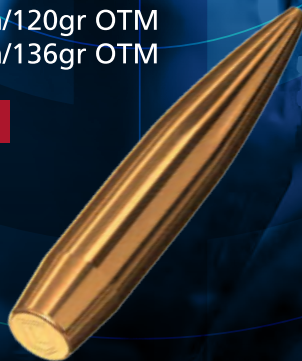
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Another Queens, another story. Last year, we faced in Malabar such strong winds that even the nearby Sydney airport closed for a few hours for safety reasons. This year, the weather played on us again, but this time it was the rain.

This year we had planned to use only manual paper targets. After a very successful DRA week-end, having a great team of markers there was no doubt that it was the way to go for the 2018 Open Championships. Unfortunately, the rain is not very compatible with paper target and patches. The strong winds tested the electronic targets and the shooters last year and this year the rain tested the paper targets, the markers and of course the shooters.



Michael Milen Presenting of the Noel Irving Memorial Trophy and Prize money to Jim Bailey



Jim Bailey was the 2018 Target Rifle Queens Winner

I spend so many days on the Anzac Range alone; I was really looking forward to seeing the caravan park full of caravans and tents from the office windows, with people walking around and chatting like at a market square. Daylight saving was going to start on the last day of the competition, so for four days, we were supposed to see the sun shining in the sky very early. Nothing beats that feeling of a beautiful day to come full of promises, people chatting and laughing around Angie's early morning breakfast BBQ, old friends catching up enjoying a beer outside the bar at sunset. But nature had other plans and everything was going to be different and challenging for everyone.

JC McIntosh Series

On the first day the weather was holding and shooting went as planned. This year the program was slightly different, excluding all 300 metre matches.

On day one, the programme was Match 1 and 2 at 500 metres and Match 3 and 4 at 600 metres. Matt Shepherd (Endeavour Rifle Club), for A Grade, came out first for the first match, but there are many more matches to win to really finish on top. Alex Hoffmann (Concord Rifle Club), just 20 years of age, in B Grade, was going to experience his first moment of glory with a perfect score in the second 500 metre match. Alex was going to be consistent all day to win the Aggregate of Day One in his grade.

Peter Johnstone (Marrickville Rifle Club), in F Standard A Grade, showed to be consistent on the first day, leaving hope for the days to come.



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Day One was also Jacko Bending's day as he took the Aggregate in F Open.

Alexina Bunt (Katoomba Rifle Club), FTR, finished on top of the ladder at the aggregate of day one - not bad for someone who came to Malabar to be a marker for five days. With too many markers around, Alexina decided to play, shot the lead up and didn't regret anything, having too much fun winning.

On day two, the weather didn't want to please the competitors; the rain was here with a forecast predicting heavier rain in the afternoon. The competition committee met at 7am and decided to go directly to Matches 8 and 9 at 800 metres, abandoning the two Matches at 700 metres. The competition finished by lunchtime.

In the rain the competition went on with all its challenges. But what is it that contributes to shooting well when the conditions are deteriorating? Experience? Talent? Determination? Luck?

In A Grade, the perfectly named shooter won the JC McIntosh, David McIntosh (Canberra Rifle Club) after leading the two matches at 800 metres.

In B Grade, Alex Hoffmann proved once more his promising future in the sport, to win the aggregate of day two and took the JC McIntosh for the first time.

In F Standard A Grade, Daniel Galea (Narromine-



D McIntosh - Target Rifle A Grade Winner of the McIntosh with Dennis Shallis

Dubbo Rifle Club) was the most consistent at 800 metres, to allow him to take home the aggregate of day two and the aggregate of the JC McIntosh.

In F Open, Rod Davis proved that day two was his day, finishing first in the two matches at 800 metres, and writing his name as the winner of the 2018 JC McIntosh.

In FTR, Daniel Sly (Canberra Rifle Club) after leaving the win to Alexina for the first 800, took the second 800 with an overall consistency, allowing him to take home the JC McIntosh this year.

Indy Cooney (The Scots College Rifle Club), FTR, with a tender age of not even 15 years old at the time of the competition, arrived second in the lead up. Well done Indy.

The afternoon of rain was well used to dry and oil the rifles, ready for the next day which was day one of the 2018 NSW Queens.



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D Galea F Standard A Grade Winner in the McIntosh with Dennis Shallis

McIntosh Results

Target Rifle A Grade

1	David McIntosh	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	299.27
2	Mark Buchanan	Roseville Rifle Club NSW	298.37
3	Nick Cock	Grafton NSW	297.38
4	Christopher Schwebel	Holsworthy NSW	297.34
5	Mal McKenzie	Wingham NSW	297.21
6	John Baxter	Lithgow Small Arms NSW	295.28
7	Angus Bell	Port Jackson Rifle Club NSW	295.22
8	Don Thompson	Natives QLD	294.32
9	Phill Hodder	Roseville Rifle Club NSW	294.25

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10	Philip Betts	Karramomus VIC	293.29
11	Angus McLeod	ATSC UK	292.25
12	Tony McGuigan	Mosman Neutral Bay NSW	292.25
13	Stephen Williams	Bathurst Rifle Club NSW	291.27
14	Matt Shepherd	Endeavour Rifle Club NSW	290.36
15	Len Hayes	Shepparton/Nathalia VIC	289.15

Target Rifle B Grade

1	Alexander Hoffmann	Concord Rifle Club NSW	297.36
2	Wentao Ruan	Sydney High School NSW	290.27
3	Sandi Moore	Mosman Neutral Bay NSW	290.25
4	Patrick Jacombs	Shore Rifle Club NSW	289.25
5	Richard Brodie	Goulburn Rifle Club NSW	284.17

F Standard A Grade

1	Daniel Galea	Narromine-Dubbo NSW	347.25
2	Peter Johnstone	Marrickville Rifle Club NSW	347.21
3	John Kent	Fashions Mount Wellington NSW	345.15
4	John Simons	Broken Hill NSW	344.27
5	Heather Smith	Hornsby RSL No. 385 NSW	341.22
6	Peter Drew	Brisbane QLD	338.18
7	Graham Crowe	Explorers Rifle Club NSW	336.11

F Standard B Grade

1	Ben Wright	Bathurst Rifle Club NSW	336.18
2	Cedric May	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	322.10

F Open

1	Rod Davies	Cessnock Rifle Club NSW	358.27
2	Dave Boreham	North Arm QLD	356.30



B Wright- F Standard B Grade Winner in the McIntosh

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3	Tim Nugent	Cessnock Rifle Club NSW	355.28
4	David Pearsall	North Sydney Rifle Club Inc NSW	353.33
5	Richard Bailey	Goulburn Rifle Club NSW	351.26
6	Les Rozsnyai	Nowra Rifle Club Inc NSW	351.21
7	Daniel Jeffery	Holsworthy Rifle Club NSW	350.26
8	John Peters	Cessnock Rifle Club NSW	348.18
9	Adrian Conlon	Murray Bridge SA	346.21
10	Louis Shallis	Southern Highlands NSW	332.21

FTR

1	Daniel Sly	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	344.20
2	Alexina Bunt	Katoomba Rifle Club NSW	336.14
3	Shane Dowling	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	328.6

The Queens Prize

Passing by the office the day before the Queens, Mitchell Bailey (Holsworthy Rifle Club) was asked who was going to be in front between him and his father Jim. Mitchell was affirmative and replied without any doubt he was going to beat his Dad. Mitchell has proven his talent, no question about it - we couldn't wait to see if his statement would reveal to be true.

The sky is dark, the rain is persistent and the range looks depressing. The competition committee gets together at 7am in the Council Room with the decision made to hold the start of the competition and meet again at 10am for review.

In the meantime, a few competitors gave up and



McIntosh winner D Sly - FTR

decided to go home because they don't want to get wet, and neither do they want their gear to get wet. Some would say they are not tough enough, pointing out that Bisley wouldn't be so prestigious if the shooters were stopped because of few drops of rain.

At 10am, the decision was made to go ahead no matter what. Under the rain, pickets were taken to their position on the headland, and the chief safety officer started the clearance of the headland process. But the rain was getting worse and the committee decided to cancel altogether the first day of the Queens. Matches 12 and 13 at 500 metres and Match 14 at 600 metres were wiped off by the rain as well as the renowned Sargard Teams event.

On day two of the Queens, finally the first shots were fired with Match 16 at 700 metres.



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Kerrie McGuigan-Purcell with Michael Millen

Jim Bailey (Holsworthy Rifle Club) took the lead for A Grade, Nathan Wong (Sydney High Rifle Club) for B Grade and Andrew Lui (Sydney High Rifle Club) for C Grade. Mitchell Bailey was ranked twentieth.

At the second 700 metres, we saw Ben Emms (Lyndhurst Rifle Club), Joshua Gordon (Lyndhurst Rifle Club) and Mitchell Bailey ending equal at the top, but Jim wasn't nearby.

Match 18 became 15 shots as the weather was uncertain. Alex Davies (West Wallsend Rifle Club) took the lead, Ben was third but nevertheless was heading the leader board at the end of the day by two points

in front of Jim, just followed by Mitchell. Anything was still possible.

In B Grade, Wentao Ruan (Sydney High Rifle Club) was improving in each match that day to take the lead of stage two of the Queens.

In C Grade, Andrew Lui led the first 700 metres and Anthony Fassilis (Bankstown-Chatswood Rifle Club) was in front after the second 700 metres match. Kerrie McGuigan-Purcell (Mosman-Neutral Bay Rifle Club), after three years break due to being busy making a beautiful family, was leading the hardest match of the day - 800 metres, 15 shots.

Adithap Phaktham (Concord Rifle Club) was heading the leader board in C Grade at the end of the second stage of the Queens.

Peter Johnstone revealed to be consistent from the beginning and was leading the F Standard A Grade, Peter Harris in F Standard B Grade, Steve Rigby for F Open and Gary Faulkner in FTR.

With one day to go, even the weather on Saturday afternoon was clement with a bit of sun and blue sky. The forecast for the Sunday and final day wasn't going to be.

Day Three of the Queens started with some light rain but it was impossible to hold back, two matches at 800 metres had to go ahead. Unfortunately, the second one with 15 shots was reduced to 10 due to heavy rain.

In A Grade, Jim Bailey went ahead in the first match, Duncan Davies and son Alex took the second match with respectively 50.4 and 50.2; it was as if the rain didn't bother them. But Jim was in front for the day's aggregate. Unfortunately for Ben Emms, the rain was not his ally on that final day.

Jim Bailey was here to win his 13th Queens Prize and fifth NSW Queens. The last one at his "home" Anzac Range was in 2015, as the 2016 edition was taken by James Corbett (Benalla Rifle Club) and the 2017 edition by Jim's Commonwealth team mate Stuart Collings (Mosman-Neutral Bay Rifle Club). Well done Jim!

Jim's son, Mitchell, was fourth. Mitchell's talent is certain, but perhaps this talent needs to be coupled with a bit more experience to finish on top.

In B Grade, Wentao Ruan was the most consistent. Nicholas Hocking (Sydney Rifle Club) and Patrick Jacombs (Shore Rifle Club) won a match each, with Wentao winning the day's aggregate and the Queens in his grade.

While in C Grade, our young Mum Kerrie McGuigan-Purcell, was the queen of the day, winning Match 21 and 22 and the aggregate of day three. Unfortunately for Kerrie, Robert Logue (Katoomba Rifle Club) won the overall Queens in C Grade with 248.17. Kerrie was very close with 248.11. But the word is spreading, Kerrie is back!

In F Standard A Grade, Peter Johnstone was very consistent and this allowed him to be the Belt winner in his category. Peter is no stranger to a win in Malabar as he already won the 2016 edition.



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*Taking aim at the picturesque Anzac Range*

While in F Standard B Grade, the Queens was won by Ben Wright (Bathurst Rifle Club).

In F Open, Tim Nugent (Cessnock Rifle Club) won the Queens in his category but also of note was 15-year-old Harrison Ferrara (Lithgow Rifle Club) who took first place in Match 22 and won the aggregate of day three.

