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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

Winner of the Yunta Xmas shoot Christmas pudding Ian Tapscott.

ATR to shift its aim

According to Charles Darwin, "It is not the strongest or the most intelligent who will survive but those who can best manage change".

You would have had to be in a very deep cave somewhere for the past 20 years not to see the way that the Internet has altered the way we find and consume information.

The search engine 'Google' is the all-pervasive gateway to the Internet that has easily accessible content on anything a human can imagine - even if not all of it is savoury or true.

Once powerful newspapers and top selling magazines are now mere shadows of their former stature.

The Australian Target Rifle (ATR) magazine commenced in 1995 and changed to on-line publication back in 2017. Now it is about to change again.

I have been advised by the NRAA Executive Officer that the Board has decided ATR 144 will be the final in its current PDF format.

There will be information available soon from the

NRAA and your State Associations on what the new method of communication to and amongst members is to be.

I understand it will be web based and part of a soon to be revamped NRAA website run from the NRAA's office at Belmont in Queensland.

It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to be the editor of ATR.

A hard working crew has been responsible for ATR's production, including founding editors Jim and Val Wood, long serving deputy editor Laurelle Tunks and even longer serving graphic designer Rodd Barnes.

While they and others, such as current deputy editor Tung Nguyen, have made a significant contribution to ATR, no-one has worked harder for the simple love of it than the volunteer contributors who write the words and send the photos that make this publication.

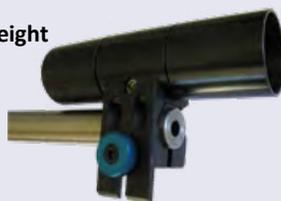
While ever such passion for the sport exists, it remains only to manage the change for ATR to survive and flourish in its new format.

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VRA Champion of Champions and DRA Teams Weekends

Article and photos by Nikki Rees

This year, for the first time, the VRA separated the different events and held them over two weekends.

Champion of Champions

The Champion of Champions was held on Sunday, September 8 with a Prize Meeting held on Saturday, September 7. We had 44 entries for the 2019 Champion of Champions with the winners listed below. This was an increase of entries from 37 shooters in 2018.

Name	Discipline	Club	Score
David Brewster	TR A	Fitzroy/Caulfield	200.23
Geoff Grayson	TR Junior	Bacchus Marsh	174.9
Garry Warrender	F STD A	Wangaratta	231.17

James Hay	F STD Junior	Colac	187.3
Albert van Wyk	F Open	Rosedale	237.24
Brooke Grenfell	F Open Junior	Bendigo	230.14
Viren Pereira	FTR	Werribee	231.13
Brayden Tayler	FTR Junior	Lang Lang	224.12

DRA Teams Weekend

This was held in conjunction with the VRA AGM on Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27 2019. The weather was very inconsistent, but luckily the rain held off until after the shooting was completed.

A big thank you to all our volunteers and our Butts



VRA Champion of Champions 2019 – from left, Geoff Grayson, James Hay, Brayden Tayler, Brooke Grenfell, Garry Warrender, Viren Pereira, David Brewster, Albert van Wyk



Goulburn Valley DRA – Winners of the 10 Person TR Teams event

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5 Person F STD Team – Winners – Ovens & Murray DRA



5 Person F Open – Bendigo DRA



Inner West DRA – Winner of the 5 person TR Team event

Officers, Ron and Ross Aldridge, and our Chief Range Officer, Peter Hulett.