In FTR, we can say that Daniel Sly dominated the week in Malabar this year. After winning the lead up, Daniel was the Belt Winner in his category.

Queens Prize

Target Rifle A Grade

1	Jim Bailey	Holsworthy Rifle Club NSW	270.26
2	Nick Cock	Grafton NSW	269.23

*Competing at Anzac Range*

3	Duncan Davies	West Wallsend NSW	269.20
4	Mitchell Bailey	Holsworthy Rifle Club NSW	267.22
5	Ben Emms	Lyndhurst Rifle Club NSW	266.27
6	Angus Bell	Port Jackson Rifle Club NSW	266.22
7	Angus Martin	Roseville NSW	266.19
8	Christopher Schwebel	Holsworthy NSW	266.19
9	Mal McKenzie	Wingham NSW	265.20
10	Alex Davies	West Wallsend Rifle Club NSW	265.19
11	Stephen Williams	Bathurst Rifle Club NSW	263.21
12	Joshua Gordon	Lyndhurst Rifle Club NSW	262.25
13	Don Thompson	Natives QLD	262.13
14	Stuart Collings	Mosman Neutral Bay NSW	261.21
15	Mark Thurtell	Lyndhurst NSW	261.20
16	Angus McLeod	ATSC UK	261.19
17	Matt Shepherd	Endeavour Rifle Club NSW	260.25
18	Rex Waite	West Wallsend NSW	260.24
19	Philip Betts	Karramomus VIC	260.23
20	Tony McGuigan	Mosman Neutral Bay NSW	259.21
21	Andrew Sims	Port Jackson Rifle Club NSW	258.17
22	Adrian Bonanni	Hornsby RSL No. 385 NSW	258.17
23	Mark Buchanan	Roseville Rifle Club NSW	257.25
24	Jim Jeffery	Lyndhurst Rifle Club NSW	257.19
25	John Baxter	Lithgow Small Arms NSW	257.15
26	David McIntosh	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	256.18
27	Bill Ballantyne	Hornsby RSL NSW	255.17
28	Christopher Maher	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	255.16



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Tim Nugent FO, Peter Johnstone FSTDA, Daniel Sly FTR

29	Mike Chad	Port Macquarie Rifle Club NSW	254.16
30	Mark Wilson	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	253.12

Target Rifle B Grade

1	Wentao Ruan	Sydney High School NSW	264.20
2	Patrick Jacombs	Shore Rifle Club NSW	263.17
3	Nicholas Hocking	Sydney Rifle Club NSW	263.13
4	Alexander Hoffmann	Concord Rifle Club NSW	259.21
5	Graham Kelly	Coonabarabran NSW	252.15
6	Raymond Wilson	Katoomba Rifle Club NSW	252.13
7	Bob Phillips	West Wallsend Rifle Club NSW	251.12
8	Damon Livermore	Sydney Rifle Club NSW	250.19
9	Richard McRae	Warragul/Drouin VIC	249.9
10	Jeremy Chan	Sydney High School NSW	246.15
11	Nathan Wong	Sydney High Rifle Club NSW	244.14
12	Adam Beale	Shore Rifle Club NSW	242.13
13	Wayne Bunting	West Wallsend NSW	240.11
14	Edwin Hooper	Newington College Rifle Club NSW	240.11
15	Sandi Moore	Mosman Neutral Bay NSW	235.11

Target Rifle C Grade

1	Robert Logue	Katoomba Rifle Club NSW	248.17
2	Kerrie Purcell	Mosman Neutral Bay NSW	248.11
3	Adithap Phaktham	Concord Rifle Club NSW	248.11

4	Anthony Fassilis	Bankstown Chatswood NSW	242.14
5	Yves Platt	The Scots College Rifle Club NSW	240.11

F Standard A Grade

1	Peter Johnstone	Marrickville Rifle Club NSW	305.14
2	John Simons	Broken Hill NSW	305.13
3	Ralph Garlick	Lyndhurst Rifle Club NSW	304.13
4	Daniel Galea	Narromine-Dubbo NSW	302.14
5	Michael Cuda	Roseville Rifle Club NSW	301.14
6	Kevin Doohan	Cessnock Rifle Club NSW	300.14
7	Peter Drew	Brisbane QLD	300.10
8	Heather Smith	Hornsby RSL No. 385 NSW	300.10
9	Dave Phipps	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	299.8
10	Graham Crowe	Explorers Rifle Club NSW	295.10
11	Bruce Rowlands	Lyndhurst Rifle Club NSW	294.9
12	Greg Emms	Lyndhurst Rifle Club NSW	293.9
13	John Kent	Fashions Mount Wellington NSW	291.10
14	Christopher Rigby	Gosford District NSW	290.8
15	Robert Bartlett	Wingham Rifle Club NSW	286.11

F Standard B Grade

1	Ben Wright	Bathurst Rifle Club NSW	295.13
2	Joseph Jason	Concord Rifle Club NSW	295.11



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3	Ronny Ware	Nowra NSW	287.11
4	Cedric May	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	284.6
5	Keryn Baker-Turley	Port Macquarie NSW	276.8

F Open

1	Tim Nugent	Cessnock Rifle Club NSW	320.14
2	Jacko Bending	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	317.17
3	Matt Paroz	North Sydney Rifle Club NSW	315.25
4	Les Rozsnyai	Nowra Rifle Club Inc NSW	315.20
5	Rod Davies	Cessnock Rifle Club NSW	314.20
6	Adrian Conlon	Murray Bridge SA	313.11
7	Steve Rigby	Railway & Tramway Inst. NSW	312.19
8	John Peters	Cessnock Rifle Club NSW	311.13
9	Joshua Ferrara	Lithgow Rifle Club Inc NSW	309.13
10	Michael Henry	Railway & Tramway Inst. NSW	307.13
11	Daniel Jeffery	Holsworthy Rifle Club NSW	306.8
12	Dave Boreham	North Arm QLD	304.17
13	Harrison Ferrara	Lithgow Rifle Club Inc NSW	304.15
14	Wu Lau	Hornsby RSL Rifle Club No. 385 NSW	303.17
15	Louis Shallis	Southern Highlands NSW	302.5

FTR

1	Daniel Sly	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	311.13
2	Gary Faulkner	Roseville Rifle Club NSW	311.9
3	Mick Punturiero	Loxton SA	298.14
4	Shane Dowling	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	283.11
5	Alan Bowyer-Tagg	Hornsby RSL No. 385 NSW	280.8

To finish, Nick Cock (Grafton Rifle Club) won the Grand Aggregate JC McIntosh and NSW Queens, followed by Chris Schwebel (Holsworthy Rifle Club) and Mal McKenzie (Wingham Rifle Club) for the A Grade. Well done Gentlemen.

The B Grade Grand Aggregate went to Alex Hoffmann.

For the F Class, the Grand Aggregate was the mirror of the Queens, with the F Standard A Grade Grand Aggregate going to Peter Johnstone and the F Standard B Grade to Ben Wright.

F Open went to Tim Nugent and FTR to Daniel Sly.

Grand Aggregate**Target Rifle A Grade**

1	Nick Cock	Grafton NSW	566.61
2	Christopher Schwebel	Holsworthy NSW	563.53
3	Mal McKenzie	Wingham NSW	562.41
4	Angus Bell	Port Jackson Rifle Club NSW	561.44
5	Don Thompson	Natives QLD	556.45
6	Mark Buchanan	Roseville Rifle Club NSW	555.62
7	David McIntosh	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	555.45
8	Stephen Williams	Bathurst Rifle Club NSW	554.48
9	Philip Betts	Karramomus VIC	553.52
10	Angus McLeod	ATSC UK	553.44
11	John Baxter	Lithgow Small Arms NSW	552.43
12	Tony McGuigan	Mosman Neutral Bay NSW	551.46
13	Matt Shepherd	Endeavour Rifle Club NSW	550.61
14	Len Hayes	Shepparton/Nathalia VIC	537.28
15	Bill Ballantyne	Hornsby RSL NSW	522.34



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Target Rifle B Grade

1	Alexander Hoffmann	Concord Rifle Club NSW	556.57
2	Wentao Ruan	Sydney High School NSW	554.47
3	Patrick Jacombs	Shore Rifle Club NSW	552.42
4	Bob Phillips	West Wallsend Rifle Club NSW	531.33
5	Jeremy Chan	Sydney High School NSW	530.30

F Standard A Grade

1	Peter Johnstone	Marrickville Rifle Club NSW	652.35
2	John Simons	Broken Hill NSW	649.40
3	Daniel Galea	Narromine-Dubbo NSW	649.39
4	Heather Smith	Hornsby RSL No. 385 NSW	641.32
5	Peter Drew	Brisbane QLD	638.28
6	John Kent	Fashions Mount Wellington NSW	636.25
7	Graham Crowe	Explorers Rifle Club NSW	631.21
8	Robert Bartlett	Wingham Rifle Club NSW	619.32

F Standard B Grade

1	Ben Wright	Bathurst Rifle Club NSW	631.31
2	Cedric May	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	606.16

F Open

1	Tim Nugent	Cessnock Rifle Club NSW	675.42
2	Rod Davies	Cessnock Rifle Club NSW	672.47
3	Les Rozsnyai	Nowra Rifle Club NSW	666.41
4	Dave Boreham	North Arm QLD	660.47
5	Adrian Conlon	Murray Bridge SA	659.32
6	John Peters	Cessnock Rifle Club NSW	659.31
7	Daniel Jeffery	Holsworthy Rifle Club NSW	656.34
8	David Pearsall	North Sydney Rifle Club NSW	646.48
9	Louis Shallis	Southern Highlands NSW	634.26

FTR

1	Daniel Sly	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	655.33
2	Shane Dowling	Canberra Rifle Club ACT	611.17
3	Indy Cooney	The Scots College Rifle Club NSW	548.7

Now that 2018 Edition of the NSW Queens Prize is over, you can already mark your diary for the 2019 Edition. See you all on the beautiful Anzac Range in Malabar from Wednesday October 9 to Sunday October 13, 2019.

Australian Match Rifle and Long Range F Class Championships

Article and photos by Susan Weisser

Early October 2018 saw long-range shooters from across Australia travelling to Coonabarabran NSW to compete in the Australian Match Rifle and Long Range F Class Championships. The 2018 event marked 25 years since the first Australian championships shot on the Woomera Range in South Australia. Shot over three and a half days and 10 ranges, with the last being a 20 shot match at 1200 yards, the Nationals again proved to be a true test of marksmanship.

The range was presented in great condition despite the drought (and kangaroo plague) with the NSW Match Rifle Association and Coonabarabran Rifle Club having spent nearly \$2,000 in recent months reshaping and grooming the long distance mounds in preparation for the Nationals.



F Open

Weather conditions throughout the week were good with the only hiccup being a bit of rain on the morning of day three making the 1100 yard mound a bit 'boggy' so the decision was made to shoot that stage back at 1200 yards, resulting in 1 x 1000 yards and 2 x 1200 yard ranges shot on day three.

Match Rifle

Low Horwood got off to a great start in match rifle, taking two of the three ranges on day one and the daily aggregate. Day two however, saw the honours spread between Graham Mincham (1000 yards), Paul Monaghan (1100 yards) and Viv Hunt (1200 yards) with Paul taking the day two aggregate.

Day three saw a new contender - with Tom Smith from Queensland taking both of the 1200 yard wins. However, the best shoot of the MR competition went to a (pretty happy!) Paul Monaghan with a perfect 75.15 at 1000 yards, helping him to the day three aggregate.



Badge Winners

Paul then followed up with a near perfect 99.10 for the 20 shot match at 1200 yards which confirmed his win of the grand aggregate and MR Challenge Cup on 759.70 from Tom Smith on 748.56 and Alan Blain on 746.55.

In MR Reserve, Viv Hunt won five of the 10 ranges on offer as well as two daily aggregates. Viv was the winner of RM Reserve and the Aurora Trophy on 730.63, 14 points ahead of James Freebairn on 716.35.

F Open

There was fierce competition in F Open with six people winning ranges and a different person each day taking the daily honours. Day one saw Adrian Siebel take the first 1000 yard range, with Rob Jeffery taking 1100 and Ernie Mace 1200 yards. But it was Cliff Austen with consistent shooting all day who came through to take the day one aggregate.