Winners were:

10 Person TR Team - Goulburn Valley DRA

Shooters	Totals
Barry Wood	141.110
Simon Whatley	142.050
Peter O'Dwyer	142.120
Simon Wall	141.060

James Corbett	144.100
Tony Barker	142.050
Peter Daldy	135.030
Rob Richards	130.090
David Black	143.070
Richard Wall	139.070
	1399.70



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10 Person F STD Team – Metropolitan DRA

5 Person TR Team - Inner West DRA

Shooters	Totals
Bernie Hawes	142.070
Tony Ivankovic	138.100
Keith Toh	148.160
Paul Jeffery	140.050
Mark Horsnell	142.100
	710.480

F STD 5 Person Team - Ovens & Murray DRA

Shooters	Total
Dianne Jonker	162.005
Alex Brown	161.008
Matthew Powell	170.008
R Baker	162.006
Brendan Powell	164.008
	819.035

F STD 10 Person Team - Metropolitan DRA

Shooters	Total
Kay Eland	154.006
Sue Mcleish	153.005
Luke Neal	169.008
Graham Eldred	158.004
Peter Marum	162.006
Jason O'Rourke	171.009
Hayley Steer	163.007
Max Hardie	156.002
Lianna Gaebele	154.002
Trevor Jury	165.010
	1605.059



Mark Horsnell accepting the trophy on behalf of the Inner West DRA Team – Winner of the 5 person TR Teams event

5 Person F Open Team - Bendigo DRA

Shooters	Total
Brook Grenfell	174.014
Bill Siegloff	178.018
John Kiefer	177.018
Goeff Krake	172.010
Gerry Thomas	171.012
	872.072

Yunta 2019 Xmas Shoot

Article and photos by Ros Breeding

For the drought-stricken North East of South Australia, wind and dust has been 'the daily norm' for the past 18 months. So, it was a pleasant surprise to have ever-so-slight breezes at Yunta's Christmas Shoot on Saturday, December 8.

The 33 shooters were pleased with the unseasonably pleasant conditions at the Yunta Range (between Burra and Broken Hill).

Shot on five Hexta targets, the usual program was as follows: two 500-metre shoots in the morning and a 300m shoot after lunch. The uniqueness of the Yunta range is that the Club has only one shooting mound - with the trailer-mounted targets being towed into place.

The Yunta Rifle Club is grateful to those who travelled long distances to compete and Clubs represented included: Cyclists & Torrens Valley, West Broken Hill, Pt Pirie, Pt Augusta, Whyalla, Mt Barker, Murray Bridge, Spalding and Yanyarrie/Orroroo - plus others.

As visitors arrived and setup camp on Friday evening, Brad Semmler (CTV) was re-gassing the beer fridge (worth a trophy!), Peter Collins (Balaklava) was repairing the plumbing problems and Don Flynn (Woomera) was still fixing anything else needing attention, before undertaking the scoring duties. How lucky are we to have such 'useful' friends?

A hearty tea of schnitzels and vegies was enjoyed in the lovely evening ambience - with the usual sensational sunset behind the range.

Shooting began on Saturday morning with the flags



Brad Semmler (CTV) is presented with the Yunta RC Legends Shield by Captain Warren Breeding at the Yunta Christmas Shoot

gently waving.

At the lunch break, William Naismith led TR with Trevor Wilkes leading the F Class pack.

The usual sumptuous lunch of cold meats (including some very valuable mutton), salads and luscious sweets were served in the comfortable air-conditioned clubhouse.



Trevor Wilkes accepts the F Class Shield



Ian Tapscott (Yanyarrie-Orroroo) was pleased to win a Christmas pudding

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Yunta shooters Allen Hucks, Richard Steel and Warren Breeding at Sunday's Triple Crown Shoot



Great conditions on the shooting range

The afternoon threw up surprisingly tricky conditions with mirages dancing across the range. Few possible were shot but the competition remained close.

Overall winners were: Brad Semmler (CTV) for TR with Trevor Wilkes (Pt Pirie) winning the F Class Shield. Winning the 'Pairs Shoot' were Brad Semmler and Warren Breeding.

Shooting finished mid-afternoon, allowing ample time for pre-dinner refreshments and the presentation of prizes.

Originally, the Yunta Club offered local (dressed) turkeys as prizes, but now presents lovely leg hams, tasty turkey



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Lunch was enjoyed by all

rolls and legs of marvellous (local) mutton, as well as Christmas puddings and many bottles of 'Christmas Cheer'.

Yunta Rifle Club captain Warren Breeding thanked all for attending, making mention of the 'tradies', and Don and Linda Merritt who made and donated Christmas puddings. The visiting ladies were also thanked for helping Kerry and Ros in the kitchen yet again.

For those who stayed overnight, a 'Triple Crown Affair' was shot early on Sunday morning, before the heat, wind and dust arrived!

Yunta winners were:

Target Rifle A Grade

Place	Shooter	Club	Score
1st	Brad Semmler	Cyclists & Torrens Valley	149.13
2nd	William Naismith	Yanyarrie/Orroroo	148.13
3rd	Philip Bradshaw	Cyclists & Torrens Valley	147.18
4th	Warren Breeding	Yunta	147.15
5th	Bluey Noll	Whyalla	145.12
6th	Paul Gale	Cyclists & Torrens Valley	144.10
7th	Peter Collins	Balaklava	137.4

Target Rifle B Grade

Place	Shooter	Club	Score
1st	Don Merritt	West Broken Hill	143.9
2nd	Gordon Harrison	Murray Bridge	142.10
3rd	Ian Tapscott	Yanyarrie/Orroroo	139.7

Target Rifle C Grade

Place	Shooter	Club	Score
1st	Allen Hucks	Yunta	142.8
2nd	Bill Pryde	Spalding	140.6
3rd	Don Flynn	Woomera	133.2

F Standard A

Place	Shooter	Club	Score
1st	Trevor Wilkes	Port Pirie	174.12
2nd	Chris Green	Cyclists & Torrens Valley	172.12



The scoring team, Richard, Ali and Don



The bounty of prizes at Yunta's Christmas Shoot

3rd	Nunzio Sapio	Cyclists & Torrens Valley	172.12
4th	Jacinta Blackmore	Yunta	171.6
5th	James Freebairn	Balaklava	170.11
6th	Richard Steel	Yunta	170.10
7th	Malcolm Hill	Pt Pirie	170.10
8th	Terry Brewer	West Broken Hill	170.8
9th	Luke Netherton	Pt Pirie	165.4
10th	Chris Harris	Broken Hill	165.1

Women Rifle Shooters

The Journey for Recognition and the North Queensland Influence

Article and photos collected by Bruce Scott

Small-bore shooting began in Australia in the mid-19th century, and women were an integral part of this form of shooting sport. Small-bore shooting generally involved .22 calibre shooting at distances up to 50 metres. By the Great War, small-bore shooting became known as 'miniature rifle shooting' and clubs were formed around Australia. The rifle used by miniature rifle clubs was the Lee-Enfield rifle adapted to fire .22 cartridges. Because the miniature rifles fired a smaller calibre and produced a much-reduced recoil, the miniature rifles were popular with women shooters.

On May 10, 1913, the Officer Supervising Rifle Clubs in Queensland, Captain Jackson, recommended the formation of the Townsville Miniature Rifle Club with its range at the dead-end of Walker Street below the reservoirs. On June 10, 1917, while the full-bore rifle clubs were in forced recess due to the Great War, the Captain of the Townsville Rifle Club, Chas E. Johnsey,

requested Council permission to establish a miniature rifle range in the gully in Stokes Street above the Methodist Church. It is not known how long this club operated.

At the conclusion of the Great War, most women left the sport, albeit female participation in small-bore shooting remained socially acceptable. This was not to be for female participation in full-bore shooting. After Federation, the Department of the Army took control of rifle clubs from the various States under what was known as the Australian Rifle Clubs Regulations, contained within the Defence Act 1903. These Regulations denied women the opportunity of rifle club membership and entry into major shooting competitions. Following the tragic Port Arthur shootings, these Regulations were repealed by the Federal Government in February 1997.