Rob Jeffery took 1200 on day two with Ernie Mace taking 1100, John Dixon 1000 and Rob Jeffery the daily



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Match Rifle Open

honours. Cliff Austen picked up both the 1200 yards on day three with Adrian Siebel getting his second range win at 1000 yards. Brent Webley then stepped up on day four to take the final 20 shot match at 1200.

The F Open Grand Aggregate and Commonwealth Trophy was won by Rob Jeffery on 864.27 from Ernie Mace on 857.26 and Cliff Austen on 855.21.

FTR

FTR was dominated by a newcomer to long range shooting, with Marty Kelly from Victoria taking five of the ten ranges and the day one, day two and day three aggregates. Steve Smithson from SA took 1100 yards on day one and then team mate Matthew Lagana took 1000 yards on day two.

Marty didn't have it all his own way, however, as some late-comers from SA on day three stirred things, with Michael Hancock taking day three at 1000 yards and Daryl Dolphin taking one of the day three wins at 1200 yards and the final 20 shot 1200 yards.

The FTR Grand Aggregate and the Southern Cross Trophy was won by Marty Kelly on 835.17 by 23 points from Paul Murphy on 812.13 and Matthew Lagana third on 807.17.

The individual competition was then followed by two "friendly" events before the seriousness of the State Team events:

Freebairn Teams for MR consist of four-person self-coaching teams made up from placings in the Nationals such that high ranked and lower ranked shooters are teamed together. This year there were five teams and competition couldn't have been closer with Team Monaghan (Paul Monaghan, Viv Hunt, Mike Samuels and Stephen Clark) pipping Team Blain (Alan Blain, Philip Bain, Chris Halloran and Mark Walters) by only six centres - 288.22 (Team Monaghan) v 288.16 (Team Blain). Third was Team Horwood on 280.17 and fourth and fifth were only one point further back and again only separated on centres - Team Mincham 279.19 and Team Smith on 279.16.

F Class Pairs - For the first time the F Class Pairs was held as a drawn pairs match with one F Open and one FTR shooter drawn for each self-coaching pair; shooting "Bisley Style" (alternately). In the 50 shot match (25 shots per shooter) there were only 11 points separating all five pairs. Marty Kelly and Neville Lyons on 255.5 won by five points from Caleb Hancock and Ernie Mace on 250.3 with Michael Hancock and John Dixon a further point behind on 249.7. In fourth place were Mike Halloran and Adrian Siebel on 246.3 and in fifth position were Russall Lenehan and Rob Jeffery on 244.3.

Undoubtedly, however, the most outstanding performance for the week went to all those who managed to consume more than 80 dozen (80 x 12 = 960) homemade biscuits in less than five days! Truly a remarkable achievement. Thanks to the bakers - Kay, Marilyn, Margaret, Mike, Shane, Lew and, Susan as well as Ann, Denise and Dawn for their help in the kitchen. Over \$300 was raised from the tea and biscuits which was donated to local Coonabarabran Drought Relief.

Chief Range Officer, John Oddy, was ably assisted by Jenni, Arna and Chris and kept the mound running like clockwork. Target marking was exceptional. In fact, many commented that it was the best they had encountered. The Aldridge twins Ross and Ron, (Ross being the Butts Officer) Joey, Chi, Shane and Coonabarabran local, Bryson, all made an outstanding team.

Special thanks go our Coonabarabran Rifle Club hosts including Mick and Kate Davies and the Acacia Motor Lodge who put on a great meal for the Presentation Dinner.

Special thanks also go to major sponsors for the Championships - Spika Safes, Thales ADI and Bertram Bullets.



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All results are available on the match rifle website at www.matchrifle.org. The next Australian Match Rifle and Long Range F Class Championships are being planned for July 15-19, 2020 in Raglan, Queensland.



2018 Match Rifle and F Class State Teams and FTR Team Events

The Match Rifle and Long Range F Class State Teams events followed on from the individual Match Rifle and Long Range F Class championships at Coonabarabran in October and alongside them this year was an inaugural FTR teams event.

Match Rifle State Teams

Five States were represented in the State Match Rifle teams' competition - Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland. Match Rifle Teams can be up to six people including the Captain and Coach with four to shoot at each range.

The first competition was the Maloney Match (0 sighters and 16 shots/shooter at 1200 yards) which was won by Queensland with 295.16 with NSW only two points behind in second place on 293.15 and Victoria in third place only three centres behind on 293.12. This was the first time that a Queensland team has won a State Teams event and at the presentation a pretty happy Captain, Viv Hunt, reflected on the work that the team had put into preparing for the event.

The second competition, the Rowlands Trophy (15 shots/shooter at 1000, 1100 and 1200 yards), was won by Victoria on 862.59 with New South Wales again second on 855.73 and Queensland third on 843.55. Victoria took the lead after 1000 yards by four points from Queensland with NSW a further point behind. At 1100 yards, NSW made up five points on Queensland but Victoria went a further five points ahead, taking a nine point lead from NSW into the last range. NSW shot best at 1200 yards making up four points on Victoria but it was not enough, with Victoria taking the Rowlands Trophy for the third time in a row.

The President's Trophy is awarded to the highest scoring coach and shooter in the Rowlands Match and this year the trophy went to Paul Monaghan and Gil Walker from Tasmania with 221.21 by three centres from Peter Maher and Shane Courtney both on 221.18.

The Mincham Team Aggregate was won by Victoria on 1155.71 from New South Wales on 1148.88 and Queensland third on 1138.71. Tasmania finished in fourth place on 1116.88 with South Australia fifth on 1100.61.

F Open State Teams

Three teams competed in the F Open State team competition with Queensland entering what proved to be a strong team combination for their inaugural foray into this competition. New South Wales took a full five person team and a reserve to Coonabarabran with a number of members new to State Team competition. South Australia also provided a strong showing despite some of the members only arriving the day previously, having travelled from competition in Canberra earlier in the week.

The NSW team made a clean sweep of all F Open team events winning the Victoria Match by four points from Queensland, the NSW Match by ten points from Queensland and the South Australian Team Aggregate Trophy on 1004.30 by 14 points from Queensland with South Australia third in all competitions. The NSW team shot a total of 30 "Super X's" - nearly double the number shot by other teams which was a credit to



Winning Victorian Team left to right - Peter Maher, Alan Blain, Shane Courtney and Lew Horwod

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Winners in NSW F Open – left to right Neville Lyons, John Dixon, Alan Seaman, Adrian Siebel and Robert Jeffery

the high-quality coaching and shooting as well as the great conditions that Coonabarabran dished up for this competition.

The President's Trophy for the highest scoring coach and shooter in the NSW Match went to Peter Broom and Graham Mincham from QLD with 258.12. Two NSW shooters were only separated by one centre for second and third place in the President's Trophy - John Dixon (255.11) and Adrian Siebel (255.10) - both coached by Alan Seaman.

FTR Teams

This was the inaugural FTR Teams competition and was organised to assess the interest in long range FTR team shooting. It was pleasing that three States, Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia all provided teams. Teams could consist of two - four people including Captain and Coach. Composite teams made of members from different States were allowed provided that each State was only represented in one team.

Competition in the first event (0 sighters and 16 shots/shooter at 1200 yards) was extremely close with all three teams only separated by two points. Victoria won the first event on 145.1 from New South Wales second on 144.1 and South Australia third on 143.3.

New South Wales on 462.11 won the second event (The Dyson) which consisted of 15 shots for each shooter at the three ranges of 1000, 1100 and 1200 yards. NSW won this event narrowly by four points from South Australia on 458.11.

New South Wales then also won the FTR Team Aggregate event with 606.12 from South Australia on 601.14 and Victoria on 592.8.

Given the great response to the inaugural FTR Teams' competition, it is hoped that this competition can be further developed to become an approved State Teams event in coming years.



Aran Dyson presenting the trophy to the winning FTR team (NSW) – left to right Arna Dyson, Michael Halloran, Jenni Hausler and David Vivien-Jones

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Match Rifle State Teams



Victoria - Lew Horwood, Peter Maher, Shane Courtney, Alan Blain



New South Wales - Philip Bain, Chris Halloran, David Xuereb, Robert Halloran



Queensland - Graham Mincham, Tom Smith, John Kielly, Ernie Mace, Mike Samuels, Viv Hunt



South Australia - William Freebairn, James Freebairn, Geoff Henderson, Willy Schaffner



Tasmania - Stephen Clark, Gil Walker, Paul Monaghan, Mark alter

Match Rifle State Teams



New South Wales - David Vivian Jones, Jenni Hausler, Mike Halloran



Victoria - Russall Lenehan, Paul Murphy, Marty Kelly, David Hillier



South Australia - Matthew Lagana, Brent Webley, Steve Smithson



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Long Range F Open State Teams



South Australia - Shooters: Daryl Dolphin, Caleb Hancock, Michael Hancock



New South Wales - Cliff Austen, John Dixon, Neville Lyons, Robert Jeffery, Adrian Siebel, Alan Seaman



They Came From QUEENSLAND! Match Rifle and F Open team members - Tom Smith, Graham Mincham, Ernie Mace, Nikki Broom (FO Shooter), Viv Hunt, Peter Broom (FO Shooter), John Kielly

The Ultra Long Range Challenge - Go Further They Did!

The Australian Championships were followed by the Ultra Long Range Challenge held at 1500 yards on Sunday October 7.

This was the second time this competition has been held and this year it was reduced to a one-day event of two stages at 1500 yards because of the preceding National competition. A total of 28 people shot the event, with most being competitors who stayed on from the National competition although pleasingly there were two people who travelled to Coonabarabran just for this event.

The weather was magic for such an event. Starting early there was a sunny day with just a slight breeze wafting a bit from side to side which you thought was perhaps one or two minutes of wind but given we were talking 1500 yards in reality was more like four or five.

For the first stage, Stephen Clark from Tasmania took the honours in Match Rifle with 66.4, John Dixon (NSW) won F Open with 72.0 and Paul Murphy (VIC) took the FTR stage with 71.1.

With the wind picking up a few more notches to make things more interesting for the second stage, everyone was totally focussed until about 11am when Rob Halloran fired up the BBQ and the odour of cooking onions and BBQ sausages came drifting across the range. Nothing can beat the smell of a BBQ in the bush! Thank you Rob.



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For the second stage, David Xuereb (NSW) was the only Match Rifle shooter to break 70 for the day, finishing with 70.1; with another Dixon – Jim Dixon from QLD – winning F Open with 68.0 and Jenni Hausler from QLD taking the range for FTR with 71.0.

In the Grand Aggregate, David Xuereb from NSW won the Match Rifle with 136.2 from Stephen Clark on 129.5 and Alan Blain third on 127.4.



Jim Dixon (QLD) won F Open with 137.1 from Rob Jeffery (NSW) on 135.2 with Greg Roberts (shooting past 1000 yards for the first time) third on 135.1.

Jenni Hausler (using a borrowed rifle) placed first in FTR with 138.0 from Paul Murphy (VIC) on 130.1 and Marty Kelly third on 128.0.

Many thanks to Margaret and Mike Halloran for providing the Grand Aggregate prizes.



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As usual the Bird Trophy was hotly competed for with all competitors across all disciplines (with the exception of David Xuereb) registering their entry. In the end it was James Freebairn (SA) who took this much sought-after trophy back to show the grandkids.

Overall, the Ultra Long Range Challenge capped off a great week of shooting at Coonabarabran which had started with the local Coonabarabran Club's annual prize meeting on the previous weekend. This was followed by the Australian Match Rifle and Long Range F Class Championships, the State Teams' events and concluded with the Ultra Long Range Challenge. This was truly a shooting extravaganza that would be hard to beat!

The next Ultra Long Range Challenge is again being planned to follow on from the local Coonabarabran Club's prize meeting on the long weekend and is proposed for October 8-10, 2019.