Many clubs quietly ignored the Regulations and held 'Ladies Days' or simply allowed interested women to participate at club level. For example, in 1908 a Ladies Day was held at Cluden Rifle Range in Townsville which resulted in 28 participants. In July 1953, there was a Ladies Shoot in Mackay and in June 1954, it was reported in the newspapers that women competed regularly at the Hughenden Rifle Club.

The first detailed record of a North Queensland Rifle Association (NQRA) ladies' competition was for a match that occurred on May 1, 1899 at Charters Towers. The Northern Miner reported that "the ladies of Charters Towers made a new departure in sporting matters yesterday by inaugurating a Ladies Rifle Club". The literature does not link the Charters Towers Ladies Rifle Club to the male-dominated Charters Towers Rifle Club directly, but there is evidence that the two were connected. Records show that ladies events were also held at Proserpine in the early 1900s.

Three Charters Towers lady shooters were Miss F Winkle, Mrs J R Thompson and Mrs R J Fisher. These ladies shot over 200, 500 and 600 yards at their first meeting. Miss Florence Winkle, Mrs Fisher's sister, was the first lady shooter to score a bullseye in North Queensland. Mrs Fisher and Mrs Thompson were wives of Charters Towers Rifle Club members Mr R J Fisher and Mr J R Thompson. Mr Fisher won the 1900 Queens Prize and Mr Thompson won the 1904 Kings Prize. Messrs Thompson and Fisher acted as coaches to the ladies' team.

The North Queensland Register reported on August 18, 1902 that "the principal winners at the Hughenden Rifle Club meeting on Coronation Day were Marwedel and Turbayne".



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“The former made 49 out of a possible 50, while the latter was in capital form too.”

On June 15, 1903 the North Queensland Register reported that “some half dozen ladies appeared on the range for practice on Saturday afternoon”.

“Mrs W Toll again securing several bulls, kneeling. The ladies match at the NQ Rifle Association’s Annual Meeting is causing a lot of interest, and there are about twelve practising at present, and I am informed that three or four more are likely to take it on this coming week, so that we should see a very keen competition amongst the ladies. The member says that he has had some of the fair sex out trying their skill twice this week, and they are getting along very well. The three who shot on Thursday last averaged just over 28, which is very good at the second-class target.

“I think the Council of the Association should make it known what size target is to be used for the competition as there is not much time for practice and there is nothing like practising on the target that will be used in competition. It is to be hoped they will decide in favour of the second class as many who have shot for the past 15 years consider the third class is too difficult a target to shoot at.”

If this last sentence is correct then it may be the ladies in North Queensland were shooting as early as 1888 which is the year of the first NQRA Queens Prize.

The next record of a lady’s competition was in 1904 again at Charters Towers. According to the press, the name of the competition was the ‘Ladies Match’ and this competition was shot in conjunction with the 1904 Kings Prize shoot. The report states that seven ladies competed in the Ladies Match. The lady competitors included Miss Willmett, Mrs Thompson, Mrs McKedie, Mrs Rattray, Mrs Carroll, Mrs Mattingly and Miss Carr. The match was a seven round competition shot over 300 yards.



Miss Willmett’s winning target in the 1904 Ladies Match

The Register report includes a photograph of the winner of the Ladies Match, Miss Emily Willmett, however the photograph of Miss Willmett cannot be adequately reproduced. Fortunately, an excellent photograph of Miss Willmett’s winning target has been preserved for posterity. Her winning score was 33 out of a 35 possible. Ladies shot on a target with a slightly larger bullseye (20 inches at 300 yards) than men. The actual dimensions of the target were not recorded.

Ladies Match results

£5, divided into six prizes. Seven rounds at 300 yards. Coaching allowed.

Seven ladies competed, with the following result:

Miss Willmett	(53) 5555454—33
Mrs Thompson	(4) 5453555—32
Mrs McKedie	(44)4540555—28
Mrs Rattray	(34) 4335334—25
Mrs Carroll	(50)0423003—12
Mrs Mattingly	(00) 0003200— 5
Miss Carr	(00) 000???? — 5

Miss Willmett came from a prominent Townsville business family who owned and operated Willmett’s Printing Company. Her father was Thankful Percy Willmett, a former Mayor of Townsville on several occasions including 1880-81, 1883-84 and 1902.