James Freebairn wins the Kookaburra Trophy



Jim Dixon wins the F Open Aggregate



Jenni Hausler wins the FTR Aggregate



David Xuereb wins the Match Rifle Aggregate



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Victorian Match Rifle Championship

Article and photos by Dave Hillier

Victorian Match Rifle held Round Six of the National Match Rifle and Long Range F Class Championship over the first weekend of November at the Stawell Shooting Complex. The Championship began with the Australian Match Rifle Team having a two day practice for their upcoming overseas competition tour to Great Britain to challenge for the Woomera Trophy. As expected, weather conditions for the first day's practice in November were near perfect, so team shooters got down to it.

With the practice days out of the way, long range shooters from all over Australia descended upon Stawell for the weekend's shooting competition. As always, the field of competitors was strong with thirty shooters competing for badges and awards.

Day One had near perfect conditions in the morning, with Peter Maher from Victoria taking out the first round at 1000 yards in Match Rifle Open with an impressive first possible for the day of 75.9. Tom Smith, Queensland, was chasing and was just short with a 75.8 and Rob Halloran, NSW, was next with a 74.6. Gill Walker, Tasmania, took out first at 1000 yards in Match Rifle Reserve with a 74.4. In the Long Range F Class Championship a field of 12 shooters from both FTR and F Open started strong. In FTR, Mick Punturiero, South Australia, took the first lead of the day with an 87.4 followed by Paul Murphy, Victoria, 85.3 and another South Australian, Steve Smithson and Soa Muljoatmodjo, Victorian, both on 84.1. Ever reliable Cliff Austen, NSW, striking an 82.1 and Mark Pilgrim, Victoria a 77.0 in F Open to complete the first range.

After a quick morning tea, the shooters were back at 1100 yards but as it is with the sport of long range shooting, a strong southerly wind approached that would challenge shooters. Chris Halloran, NSW took stock of the condition with a very acceptable 73.4. Current Australian Captain Paul Monaghan was not far behind with a 72.4 and Jim Kelly, Tasmania was next with 71.5. In Match Rifle Reserve it was Mark Walters ahead, also a Tasmanian with 71.7. In FTR it was



Paul Monaghan Winner MR-Open

Marty Kelly of Victoria who came back with an 83.3. Mick Punturiero found the conditions trying with 80.4, but again it was Paul Murphy who was challenging the leaders with a 78.3. In F Open, Cliff Austen 81.1 again took the lead but found the conditions not that favourable as did Mark Pilgrim who recorded 77.0.

With lunch over, the final range of the day would be at 1200 yards with a 20 shot match. In Match Rifle and Long Range F Class the first 1200 match of the championship is a 20 shot match. All shooters receive three sighters at this range. Shooters took to the mound and it was Jim Kelly in Match Rifle Open who opened his account with a 96.6, Tom Smith again just a bit unlucky with 94.8 and Paul Monaghan 93.4. Match Rifle Reserve saw Owen Henry gain an impressive 93.6. Mick Punturiero in FTR was in the lead with 105.0 over Marty Kelly 102.2 with the dark horse of the championship Steve Smithson keeping Mick and Marty very honest with 99.0. F Open was led by Cliff Austen again with a score of 107.1 over Mark Pilgrim 90.0.

With day one completed and daily aggregate scores calculated Jim Kelly was the winner in Match Rifle Open with 239.17 and Match Rifle Reserve Mark Walters was in the lead with 233.18. The winner of FTR



Cliff Austen Winner (FO) and Lew Horwood



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was Mick Punturiero on 272.8 and Cliff Austen took out F Open with 270.3.

Day Two saw a beautiful sunrise over the Pyrenees Mountains to greet the day, but that was short lived with again a strong southerly coming in, and then as luck would have it, the wind became manageable with an overcast sky. At the first range at 1000 yards in Match Rifle Open it was Shane Courtney, Victoria who was able to manage a possible with a 75.8 over Tom Smith 75.6 and slowly positioning himself was Paul Monaghan 74.9. Match Rifle Reserve had one of our founding fathers of Match Rifle Competition, Bill Freebairn from South Australia, show us all how it's done with a 74.8. It was Marty Kelly FTR who again started strong with an 84.3 and Steve Smithson just shading him with an 83.1 whilst Mick Punturiero managed a 79.2. F Open again had Cliff Austen ahead with his score of 80.2.

Light refreshments were the order of business at 1100, with a delicious spread available which was enjoyed by all.

It was now at 1100 yards that Paul Monaghan in Match Rifle Open took command of his position with a possible 75.7, and Barry Southern, Victoria was able to take it up to him with a 73.7 whilst Shane Courtney and Lew Horwood, Victoria tied for third with 73.5. Match Rifle Reserve again had Mark Walters striding out with 73.5 giving him a commanding lead. With a strong cross wind coming from the North this time, it would again challenge all our F Class shooters. In FTR, shooter Marty Kelly had a difficult time as did all of the other shooters but was still able to gain a 79.2 with Soa Muljoatmodjo gaining a second place at 1100 yards in his first ever Championship and Mick Punturiero



Mick Punturiero FTE Winner and Lew Horwood Chairman Victorian Match Rifle

recording 77.1. F Open was led by Cliff Austen with 77.2.

With a quick lunch and hurried rifle cleans it was back out to 1200 yards for the final shoot of the Victorian Championship. With conditions starting to ease, shooters approached the mound for the last time. Match Rifle Open again saw the dominance of Paul Monaghan's ability to take the lead with a 74.6 over Barry Southern 72.5 and Shane Courtney 72.4; the only shooters to get close to him. Match Rifle Reserve had Gill Walker again take a range for the second time in the championship with 70.3. Mick Punturiero at his favourite range, the 1200, showed what he can do with an 83.1 to seal a win. It was now a shoot-out for second,



L to R Mark Walters MR-Reserve, Cliff Austen FO, Paul Monaghan MR- Open and Mick Punturiero FTR Winners of the Victorian Match Rifle Championship 2018

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but in the end it was Marty Kelly 77.2 by one Super centre over Steve Smithson 77.1 to clench the deal. Cliff Austen at no time was at all threatened and took out the 1200 in F Open.

With day two of the Championship completed, the aggregate scores were completed with the winners: Paul Monaghan, Match Rifle Open 223.22; Match Rifle Reserve Mark Walters 215.18; FTR Mick Punturiero 239.4; and Cliff Austen 232.5.

The Grand Aggregate Results

Match Rifle - Open

1st	Paul Monaghan	Tasmania	460.37
2nd	Shane Courtney	Victoria	454.33
3rd	Tom Smith	Queensland	451.36

Match Rifle - Reserve

1st	Mark Walters	Tasmania	448.33
2nd	Bill Freebairn	South Australia	435.23
3rd	Gill Walker	Tasmania	435.20

FTR

1st	Mick Punturiero	South Australia	511.12
2nd	Marty Kelly	Victoria	507.18
3rd	Steve Smithson	South Australia	489.16

F Open

1st	Cliff Austen	New South Wales	502.8
2nd	Mark Pilgrim	Victoria	461.3



L to R Barry Southern and Peter Maher on the chalk



Mike Halloran, Marty Kelly and Peter Maher



Steve Smithson at 1200 Yards



Russell Leneham and Chris Halloran at 1200 Yards



Tom Smith lines up

Bathurst Rifle Club

Article by John Coghill

The Championships on October 27 and 28 this year threw up a set of conditions not seen for many years, even on a weekly club basis. Instead of the sunny day and gusty winds presented to shooters at the Saturday practice session, Sunday was still and overcast. Just a whisper of breeze from the east to north east quarter masked a treacherous mirage which grew more dangerous as the temperature went past the comfortable stage.

The disappointing attendance of just 40 shooters was cancelled out by the closeness of the competition. At the onset of shooting the overcast conditions kept the temperature down and the total lack of wind presented shooters with a great canvas on which to display their talents - and this, many did.

At the onset, the 500 yard range looked to be an easy cop as the A Grade Target Rifle competitors piled on the possibles. Local Steve Williams took the lead with 50.07 closely followed by Mark Buchanan (Roseville), John Baxter (Lithgow) and Mark Bunt (Katoomba). In Target Rifle B Grade Steve King (Fashions Mount) led with 47.04 and Target Rifle C Grade saw Fashions Mount club mate Michael Cubillo head the list with 49.02.

F Standard A Grade was the most popular discipline as Daniel Galea (Dubbo-Narromine) and Brett Bond (Lithgow) went to the front with 60.6 and 60.5 possibles ahead of their 12 rivals. F Standard B Grade was a narrow win for local Colin Howell. It seemed that the locals were well experienced with the conditions as Jeff Eppleston took out F Open but these conditions do not regularly occur on the Bathurst Range.

The mirage was starting to play with shooters as the first 600 yard range got underway. Possibles disappeared from all scorecards and some not so hot numbers appeared on others. Magpie threes started to appear on target rifle screens and inner four's became quite common with F Class competitors.

Mark Thurtell (Lyndhurst) topped a group of three in Target Rifle A Grade with 49.06 from Williams and Baxter on 49.04. Target Rifle B Grade fared somewhat worse with Adam Beale (Shore Rifle Club), King (FM) and Sean Villis (Gemfields) all dropping four points, with just centres separating them.

Galea perhaps more experienced in these type of conditions being from the wide open western plains, set up a comfortable lead in F Standard A Grade as the competition hotted up in F Standard B Grade with Lindsay Hough taking out the first 600 yard range. Andrew Beavis (North Sydney Rifle Club) pipped Jeff Eppleston for F Open honours.

With the mirage at its height and the wisp of a breeze starting to ruffle the flags the defining stage saw a couple of the leaders rolled. The flags were of little help as the mirage rarely agreed with the flags which were themselves in total disagreement.

Buchanan grabbed the lead with a range topping 49.07 which allowed him to take out the Target Rifle A Grade match aggregate by two centre bullseyes from Williams.

Beale, an up and coming junior, won two of the three ranges and secured the Target Rifle B Grade title. Crimston despite not winning a range, was the most consistent and took out Target Rifle C Grade by one point.

Despite John Simons (Broken Hill) 60.4 and Ken Eppleston (West Wallsend) 60.3 shooting possibles on the final range, Galea held on for a comfortable four point aggregate win.

Howell snatched the F Standard B Grade Aggregate from Hough with a one point win at the last range. Jeff Eppleston who has been jumping around in recent months from F Standard to FTR to F Open took out the F Open Aggregate by the wide margin of seven points.

David Waters (Katoomba) who supplied the bank of six Silver Mountain Targets and Alan Riley from Katoomba Rifle Club assisted the Bathurst Rifle Club members to conduct a successful meeting. The Willis brothers Grahame and Geoff performed the IT functions admirably.

Inverell RSM Civilian Rifle Club

72nd Annual Open Prize Shoot

Easter Weekend

SATURDAY April 20 and SUNDAY April 21, 2019

A, B and C Grade plus F/S A and B Grade and F Open
\$50 Daily Aggregate all grades - depending on numbers
\$100 for 2 Day Aggregate - depending on numbers

SATURDAY April 20 - Sign on from 7.30 - 8.30am Start

10 Counting Shots @ 600, 500, 300 yds - (Entries close 10.00am)

SUNDAY 21st April - 8.00am Start

10 Counting Shots @ 300, 500, 600 yds - (Entries close 9.30am)

- > Entry Fee - \$40 per day - \$80 both days - No dual Entries - Paid Markers both days
- > Prize money, trophy and medal for first, medals and prize money for second and third - all grades - in daily and two day aggregates
- > Embroidered badges for 2 Day Aggregate in A, B, C, F/S and F/O
- > Trophies for Junior (U/21), Tyro, Veteran and Lady
- ☐ Current Firearms licence must be sighted when nominating and
- ☐ Current Firearms licence No. must be on nomination form
- ☐ Ammunition to be supplied by competitor and must comply
- ☐ Prize money allocated according to entry numbers

This Open Prize Meeting will be conducted under the Standard Shooting Rules 2018 and as amended/approved by NRAA. The committee reserves the right to vary the programme and/or prize list if circumstances warrant.

Camping facilities on range (\$5/site/night) - Hot showers - NO powered sites.