The next record of lady shooters comes from Proserpine. Many photographs of Proserpine’s lady shooters were taken about the turn of the century. Unfortunately, they lack detail in terms of the names of the ladies involved, events and the actual period in which the photographs on the next page were taken.

Not allowing females competitors in open competition outside of clubs was continually challenged by some segments of the sport, particularly in North Queensland.

At the October 13, 1956 North Queensland Rifle Association (NQRA) Council Meeting held in Townsville, the members present were requested by the Cardwell Rifle Club to explain why women were not permitted to enrol in rifle clubs and why they were not allowed to participate at Association and District Rifle Club Union Prize Meetings.

The meeting minutes show: “The President of NQRA, Military Command Secretary Mr PJ Sheehan, said only those women who were honorary members of rifle clubs prior to 1937 retained the rights of honorary membership, according to a ruling by the Solicitor-General in 1937.

“The Director of Australian Rifle Clubs had informed the Australian Council of State Rifle Associations (ACSRA) in 1952 and on other occasions that the Department of the Army Regulations did not provide for admission of females to the rifle club movement in any capacity or as competitors at Prize Meetings. Army policy was not to train women to use weapons and the ACSRA, in the interests of the rifle club movement, generally has to adhere to such policy.”

The matter of women competing in open competition continued to be raised. At the NQRA Council Meeting



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Female shooters struggled for recognition in the early days of competition shooting

held in Townsville on October 19, 1957, the decision to deny women entry into shooting competitions was again on the agenda.

“The Council Secretary, Mr J. B. Bannan said he had written to Miss P. Clift on April, 15 1957 and courteously explained to her the reasons for the Association’s non-acceptance of her entry for the 1957 NQRA Championships; since then her father had written three letters to the Association debating the Department of the Army’s action in restricting membership to males only and demanding copies of the Regulations, minutes, etc,” revealed the minutes of the October 1957 meeting.

“Mr D. Rooney (the Townsville District Union representative) stated Mr Clift was regarded as an eccentric gentleman in the Cardwell area and he had already argued the same matter with ACSRA and the Department of the Army,”

By mid-1960, the Department of the Army was starting to distance itself from the rifle clubs and the clubs headed towards a future of self-administration. At the



Female shooters in Proserpine in the early 1900s

NQRA Council Meeting on April 15, 1960, Mr AL Kidd asked if the Army policy would be changed to once again allow lady shooters to participate. Advice provided was the matter had not yet been reconsidered.

Not content with the Army’s discriminatory policy, the NQRA submitted the matter for consideration at the November 1960 meeting of the ACSRA to be held in Melbourne. The NQRA submission sums up the concern:

“Enrolment of Females as Active Members of Rifle Clubs

The NQRA Delegate has been instructed to ask the Australian Council Meeting (5 & 6 November 1960) to reconsider its policy (refer to Minute 48 of ACSRA Annual Meeting held November 1956) re enrolment of females as members of Australian Rifle Clubs and to recommend to the Department of Army that females be permitted to enrol as Active Members of rifle clubs, at least in the area of far Northern and North Western



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After 1960, women were finally officially allowed to shoot in competitions

Queensland controlled by the North Queensland Rifle Association.

Women in remote and isolated areas maintain a tremendous interest in all of the activities of their men-folk, whether work or sport. In many instances, rifle clubs provide the only organised weekend pastime within many miles' radius of a tiny country centre. Men-folk spend the greater part of a day travelling and taking part in a club shoot, and enjoying the social aspect of the gathering; currently Regulations unfairly prohibit their women - many of whom develop into excellent rifle shots - from indulging in such recreational and social activities.