Wet Canteen will be in operation. Lunch available both days. Courtesy bus to RSM club for meals and refreshments Saturday night, BBQ Breakfast available

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Accommodation (Supporters of shoot) - Book early because of Easter
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Gosford Open Prize Meeting

Article by Bob Smith

Photographs by Anne Smith

Despite the ominous weather forecasts and a huge storm the evening before, Gosford's OPM this year was well attended by 53 competitors. Only a few spits of rain fell on the day and the overcast conditions provided excellent light for shooting. Some exceptional scores were recorded with two target rifle shooters, Alex Davies and Pat Jacombs shooting perfect scores in match two.

All three matches were fired at 500 metres, under cover, on the large astro-turf mound. A big thanks is extended to the competitors, some who travelled long distances to attend and our club is grateful for their support.

David Morton from Port Macquarie won the event, without dropping a shot over the three matches, closely followed by Alex Davies from West Wallsend.

Range medals were awarded for first, second and third for each



Target Rifle A Grade winner David Morton and Captain Darren Smith



Target Rifle B Grade Pat Jacombs

category (first only for Target Rifle C Grade and FTR); aggregate cloth badges: first to fifth for Target Rifle A Grade and B Grade; and first only for C Grade; first to fifth for F Class A, B and Open; and first and second for FTR. Medals were awarded for Tyro, Top Lady, Veteran, Junior (Target Rifle, F Standard and F Open). Aggregate winners in each category also received prizes from our sponsors.

Results:

Target Rifle

A Grade:

David Morton	(Port Macquarie)
Alex Davies	(West Wallsend)
Dmitri Kazakov	(Roseville)

B Grade:

Patrick Jacombs	(Shore)
Adam Beale	(Shore)
Bob Phillips	(West Wallsend)



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C Grade:

Kevin Muffett (Aberdeen)

F Standard

A Grade:

Alan Ashworth (Hornsby)

Peter Walters (Roseville)

Mariette Rigby (Gosford)

B Grade:

Garry O'Dwyer (Gosford)

Michael More (Aberdeen)

Ning Shen (Gosford)

F Open:

Bill Watt (Gosford)

David Avery (Cessnock)

Peter Cascone (Nowra)

FTR:

Gary Faulkner (Roseville)

Alan Patrick (Roseville)

Cliff Austen (Nowra)

Top Veteran:

Target Rifle: Michael Chad (Port Macquarie), **F Standard:** Alan Ashworth (Hornsby),

F Open: David Avery (Cessnock)

Top Lady:

Target Rifle: Gail Roberts (Gosford), **F Standard:** Mariette Rigby (Gosford),

F Open: Anne Smith (Gosford)

Top Junior:

Target Rifle: Pat Jacombs (Shore), **F Standard:** Mariette Rigby (Gosford)

Top Tyro:

F Standard: Garry O'Dwyer (Gosford), **F Open:** David Piddington (Cessnock)

Our HEXTA Electronic Target System once again proved to be accurate and reliable. Thank you, Dmitri and Ted for this excellent system.

The canteen staff kept all the shooters and supporters well fed with delicious scotch fillet steak sandwiches and snag rolls, perfect for a cool day. A great job was done by Stuart, Joan, Greg, Bob and Mark.

Our thanks go to Ted and Karen who worked continuously on Statistics, Gail, Anne, Linda and Joan on Entries; and Mark, our tireless



Winner of Target Rifle C Grade Kevin Muffett



The winner of F Standard A Grade Alan Ashworth



In F Open the winner was Bill Watt

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Range Officer. A special thanks are extended to all the volunteers, both members and visitors, who helped to set-up and pack-up on Saturday and Sunday, this event would not be possible without your assistance.

We are also grateful to our sponsors. Without their generous support we would not have had the wide range of quality prizes on offer.

In striving to improve this event, we welcome competitor feedback, so if you have any suggestions please Email: basmith@bigpond.com



Canteen Staff- Stuart, Joan, Greg, Bob and Mark



Bruce Campbell, David Avery, Oliver Brown, Cory Gillespie and David Piddington



F Standard B Grade winner Garry O'Dwyer



The Prize Table had an array of goodies



FTR Gary Faulkner



The Stats Team - Ted and Karen



On the Firing Line

DRA Teams and State Champion of Champions

By Nikki Rees

The District Rifle Association Teams Competition and State Champion of Champions Competition was held at Wellsford Rifle Range, Bendigo over the weekend of October 20 and 21, 2018 with over 250 shooters from around Victoria in attendance.

Saturday started off with some well needed rain, however this delayed the event, with the commencement of shooting postponed until 11am. The wind was unpredictable and gusty for the shooters but they soon adjusted to the challenge. Great scores were produced with all shooters trying hard to overcome the sudden wintry weather and wet conditions. Saturday's results were:

The Ten Person Target Rifle Team was won by Goulburn Valley District Rifle Association and the five-person Target Rifle Team event was won by the locals with the Bendigo District Rifle Association taking out first place.

Goulburn Valley District Rifle Association

The State Champion of Champions winners for the day were:

F Standard - Bob Pedersen from DRA 6

F Standard Junior - Brayden Tayler from DRA 9

FTR - Mary Kelly from DRA 7

F Open - Mike Waites from DRA 9

On Sunday, Bendigo put on a lovely sunny day with temperatures reaching 23 degrees and light winds for most of the day. The day started on schedule with a muster called at 8.30 and all shooters ready for the day's action.

The competition was fierce with



Geoff Grenfell - Champion of Champions 2018

light winds and lots of camaraderie and sportsmanship between teams. Only small margins separated the final results in all the events.

Winners of the ten-person F Standard Teams event were the Metropolitan District Rifle Association which included three female shooters in the team.

Winners of the five-person F Standard Team event were again Goulburn Valley District Rifle Association ahead of the Ovens and Murray District Rifle Association.

The F Open five-person team event had six teams hotly competing for the winning honours with the Gippsland District Rifle Association

taking out the prize for the fourth year in a row. The North Western District Rifle Association came a close second and was coached by Rod Mahon from the South Bendigo Rifle Club.

The State Target Rifle Champion of Champions was won by Geoff Grenfell from Bendigo District Rifle Club for the sixth year in a row. Geoff is a Bendigo local who can often be found shooting at Wellsford Range on a Saturday.

The State Junior Champion of Champions was won by Dillon Slattery from Metropolitan District



DRA group photo

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State Junior Champion of Champions was Dillon Slattery from Metropolitan District Rifle Association



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Castlemaine and Kyneton Rifle Clubs Classic and Military Shoot

By C Jolme and G Keel,
Photos by B Jacobs, W Bell
and Y Pearce

It was a magnificent day on the Castlemaine Rifle Range on Saturday September 22, when Castlemaine and Kyneton Rifle Clubs, along with their sponsors, The Bendigo RSL and The Golden City Collectors Association of Bendigo combined to stage our annual Classic and Military Shoot. The weather was perfect and so was the day. A good number of shooters turned out to contest the event. It is a great chance to get these old rifles out and have some fun. There were two classes: Classic Target Rifle and As issued Military Rifles. Most rifles are Lee Enfield .303 of different types and some over 100 years old; Mausers of many types and calibres; and even a Berthier (with Matt - its owner - explaining why having only a three shot magazine was an advantage).

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Rifle Association. Dillion was one of the many juniors competing on the weekend. The Victorian Rifle Association has recently set up a Junior Development Fund to encourage more juniors to the sport of long-range shooting.



The winners

The first event from 300 yards is the snap, where the shooter has the target exposed for five exposures of

six seconds and is required to fire two shots, for a total of 10 shots. Next is the rapid where the shooter has 50 seconds in which to fire ten shots. The final event from 500 yards is The Deliberate. Here the 10 shots are scored individually. This gives a maximum score of 150.30.

As usual the displays were terrific. Peter Pearce, Captain of Kyneton Rifle Club displayed his immaculately original 1955 MK1 Ferret Scout Car. The vehicle has a 6 cylinder Rolls Royce Motor, is 4 wheel drive, has five forward and five reverse gears, carried a 30 calibre Browning Machine Gun and has cooking and camping gear for its two man crew. It was amazing how manoeuvrable this vehicle of nearly four tonnes was. It is a British built armoured fighting vehicle for reconnaissance purposes.

Next was an extremely rare 1917 Australian Light Horse Issue .303 calibre Hotchkiss Light Machinegun that could fire up to 600 rounds per minute. This was the first time it had been fired since its full restoration by Jeff Pannan. His

The Wellsford Rifle Range is open most weekends with members of the public encouraged to contact the Executive Officer on (03) 5449 3153 to learn more about coming and trying the sport of long-range shooting.



Goulburn Valley 5 Person Team

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demonstration and knowledge of these firearms is invaluable. Jeff is able to pass on his knowledge of these firearms so that all present can gain an appreciation of what it must have been like to use something like this in the past.

Members also had a wonderful display in the Clubhouse of rifles that had been used on the Castlemaine Range over the last 170 years. There were also plenty of items that the marksmen would have used over this period. It was very informative.

This event continues to grow in popularity and we would like to thank our sponsors - Bendigo RSL and the Golden City Collectors Association of Bendigo for making it possible. It is about preserving history.

Next year, the event is scheduled for Saturday September 21, 2019. To confirm, contact Peter Pearce, Kyneton Rifle Club on 0407 349 184, or Chris Jolme, Castlemaine Rifle Club on (03) 5474 2552.



The Ferret



A rear view of the Ferret



The Trophy Table

Results

Classic A Grade:

1.	Peter Pearce	Kyneton Rifle Club	140.10
2.	Alan Mills	Castlemaine Rifle Club.	125.2
3.	Frankie Griffo	Military Rifle Club.	92

Classic B Grade

1.	Bill Green	Kyneton Rifle Club	120.3
2.	Bob Pearce	Kyneton Rifle Club	113.3
3.	Darren Trevena	Castlemaine Rifle Club	107.2

Military A Grade

1.	Bruce Sargeant	Military Rifle Club	128.9
2.	Andrew Deans	Military Rifle Club	112

Military B Grade

1.	Malcolm Laurence	Castlemaine Rifle Club	109.1
2.	Max Elson	Castlemaine Rifle Club	109
3.	Henry Smith	Castlemaine Rifle Club	106.2



Peter Pearce, Kyneton

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The Hodgekiss machinegun



Major sponsor - Bendigo RSL



There was some wind too...



Shooters on the mound



Henry Smith, Castlemaine



Range officers Peter Pearce and Chris Jolme



Alan Mills, Castlemaine



VRA Queens 2019

Entry Form

Free entry for all shooters U21

SID:
Surname
Given Names
Phone (mobile)
Address
Town / Suburb
State / Postcode
Rifle Club
Email
Please Circle: Junior Veteran Super Vet

Syme \$130

TR / F Std / FTR / F Open \$

(please circle)

Queens \$165

TR / F Std / FTR / F Open \$

(please circle)

Camping - unpowered

\$10/night \$

Size of Van Feet _____

Rifle Storage \$5

per rifle per day \$

TOTAL PAYABLE \$

All amounts are inclusive of GST

Current Grade: (please circle)

TR

A	B	C
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F Std

A	B
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I certify that I have checked my eligibility for the categories as indicated above. I am a financial member of my State Rifle Association and/or a financial member of a NRAA affiliated body. I acknowledge the SSR's under which this competition is conducted and the maximum muzzle energy limit of 3500 ft-lb. I am the holder of the appropriate firearms licence and/or permit.

Signature (Competitor):

Send Entry forms to:

Victorian Rifle Association
PO Box 5078
Sandhurst East
Victoria 3550

Contact: Executive Officer
Phone: 03 5449 3153 Fax: 03 5449 3954
Web: www.vra.asn.au
Email: vra@vra.asn.au

Payment Method

Direct Deposit: Ref: enter your name
BSB: 633-000 A/C: 119597292

Credit Card Payment (Visa or MasterCard only)

Card Number: - - -

Expiry Date: /

Name on Card:

Signature:

completing and sending this form electronically will be considered the same as execution of a signature

Victoria Police Centennial Open Prize Meeting



Article and Photos by
Nikki Rees

The Victoria Police Centennial Open Prize Meeting was held on November 10, 2018 at Wellsford range Junortoun (near Bendigo) Victoria. This year the event was held in conjunction with the Victorian Rifle Association hosting an Armistice Day match remembering the end of WW1 with the signing of the Armistice a century ago.

This year in conjunction with VRA we asked for competitors to pre-



F Standard A – Aggregate Winners 1- Bruce Serjeant (Werribee RC) 2- David Wallace (ECDRA) 3- Kevin Epps (Nagambie RC)



The Victoria Police Rifle Club team members - From Left - Trevor Lyon, Bob Herron, Peter Kelley, Alison Drinkwater and Andrew Drinkwater

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enter for the purpose of catering and arranging range officials for both events.

The club continued with last year's theme continuing the remembrance of World War 1 and this year recalling the eve of the centenary of the end of the war with the armistice signing on 11.11.18.

The prize winners for the VPRC event received certificates for product in the VRA shop with the trophies and medals being held over until the Armistice match on Armistice Day and presented by the Bendigo RSL Executive.

The VPRC event consisted of three shoots of two sighters and 10 scoring shots at 1000 yards. The wind could be best described as variable and this was reflected in the day's scores. The weather was a perfect 23 Celsius throughout the day so there were no complaints there.

This year all competitors were VRA or affiliates shooting all classes from Target Rifle Grades A, B, C, F Standard A Grade and B Grade, F Open and FTR.

Aggregate Results

A Grade

1 Simon Whatley Katandra VIC 141.10



Target Rifle B – Aggregate Winners 1 - Richard McRae (Warragul/Drouin RC) 2 - Frank Horgan (Bacchus Marsh RC) 3 - Peter Kelley (Wangaratta RC)

2	Peter O Dwyer	Katandra VIC	139.7
3	Barry Wood	Katandra VIC	137.4
4	David Brewster	Fitzroy/Caulfield VIC	133.11
5	Ross Jackson	Yarram VIC	130.9

2	Frank Horgan	Bacchus Marsh VIC	131.4
3	Peter Kelley	Wangaratta VIC	114.4
4	Peter Farley	MCC VIC	112.4

B Grade

1 Richard McRae Warragul/Drouin VIC 137.5



F Standard B – Aggregate Winners 1 - Alison Drinkwater (Vic Police RC) 2 - Andrew Drinkwater (Vic Police RC) 3 - Clinton Franks (Werribee RC)



F Open – Aggregate Winners 1 - Steve Nelson (Rosedale RC) 2 - Peter Lazos (South Bendigo RC) 3 - Paul Zahra (South Bendigo RC)

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C Grade

1 Myles McCormack Lang Lang VIC 88.1

F Standard A Grade

1 Bruce Serjeant Werribee VIC 152.4

2 David Wallace East Central DRA VIC 150.3

3 Kevin Epps Nagambie VIC 140.2

F Standard B Grade

1 Alison Drinkwater Vic Police VIC 142.3

2 Andrew Drinkwater Vic Police VIC 125.1

3 Clinton Franks Werribee VIC 106.1

4 Robert Herron Vic Police VIC 82.0

F Open

1 Steve Nelson Rosedale VIC 165.7

2 Peter Lazos South Bendigo VIC 162.5

3 Paul Zahra South Bendigo 160.5

4 Terrence Gee East Central DRA VIC 158.6

FTR

1 Doug Chalmers Robinvale VIC 161.4

2 Marty Kelly East Central DRA VIC 154.3

3 Graeme Kerr East Central DRA VIC 152.3

4 Ian Parks Geelong VIC 152.2

This year all shooting was on standard paper targets and special thanks go to the markers and range officials for their efforts in making the event a success.

Congratulations to the prize winners and thanks to everyone who participated and supported the event.

We hope to see you all again next year.



Target Rifle A – Aggregate Winners 1 - Simon Whatley (Katandra RC) 2 - Peter O Dwyer (Katandra RC) 3 - Barry Wood (Katandra RC)



FTR A – Aggregate Winners 1 - Doug Chalmers (Robinvale RC) 2 - Marty Kelly (ECDRA) 3 - Graeme Kerr (ECDRA)



Target Rifle C – Aggregate Winner 1 - Myles McCormack and Vic Pol Organiser – Bob Herron

Campbell Town Prize Meet

Article and photos by
Rodney Winwood

The Campbell Town rifle range prize meet was held on September 22 over 500, 600 and the 700 yard ranges. The last range didn't go as planned due to a range failure (it happens).

The weather was great with a strong breeze going across the range. Our range as always was in great shape and a pleasure to be on. With a total of 17 shooters turning up it was time for a 9.30 start.

In Target Rifle A Grade, ever young Micheil Sweet shot a 48-05 with John Hope next on 47-06 and then Mark Walters with 44.06. In Target Rifle B Grade, Peter Hannaford was top with 48-03 followed by Peter Harris on 46-04. Steve Clark was top in F Open with 59-07 with Alistair Cameron next on 56-04, Jason Andrews 51-03 and Simon Hansen 49-00. In F Standard A Grade Neville McKinnell was top with 57-01, followed by Brendon Hunt and Bruce Johnston both on 55-02; then Phillip Oliver on 55-00. In F Standard B Grade, Barry Gough was top with a nice 57-03, then on 55-02 was Stephen Tamassy, Robert Armstrong on 54-03 and Les Scholz on 53-01.



Down range



The range

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Next it was back to 600 with a much stronger breeze to contend with and again in Target Rifle A Grade, Micheil Sweet was on top with a fine 49-07. John was next on 46-01 then Mark with 45-02. In Target Rifle B Grade, Peter Harris was top with 47-02, then Peter Hannaford with 45-00. In F Open, Alastair Cameron was top with 55-01, then Steve Clark with 54-04, Jason Andrews 52-04 and Simon Hansen 46-00. In F Standard A Grade, Brendon was top with 57-03, with Neville next 52-02, Bruce 52-00, and Phillip on 50-01. In F Standard B Grade, Barry Gough was again top with 57-02, next was Robert on 52-03, then Stephen with 49-00, and Les with 45-00.



Peter Harris



Peter Evans



Bruce loading up for a shot



Neville McKinnell taking aim



On the mound

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As previously mentioned, the 700 yard range didn't happen, so that was it for the day.

Overall, in Target Rifle A Grade Micheil Sweet was top with 97-12, with John Hope next on 93-07 and Mark Walters 89-08. For Target Rifle B Grade, Peter Harris was top with 93-06 followed by Peter Hannaford on 93-03. In F Open, Steve Clark was top with 113-11 with Alistair Cameron 111-05, Jason Andrews 103-07 and Simon Hansen 95-00 next. In F Standard A Grade, Brendon Hunt was top with 97-12, followed by Neville McKinnell on 109-03, Bruce Johnston with 107-02 and Phillip Oliver recording 105-01. In F Standard B Grade, Barry Gough was again top with 114-05, next on 106-06 was Robert Armstrong, then Stephen Tamassy 104-02 and Les Scholz 98-01.

The prize meeting was over with some great trophies once again handed out to the winners.



Brendon with Robert



John Hope checking his shot



Barry Gough



Phillip Oliver



Micheil Sweet with Steve Clark



Andrew and Phillip



Three wise men



After the shoot



Robert Armstrong

North Arm - Lilley District PM



Article by Grant Larsen,
Photographs by Des Voght

Nick Abrahall from Grafton Rifle Club took out the Grand Aggregate in Target Rifle A Grade while Andrew Burns from North Arm won F Open at the North Arm shoot

The Davison Range Target Sports Complex fullbore range turned on all types of conditions which tested competitors at the North Arm Rifle Club and Lilley District Prize Shoot at North Arm; the last Open event for 2018.

Gusts had shooters constantly cranking their sights in an attempt to try and stay on target, with even the best challenged to stay on top.

Nick Abrahall from Grafton scored a win on Saturday, taking out the North Arm Rifle Club trophy and



Dan Purdie MP, Member for Ninderry, presenting the North Arm Aggregate prize to Nick Abrahall from Grafton for Target Rifle A



CLERMONT RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Open Prize Meeting Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th May 2019
Billy Sing Marksman Monday 6th May 2019
Call in on the way to the Veterans Teams in Townsville

OPM Saturday 4th May—8.00am start

1 x 10 shot match @ 400m, 2 x 10 shot matches @ 600m

Sunday 5th May— 8.00 am start

1 x 10 shot match @ 500m 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 6th May nomination \$40.00 Start 8.30am

2 x 300 metre 10 shot matches inc 2 marked sighters, time 3 minutes per 10 shot match

2 x 600 metre 10 shot matches inc 2 marked sighters, time 3 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 recorded, 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—

clermonttrifle@yahoo.com.au



Dan Purdie MP, Member for Ninderry, presenting the North Arm Aggregate prize to Nikk Ellis from Crows Nest/Goombungee for Target Rifle B



Dan Purdie MP, Member for Ninderry, presenting the North Arm Aggregate prize to Tim Boase from Ipswich for Target Rifle C



Dan Purdie MP, Member for Ninderry, presenting the North Arm Aggregate prize to Denis Aarons from North Arm for F Standard A

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the two-day aggregate at the end of shooting on Sunday for Target Rifle A Grade. Rod Prayle from Maryborough won the Lilley District trophy for Sunday's shoot.

The six-range winning aggregate with only four missed bulls posted by Nick, reflected the conditions and made slow progress for the big field of 82 competitors at the two-day event on October 27 and 28.

A big contingent of F Class shooters mixed with target rifle shooters on electronic targets and .303 enthusiasts shot on a manually marked target.

In B Grade, Crows Nest-

Goombungee shooter Nikk Ellis took the North Arm trophy and Des Voght from North Arm won the Lilley District and Grand Aggregate trophies.

Tim Boase from Ipswich won the North Arm trophy and David Richardson from North Arm won the Lilley District and Grand Aggregate trophies in C Grade.

North Arm local Denis Aarons won the F Standard A Grade on Saturday and Andrew McKillop from Bundaberg- Burnett won Lilley District and the Grand Aggregate.

F Standard B Grade was won by Ivor Davidson from Ipswich on Saturday and Peter Birch from

North Arm on Sunday. Peter went on to win the Grand Aggregate.

Brisbane's Frans Knox dominated the FTR class on Saturday and North Arm's Ian Skipworth won Lilley District on Sunday. Greg Hansen from North Arm won the Grand Aggregate in FTR for the two days.

Lowell Tillack from Goondiwindi took out the North Arm trophy for F Open on Saturday while Josh Reid from Ipswich won the Lilley District competition on Sunday and Andrew Burns from North Arm won the Grand Aggregate.



Dan Purdie MP, Member for Ninderry, presenting the North Arm Aggregate prize to Ivor Davidson from Ipswich for F Standard B



Dan Purdie MP, Member for Ninderry, presenting the North Arm Aggregate prize to Lowell Tillack from Goondiwindi for F Open

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Clermont's Anthony Wilson won Saturday, Peter Richards from the Queensland Military Rifle Club put on a dominant display winning the Lilley District .303 rifle competition on Sunday, while Anthony Wilson won the Grand Aggregate.

The North Arm Rifle Club Aggregate prizes were presented by North Arm patron and Member for Ninderry, Dan Purdie MP.