The NQRA, in its 73 years of existence, has produced a number of outstanding women rifle shooters. These women, by their bearing and behaviour, have proved that they make worthy members of any country rifle club; never in its history has the NQRA had need to resort to disciplinary action involving female members.

Ability to use a rifle proficiently, among other things, cannot be denied as one of the average country woman's most desirable accomplishments. Where could better training be obtained than on a rifle range?"

After 1960, the Department of the Army ceded control of rifle clubs to the State Rifle Associations and women were finally allowed to participate at all levels of the sport. As has been demonstrated on many occasions, women have proven to be equally skilled as men at long

distance rifle shooting.

Regrettably, the decision came too late for Miss Peggy Clift (from the Cardwell Rifle Club), who having been denied entry to the 1957 NQRA Queens Prize, changed to shotgun shooting winning the Queensland Clay Sparrow Championship in that year.

One of NQRA's top female shooters was Mrs Eve Winters (nee Condon), a school teacher. Eve joined the Ravenshoe Rifle Club in 1966 and was taught to shoot by many of the top shots in that club including her father, Ces Condon, who won the 1982 NQRA Queens Prize. Eve showed exceptional marksmanship skills which resulted in her becoming the first female to represent Australia at the mecca of long-range shooting, Bisley UK, in 1974. She was also the only female in the 1974 Australian Team. Eve achieved many successes before retiring from the sport in 1992.

Another lady to follow in her family's footsteps is Gail Christie. Gail Christie commenced rifle shooting at Bowen in 1980. Gail was a member of the Bowen Rifle Club for seven years before the Christie family moved to Ayr and is now an active member of the Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club. Gail always knew that there was a family connection to the Halifax Rifle Club but was uncertain of the circumstances. Only recently was she able to bridge that connection when she became aware that her great grandfather AW Carr, a founding



Peggy Clift changed to shotgun shooting when she was denied entry into competition rifle shooting before the rule changes

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The NQRA and visiting Great Britain ladies teams in Mackay in 1988

member of the Halifax Club, won the NQRA Queens Prize in 1898.

Female interest and participation in Australian full-bore shooting grew quickly after the Department of the Army relaxed its tight control over rifle clubs in the early 1960s. The growth in female club membership saw the establishment of the national ladies' teams shooting competition in 1968. The ladies' teams from the various States and Territories contested the Medland Match a total of 40 times in the next 50 years to 2018.

The Medland Match was in some ways an early pathway for the women to demonstrate their shooting talents, thereby ensuring their consideration for selection in the State and Territory Open Teams that assemble to contest the national Teams Matches every 18 months. Rifle shooting remains one of the very few sports where gender provides no advantage, and men and women compete equally side by side.

Lady shooters gravitated to the F Class disciplines following their introduction which resulted in a decline in the numbers of ladies shooting the traditional Target Rifle discipline. Consequently, only three States were able to field a team to contest and celebrate this 50th anniversary National Ladies Teams Matches at Belmont in 2018 under the Target Rifle specified match rules.

To increase participation NQRA members, Gail Christie, Janine Mahony and Elisabetta Gianasi formulated and

submitted a proposal to the Australian Ladies Rifle Association that would enable mixed discipline teams to participate in the 2018 Championships alongside the Target Rifle Teams on a trial basis. The proposal using the MCSI (Mixed Category Scoring Index) system to calculate the scores was approved and the offer to enter a mixed discipline team was extended to all states and territories. NQRA was the only association to nominate a mixed discipline team and they decided to participate anyway to demonstrate the beneficial possibilities of their proposal by entering a team consisting of two target rifle, two F-Standard and one FTR shooter.

Subsequently at the Australian Ladies Rifle Association AGM, the need to revitalise the competition was accepted and it was decided to retire the Medland Match trophy and proceed with a new multi discipline competition using the MCSI scoring system to be known as the Shepherd Match. The inaugural competition is scheduled for Bendigo in 2020, and State and Territories associations will be able to nominate up to two teams of five shooters made up of any combination of TR, FS, FO or FTR disciplines.