Badge-winning aggregate results for North Arm's Saturday competition are:

A Grade

1. Nick Abrahall (Grafton)	150.14
2. Michael Dickenson (Pratten)	148.11
3. Michelle Fletcher (North Arm)	146.11
4. John Gilliland (Crows Nest/Goom)	145.09

B Grade

1. Nikk Ellis (Crows Nest/Goom)	143.10
2. Russell Saxby (Goondiwindi)	143.09
3. Des Voght (North Arm)	142.09

C Grade

1. Tim Boase (Ipswich)	141.07
2. David Richardson (North Arm)	127.04

F Class Standard A Grade

1. Denis Aarons (North Arm)	176.08
2. Tim Riddle (North Arm)	174.09
3. Andrew McKillop (B'berg/Burnett)	173.17
4. Glenn Rush (Ipswich)	171.11
5. John Bloomer (Grafton)	170.11

F Class Standard B Grade

1. Ivor Davidson (Ipswich)	169.11
2. Neil Austin (Crows Nest/Goom)	168.09
3. Brian Hansen (Ipswich)	167.10
4. Peter Birch (North Arm)	166.08
5. Rupert Hall (North Arm)	161.07

F Class Open

1. Lowell Tillack (Goondiwindi)	178.15
2. Andrew Burns (North Arm)	177.13
3. Dennis Brown (Crows Nest/Goom)	177.10
4. Dave Boreham (North Arm)	176.14
5. David Avery (Cessnock)	176.12

FTR

1. Frans Knox (Brisbane)	175.12
2. Greg Hansen (North Arm)	172.08
3. Ron Millingen (Murwillumbah)	170.09
4. Ian Skipworth (North Arm)	169.08
5. Gary Towers (B'berg/Burnett)	168.06

.303

1. Anthony Wilson (Clermont)	146.08
2. Josh Turner (B'berg/Burnett)	145.17
3. Bob Bull (North Arm)	140.07



Dan Purdie MP, Member for Ninderry, presenting the North Arm Aggregate prize to Frans Knox from Brisbane for FTR



Dan Purdie MP, Member for Ninderry, presenting the North Arm Aggregate prize to Anthony Wilson from Clermont for .303 competition

On Sunday 28th, 81 competitors contested the Lilley District Rifle Association Prize Meeting conducted over 500 yards and two 600 yard ranges. Conditions were similar to Saturday and the variable conditions had many shooters bewildered.

Badge-winning aggregate results for Lilley District's Sunday competition are:

A Grade

1. Rod Prayle (Maryborough)	149.17
2. Nick Abrahall (Grafton)	146.16
3. Michelle Fletcher (North Arm)	146.15
4. Kim O'Loughlen (Natives)	146.10
5. Scott Robson (North Arm)	145.10

B Grade

1. Des Voght (North Arm)	147.13
2. Peter Brown (Grafton)	143.11

3. Emily Cronin (Clermont)	141.16
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C Grade

1. David Richardson (North Arm)	141.06
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F Class Standard A Grade

1. Andrew McKillop (B'berg/Burnett)	178.19
2. Henk Doggen (Beauesert)	177.10
3. Ivo Munro (North Arm)	176.15
4. Tim Riddle (North Arm)	175.06
5. Marty Duffield (Mariners)	173.11

F Class Standard B Grade

1. Peter Birch (North Arm)	171.08
2. Brian Pickles (Natives)	170.06
3. Neil Austin (Crows Nest/Goom)	167.06
4. Ivor Davidson (Ipswich)	166.01
5. Jennifer Hall (North Arm)	163.06

F Class Open

1. Josh Reid (Ipswich)	178.12
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2.	Andrew Burns (North Arm)	177.18
3.	Craig McGowan (Brisbane)	177.14
4.	Dave Boreham (North Arm)	175.17
5.	Tony Berry (Beaudesert)	174.13
6.	David Avery (Cessnock)	174.09

FTR

1.	Ian Skipworth (North Arm)	170.09
2.	Greg Hansen (North Arm)	169.14
3.	Gary Towers (B'berg/Burnett)	169.11
4.	Rodger Hannemann (Crows Nest/G)	169.03

.303

1.	Peter Richards (QMRC)	150.15
2.	Anthony Wilson (Clermont)	148.13
3.	Josh Turner (B'berg/Burnett)	145.11

The Lilley District Rifle Association Aggregate and Grand Aggregate prizes were presented by QRA representatives, Shawn Birch and Andrew McKillop.

The Grand Aggregate results for the two days are:

A Grade

1.	Nick Abrahall (Grafton)	296.30
2.	Rod Prayle (Maryborough)	292.31

B Grade

1.	Des Voght (North Arm)	289.22
2.	Russell Saxby (Goondiwindi)	284.19

C Grade

1.	David Richardson (North Arm)	268.10
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F Class Standard A Grade

1.	Andrew McKillop (B'berg/Burnett)	351.36
2.	Tim Riddle (North Arm)	349.15

F Class Standard B Grade

1.	Peter Birch (North Arm)	337.16
2.	Neil Austin (Crows Nest/Goom)	335.15

F Class Open

1.	Andrew Burns (North Arm)	354.31
2.	Dave Boreham (North Arm)	351.31

FTR

1.	Greg Hansen (North Arm)	341.22
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.303

1.	Anthony Wilson (Clermont)	294.21
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The grocery hamper raffle was won by Ian Skipworth.

The North Arm Rifle Club and Lilley District Rifle Association sincerely wish to thank the competitors for attending and making this special weekend a success, the club members and supporters who work behind the scenes to run a very professional competition, the excellent team of markers and all the sponsors.



Bob, Riley, Jessica and Kristine Crawford from Gympie/Kilkivan



Grafton shooters – Nick Abrahall, John Bloomer and Peter Brown with Rod Wood (QMRC)



Relaxing after Saturday's competition



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Faces from the Lilley District PM





NORTH QUEENSLAND RIFLE ASSOCIATION INC.

QUEENS

May 15-19, 2019

Hervey's Range Shooting Complex, Townsville

Office use
only

Entry no:

Receipt no:

ENTRY FORM

Surname			Given name			NRAA SID	
Mailing address							
State		Postcode		Club			
Phone			Email				
Firearms licence no							

PLEASE TICK THE RELEVANT BOXES:

Target Rifle	A ☐	B ☐	C ☐	F Class	Standard A ☐	B ☐	Open ☐	F/TR ☐
Percy Pavey Memorial Aggregate ☐ (Open to NQRA members – TR only)				John Baxter Aggregate ☐ (Open to NQRA members – F Class only)				
Veteran ☐ (60 years of age or over)		Under 25 ☐		Australian Army Rifle Association ☐ (Serving members of the defence force or the defence force reserve)				

Matches	Entry fee	Early nomination fee (payment & nomination received by 30/04/19)	Payment due
Wilson Aggregate (May 15-16)	\$110	\$105	
Queens series (May 17-19)	\$155	\$145	
Caravan/tent fee/night	Powered site \$10 Unpowered site \$5	Stay for _____ nights	
Total payment (GST inclusive):			
Method of payment: (NB. Payment by credit card is not possible)	☐ direct deposit to BSB 084 797 (NAB), A/C 56 844 7171 (A/C name: North Queensland Rifle Association) Please use your surname as reference ☐ cash ☐ cheque or money order (payable to North Queensland Rifle Association)		
NQRA Contact Details	NQRA Administration Officer, PO Box 918, Ravenshoe QLD 4888 Email: nqraoffice@gmail.com Phone: (07) 4097 7741		

Program	Tue May 14	Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club Prize Meeting: 700m, 800m & 900m x 10 shots
	Wed May 15	Wilson Day 1: 500m, 600m & 600m x 10 shots
	Thurs May 16	Wilson Day 2: 700m, 800m & 900m x 10 shots
	Fri May 17	Queens Day 1: 500m, 600m & 600m x 10 shots
		NQRA Champion of Champions: 600m x 15 shots
		Club Team Competition: 600m x 10 shots
	Sat May 18	Queens Day 2: 700m, 800m & 900m x 10 shots
		NQRA Champion of Champions: 900m x 15 shots
	Sun May 19	Queens Day 3: 800m & 900m x 10 shots

I agree to abide by all conditions that are or may be set for using the Hervey's Range Shooting Complex and camping thereon, and for the conduct of this meeting. I understand that Standard Shooting Rules are to apply throughout this meeting except where notified by the Chief Range Officer.

I certify that I am a current financial member of the NRAA Limited, and I understand that I must maintain that status to be eligible to compete in this meeting. I agree to submit evidence of my grading and of my NRAA affiliation, and my firearms licence for inspection as required by the promoting bodies of these events.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Paech Completes Another OPM Win

Article and photos provided
by Janelle Traeger

On Sunday, October 14, the No. 2 (Southern) District Rifle Association held their annual Open Championship at Mount Barker in the Adelaide Hills. Shooters from around the State competed over 500 and 600 yards.

The weather was warm but overcast. A gentle breeze blew from the right but changed in strength and direction often. In the afternoon, rain came in and although for most it was only light, the shooters pushed through to get the competition completed quickly.

Robert Paech (Murray Bridge) continued his good form and performed outstandingly to win for the third year in a row with 147.15.

At the presentation he thanked the competitors and all the people

who assisted in getting the shoot organised.

At 500 yards, scores were high as everyone settled into the competition. Paech made a strong start shooting first down with 50.7.

In B Grade, David McDonald (Murray Bridge) also started in superb form with 50.6 just ahead of Graham Hancock (Mount Barker) on his home range with 50.4.

Tim Benger (Mount Barker) shot well to win C Grade with 46.3.

Tony Whittemore (Subiaco), travelling home to Western Australia after being away since May, shot an excellent 58.5 in F Class Standard A Grade. This was outdone by Dave Mathews (Mount Barker) in F Class Standard B with 59.4.

Steve Wuttke (Murray Bridge) in FTR did the best here with 60.5. In F Class Open, Stuart Braund (Cyclists

and Torrens Valley) completed the high scores with a magnificent 60.9, though he had to cope with the ribbing from everyone as it was the last shot that let him down.

Shooters moved to 600 yards and after thinking it was easy, of course they were proved wrong. The range threw in its usual quirks to make the shooters think again.

Paech continued with a fine 48.5 in A Grade. Andrew Heard (Murray Bridge) topped the range and won B Grade with 49.4 and Benger added another win to his tally with 46.3 in C Grade.

Nunzio Sapio (CTV) shot excellently to win F Class Standard A with 58.3. Roger Francis (Maitland) finished ahead of the rest in F Class Standard B with 57.3.



Winners – Robert Paech (A), Dean Bartel (FSB), Lynton Wakefield (FTR), Stuart Braund (FO), T Benger (C), Tony Whittemore (FSA), A Heard (B)

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Lynton Wakefield (Maitland) an accomplished shooter in several disciplines, won FTR with 58.3. Braund continued his winning way in F Class Open with 58.4.

At the second 600 yards, shooters coped with the changing weather. Paech continued his consistent form with 49.3 in A Grade. Heard added another win with steady shooting to win B Grade with 48.3 and Bengier kept the wins coming with 45.2 in C Grade.

Whittemore rounded out his day with 59.0 to win F Class Standard A Grade. Nicole Edwards (Murray Bridge) had a win in F Class Standard B with 58.2. Anna Whittemore (Subiaco) excelled in FTR with 59.4 and Braund rounded out the results with 60.6 in F Class Open just ahead of brother Richard with 60.4.

President of the Association, David McDonald, thanked all the competitors for the great day; the ladies in the kitchen for feeding everyone; and Mount Barker members for the first-rate range - especially noting how green it was.

Grade winners were announced, and badges presented. Paech was the winner in A Grade with 147.15, Heard took out the honours in B Grade with 145.11 and Bengier had a good day out in C Grade with 137.8.

Tony Whittemore would travel home with extra prizes winning F Class Standard A with 173.9. Dean Bartel (Waikerie) shot steadily all day and his combined scores outdid others to win F Class Standard B with 170.4.

Wakefield won FTR with 176.11 and talked of enjoying the day and returning in the future. Braund won F Class Open in a close finish with 178.19.

Aggregate Results:

A Grade - R Paech 147.15.

B Grade - A Heard 145.11; D. McDonald 141.10; G. Hancock 140.6.

C Grade - T Bengier 137.8.

F Class Standard A Grade - T. Whittemore 173.9; N. Sapio 172.11.

F Class Standard B - D. Bartel 170.4; E. Concannon (Mount Barker)



Len Wilkes - keeping an eye on the score



Lynton Wakefield - deep in thought

168.5; R. McInnes (Mount Barker) 167.9; D. Gardner (Mount Barker) 166.5; R. Francis 165.9.

FTR - L. Wakefield 176.11; P.

Bothwell (Mount Barker) 171.8

F Class Open - S. Braund 178.19; T. Manning (Mount Barker) 177.13; R. Braund 176.16.

Reg Asquith

1927 - 2018

When it came to shooting Reg Asquith often played second fiddle to his wife, Joyce. But behind the scenes he was a tireless worker for his sport.

Reg died only weeks before his 92nd birthday on October 10 after a long illness.

His funeral was attended by a big crowd of relatives and friends, and shooters from across Victoria and NSW.

Reg was a life member of the Wangaratta Smallbore Rifle Club and was one of the group of stalwarts who helped physically construct the club and range, spending countless hours providing the club a strong foundation.

He joined the Wangaratta Rifle Club in 1945 and was a more than accomplished marksman.

In Joyce's words "he was a good shot but I could beat him".

After losing a lung to cancer in the 1990s, Reg made the move to F Class, shooting from a table until forced to give up shooting in recent years.

For years Reg provided the spotters for the club's shoots and was often heard to complain when they were blown to pieces by the many good shots at Glenrowan.

He loaded ammunition for Joyce and cleaned her rifle. If Joyce thought he had not done things 100 per cent he soon found out.

There are many young shooters who have benefitted from ammunition loaded by Reg, often at no cost.

And whenever the club welcomed visitors to the range it was Reg's ammunition they used to try out our sport.

Reg's life was something many people today could only imagine. In his early days he lived with his family in a small home with a dirt floor. He was a remarkable hunter and gatherer, and was never happier that when fishing and hunting.

Those at the funeral were amazed at the pictures from his early days of



fish caught in local rivers; hundreds of rabbits, ducks and foxes; shot for food and much-needed income.

Reg was joined by Joyce, his wife of 61 years at many of his hunting expeditions, where she and her "best mate" were a formidable partnership.

Reg had two stints working at Bruck Textiles in Wangaratta where he was regarded as a very talented worker. He also tried his hand at gold prospecting with excellent results.

Reg's death leaves a big hole in fullbore and smallbore ranks. We are all the poorer for his passing.

ACT

November

13 Canberra Queens

NEW SOUTH WALES

January

6 Central West District Rifle Association OPM (Lyndhurst)
26-27 MDRA Festival of Sydney (Anzac)

February

24 Blue Mountains DRA OPM (Lithgow)
16-17 Tumut Invitation (Tumut)

March

30-31 Long Range Bisley Pairs (Ungarie)

April

25 MDRA - Anzac Day Shoot (Anzac)

May

4 & 5 NSW Match Rifle and Long Range F Class State Championships (Ungarie)

June

8-9 Wingham OPM (Wingham)

July

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

October

5-6 Coonabarabran OPM (Coonabarabran)
8-10 NSW Match Rifle and Long Range F Class Ultra Long Range Challenge (Coonabarabran)
9-13 NSWRA 143rd Open Championships (Anzac)

December

1 Lithgow Rifle Club OPM (Lithgow)

QUEENSLAND

Jan

26-27 QRA Juniors - Australia Day Prize Meeting

February

16-17 Crows Nest Goombungee

March

10 Gatton Glenore Grove PM
30-31 QRA Champion of Champions & City v Country

April

14 North Arm .303

May

4 Western District RA Muckadilla Shoot
4 Clermont Prize Shoot
6 Billy Sing Marksman Challenge
14 NQ TMRC & TDRA PM
15 NQRA Wilson and Queen's
21-22 NQ Veterans Teama
18 Darling Downs DRA PM

June

1-2 Bundaberg-Burnett Rifle Club PM
8-9 Qld Match Rifle Championships, Raglan
15-16 Natives Rifle Club PM
19-23 NRAA President's Match and NRAA Queen's
29-30 Darling Downs Rifle Club .303 Fromelles Shoot

July

13-14 Monto Sweepstake Shoot
21 Beaudesert Rifle Club PM
28 Ipswich & District Rifle Club PM

August

3 Brisbane Rifle Club PM
4 MDRA, Belmont PM
5 Archer Trophy & F Class Challenge
6 QRA Duncan Series

8 QRA Queen's
17-18 Gemfields Rifle Club
24-25 Barcaldine Rifle Club PM
September
31 Aug 1 Goondiwindi Rifle Club PM
28-29 South Burnett DRA PM - Wondai

October

4-7 Central Qld Championships
26 North Arm Rifle Club PM
27 LDRA PM

December

14 Raglan Christmas Shoot

NORTH QUEENSLAND

February

24 Mareeba Prize Meeting (Mareeba)

May

11 Marian Prize Meeting immediately followed by MDTRA Prize Meeting, 1st stage, Mt Vince (Mackay)
12 MDTRA Prize Meeting, 2nd stage, Mt Vince (Mackay)
14 Townsville Marksmen Prize Meeting, HRSC (Townsville)
15 - 16 NQRA Wilson Aggregate, HRSC (Townsville)
17 - 19 NQRA Queens, HRSC (Townsville)
21 - 22 VETERANS TEAM MATCHES

June

29 - 30 F Class Long Range Bisley Challenge (Atherton)

July

13 - 14 Cairns Prize Meeting, Wangetti Range (Cairns)
27 - 28 Pennants, HRSC (Townsville)

August

31 C&IDRA Prize Meeting (Atherton)

September

1 Atherton Prize Meeting (Atherton)

October

12 Herberton Prize Meeting (Herberton)
13 Ravenshoe/Mt Garnet Prize Meeting (Ravenshoe)
November
3 Mossman and District Prize Meeting (Mossman)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

February

9-10 Tumby Bay (Tumby Bay)

March

3 F Class Team Trials (Lower Light)
31 F Class Team Trials (Lower Light)

April

13 Barker Memorial (Pt Pirie)
14 Pt Pirie OPM (Pt Pirie)
22 Match Rifle (Lower Light)
25 Father and Sons (Mt Barker)

May

12 F Class Team Trials (Lower Light)
18-19 Pt Augusta OPM (Pt Augusta)

June

1-2 West Broken Hill OPM (Broken Hill)

July

3-7 SARA Queens (Lower Light)
28 Match Rifle (Lower Light)

August

24-25 SA Match Rifle Champs (Lower Light)

October

13 No.2 DRA OPM (Mt Barker)

VICTORIA

January

1 Port Campbell Open Prize Meeting (Port Campbell)
12 No 11 DRA Open Prize Meeting (Werribee)
19 Range Officer Accreditation/Refresher Course (Geelong)
20 Council Meeting (Wellsford)

February

9 Skills Development Day (Geelong)

March

7 Tasmanian Queens (Campbell Town)
22 Victorian Police and Emergency Services Games (Wellsford)
24 Council Meeting (Wellsford)
30 Pennant Reserve

April

6 Range Officer Accreditation/Refresher Course (Wellsford)
10 - 11 VRA Championships -The Syme (Wellsford)
12-14 VRA Championships -The Queens (Wellsford)

20 Easter Saturday (Glenrowan)
21 Easter Sunday (Glenrowan)
22 ECDRA Open Prize Meeting (Violet Town)
25 ANZAC at the Marsh (Bacchus Marsh)
27 Pennant Reserve

May

15-19 NQRA Queens
25 Pennant Reserve
26 Council Meeting Wellsford

June

8 No 2 ORA Open Prize Meeting - Day 1 (St Arnaud)
9 No 2 ORA Open Prize Meeting - Day 2 (St Arnaud)
29 Pennant Reserve

July

3-7 SARA Hunt and Queens (Lower Light)
27 Pennant Reserve
28 Council Meeting

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

January

25 Albany Rifle Club PM (Albany)
26-27 Great Southern DRA PM (Albany)

February

10 WARA Council Meeting (Pinjar)

March

2-3 Esperance Rifle Club PM (Esperance)
16-17 Perth Fremantle Picnic Shoot (Pinjar)
23-2 Golden Bullet (Coolilup)

April

14 Yalgoo Rifle Club PM (Yalgoo)
14 WARA Council Meeting (Pinjar)
19 Coolilup Cup (Coolilup)
20-21 SWDRA Prize Meeting (Coolilup)
27-28 Alec McWhirter Memorial PM (Wurgabup)
28 AFDRA Prize Meeting (Pinjar)

May

3 Moora Rifle Club PM (Moora)
4-5 Midlands DRA PM (Moora)
18-19 Metropolitan DRA Prize Meeting (Pinjar)

June

1-2 Eastern Goldfields DRA (Kambalda)
10 Billy Sing Service Snipers (Pinjar)
30 Bindoon Rifle Club PM (Bindoon)

July

7 WARA Council Meeting & Annual Meeting of Council Clubroom (Pinjar)
6-7 Karratha Rifle Club PM (Karratha)
13-14 Meekatharra Rifle Club PM (Meekatharra)
27-28 Chapman Valley Rifle Club PM (Chapman)

August

2 Geraldton Greenough RC PM (Greenough)
3-4 North West DRA PM (Greenough)
17-18 Carnarvon Rifle Club PM (Carnarvon)

September

14-15 Central Wheat Belt DRA PM (Merredin)
21-22 Northampton Rifle Club PM (Northampton)
23-24 2019 F Class National Championships (Pinjar)
25 WA Veterans Championships (Pinjar)
26 Ray Miles Teams and DRA Teams (Pinjar)
27-28 Duke of Edinburgh (Pinjar)
29 WARA Annual General Meeting (Pinjar)
28-30 Queens PM (Pinjar)

October

20 Dowerin Rifle Club PM (Dowerin)
27 Corrigin Rifle Club PM (Corrigin)

November

2-3 Busselton Service Rifle (Coolilup)
9 WARA Council Meeting (Pinjar)
10 City of Subiaco Prize Meeting (Pinjar)

December

15 East Perth Rifle Club PM (Pinjar)
TBC WARA Office Closure

Queens Series 2019

March 7-11 TASRA Queens
April 10-14 VRA Queens
June 19-23 NRAA Queens
May 15-19 NQRA Queens
July 3-7 SA Queens
August 6-10 QRA Queens
September 27-30 WARA Queens
October 9-33 NSWRA Queens

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Submission Guidelines

Australian Target Rifle Magazine welcomes contributions covering shooting events, topics of relevance to target shooting and technical articles. Submitting material is easy – just email some text to **atr_editorial@nraa.com.au**.

Requirements

All written material should be sent as plain text. No tables, headings or spreadsheets are needed – just a basic word document or email is best. All headings, tables and formatting are added in later as part of the typesetting process. Text in Times New Roman font at 12 point is preferred.

Photographs should be sent as a .jpg or .tiff format and can be submitted either as a separate attachment to an email or on CD mailed directly to the ATR Post Office Box. Please provide captions for all photographs – either as the filename of the photograph or listed in the report. Do not embed photographs into documents as this renders the photograph unusable for publication.

Prize Meetings

Reports of any shooting events should include details of where and when the event was held, the conditions and competitors on the day and a summary of key scores such as aggregates. Additional material regarding the equipment used by the winners and photographs of the event are also welcome.

Queens Prizes

Reports of Queens Prizes should include information about the conditions and competitors, the lead-up,

Queens, teams and other associated events. Scores should be provided for all badge winners and included in the report as text. (i.e. Not in table or spreadsheet form).

Good photographs allow us to feature an event. Cameras should be set at as high a resolution as possible. It is often advisable to have more than one photographer and to include a variety of photographs by email or CD including shots of: the range, the competitors, the winners and trophies. Presentation photographs can also be included, but often the presentation area has poor lighting and doesn't allow adequate time to set up good photographs for publication purposes, so additional photographs of the event can be important.

Cover photographs

Photographs suitable for a cover should be provided at very high resolution. (300 dpi and 2Mb or above). When taking cover photographs, consider the framing of the photograph with the subject in the foreground and allowing some background (sky or range) for the positioning of the ATR banner.

Deadlines

Think ahead. Good publishing is all about planning. If you are advertising an event, it can be helpful to prepare and submit advertising material up to four months ahead. This allows time for the editing and publication process and assists readers to plan their attendance at your event. Deadlines for the next two issues of ATR are published in the front of each magazine.

Contributions to ATR are genuinely appreciated and these guidelines are intended to assist in making the process as easy as possible. If you have comments or questions about sending material please contact us at **atr_editorial@nraa.com.au** for any clarification.