Returning to the North Queensland shooting scene, in 1988, an NQRA ladies team met in competition with the visiting Great Britain Ladies Team at Mackay. This competition hosted by NQRA was part of Australia's bicentennial celebrations.



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Three lady shooters were selected in the Australian Rifle Team that entered the World Long Range Teams Championship (the prestigious 'Palma Trophy' which was first contested in 1876) in Canada in 2007. Jan Dyer (NT) was the Team Master Coach, Janet Wagland (WA) was one of four wind coaches and Gillian Webb-Enslin (QLD) was one of the 16 shooters. This was the first Australian team to select female coaches for the Palma Trophy and the team placed third, winning bronze. More significantly, the female combination of Gillian Webb-Enslin (shooter), coached by Janet Wagland, established a new world record score of 896.53/900 over distances of 800, 900 and 1000 yards. This record is now part of history because the international shooting community agreed to change the target scoring dimensions for the next World Long Range Teams Championship which was held in Australia in 2011.

In February 2019, the Australian Rifle Team rose to the top, winning the World Long Range Teams Championship Gold and the 'Palma Trophy' at Trentham, New Zealand, arguably one of the most challenging rifle ranges in the world. There were three women in this victorious team: Kathryn Kent (NSW), Donna Negus (NSW) and Gillian Webb-Enslin (QLD).

Today women shooters are well established members of rifle clubs across Australia, providing a valuable contribution to the sport. They enjoy equal standing as full-bore shooting competitors and hold many important positions at club, district, state and national levels.

Many clubs are privileged and strengthened by having husband and wife, father and daughter or mother and

daughter combinations as the sport encourages and supports participation by all family members. The Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club is the envy of many clubs as it boasts having five active and competitive husband and wife members in the club.

Friday November 8, 2019 marked a significant achievement for full-bore shooting for a husband and wife team resident in ACT. Donna Negus was crowned Australia's Target Sport Athlete of the Year - Senior Female, and husband Steve was crowned Australia's Target Sport Athlete of the Year - Senior Male. Congratulations Donna and Steve on your achievements over a lifetime in the sport. Both were members of the victorious Australian Rifle Team in New Zealand in February 2019. This is the first time a husband and wife have won these awards, amazingly both in the same year.

Information contained within has been gathered from:

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Townsville June 2019 (Left to Right) Bruce and Janine Mahony, Peter and Joan Munro, Terry and Denise Sheedy, Gail and Eric Christie. Absent Tim and Mim Laurence

Castlemaine and Kyneton Rifle Clubs Military and Classic Shoot

Article and photos by Glenda Keel

Castlemaine and Kyneton Rifle Clubs held their annual 'Military and Classic Shoot' on Saturday October 5 on the Castlemaine Range. The event continues to grow in popularity with numbers well up on last year. It was a nice Spring day with hardly any wind to trouble the shooters.

The day commenced at the 300-yard mound for the Double Snap. In this event, the target is visible for six seconds and the shooter has to fire two shots before the target disappears. This is repeated five times for a total of ten shots.



Alan Mills winner of Classic A with Greg Westhead



Winner of Service A David Rushbrook with Greg Westhead

Next is the 300-yard Rapid. In this event, the shooter has to fire ten shots at the target in 50 seconds.

The final event is the Deliberate from the 500-yard mound. Here the shooter has two convertible sighters with a total of ten shots that are individually scored. Maximum score is 150.30. Most rifles are .303 Lee Enfields and Mausers, some over 100 years old. There are two classes, "as issued Military Rifle" and "Classic Target Rifle". Both classes have A Grade and B Grade Divisions.

Local shooters performed well with some exceptional scores being recorded. In the first event, the 300-yard Double Snap in Classic A Grade, Peter Pearce (Kyneton) scored an excellent 50.5 to lead Alan Mills (Castlemaine) on 45.1.



Drew Morgan, Castlemaine Rifle Club

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All the winners with RSP representative Greg Westhead



Rosi, Military Rifle Club, with her Mauser



Jeff Pannan firing the L2A1 Automatic Rifle



Chris Jolme firing the M1 Carbine

In Classis Rifle B Grade, Robert Pearce (Kyneton) scored 37.0 to lead Adam McLennan (Kyneton) 36.2.

In Service rifle A Grade, Andrew Deans (Military Rifle Club) scored 38.2 to lead Bruce Serjeant (Werribee) 38.0.

In Service rifle B Grade, David Perry (Castlemaine) with 38.3 led Richard Ruddick (Castlemaine) on 35.0.

The next event, the 300-yard Rapid in "Classic rifle" "A Grade, Alan Mills (Castlemaine) scored 50.0 to lead Peter Pearce (Kyneton) on 43.1.

In "Classic B Grade", William Green (Kyneton) scored 44.3 to lead Adam McLennan (Kyneton) on 36.1.

In "Service rifle A Grade", David Rushbrook (SSAA) scored 47.2 to lead Joe Bugeja (Military Rifle Club) on 36.1.

In "Service Rifle B Grade", Brodie Hartigan (Golden City Collectors) scored 46.0 to lead George Marinkovic (Military Rifle Club) on 39.1.



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Major sponsor Bendigo RSL

The final event, "The Deliberate" from 500 yards, saw Peter Pearce (Kyneton) score 45.4 in "Classic Rifle A" with Alan Mills (Castlemaine) next with 45.3.

In "Classic Rifle B", William Green (Kyneton) scored 43.2 to lead Adam McLennan (Kyneton) on 42.2.

In "Service rifle A", Bruce Serjeant (Werribee) scored 41.0 to lead David Rushbrook (SSAA) on 39.0.

In "Service rifle B", Richard Ruddick (Castlemaine) scored 42.1 to lead Max Elson (Castlemaine) on 40.0.

Aggregate winners were as follows:

Classic Rifle A

1	Alan Mills	(Castlemaine)	141.4
2	Peter Pearce	(Kyneton)	138.10
3	Chris Jolme	(Castlemaine)	93.0

Classic Rifle B

1	William Green	(Kyneton)	119.5
2	Adam McLennan	(Kyneton)	114.5
3	Robert Pearce	(Kyneton)	99.1

Service Rifle A

1	David Rushbrook	(Ssaa)	117.2
2	Andrew Deans	(Military Rifle Club)	100.2
3	Bruce Serjeant	(Werribee Rifle Club)	99.5



Jeff Pannan firing the Vickers Machine Gun



Trophy table

Service Rifle B

1	Richard Ruddick	(Castlemaine)	108.1
2	George Marinkovic	(Military Rifle Club)	105.0
3	Max Elson	(Castlemaine)	101.0

Range winners received medallions with Aggregate winners receiving medallions and books purchased from the Australian War Memorial.

The clubs were pleased to have Greg Westhead representing our major sponsor, The Bendigo and District RSL on hand to present the trophies. We also had the president of our other sponsor Greg Penna from the Golden City Collectors Association of Bendigo in attendance with many members of the club.

There was a great display in the Clubhouse of old firearms and riflemen's accessories, many of which had been used on the Castlemaine Range since its beginnings in 1861.

Down on the range, a very informative display was given by Jeff Pannan. Jeff demonstrated the workings of a Vickers MK11 .303 machine gun made at Lithgow in 1943 and is capable of firing between 450 and 550 rounds per minute.

Next was a very rare L2A1 automatic rifle chambered in 7.62mm Nato and capable of around 650 to 700 rounds per minute. There was also an M1 Carbine in 30 M1 calibre manufactured in 1943 by the Underwood Elliott Fisher Co from Hartford, Connecticut who are probably known more for manufacturing typewriters.

There were over 100 guests all of whom were very impressed with Jeff's knowledge of these firearms.

The clubs would like to thank our sponsors: the Bendigo and District RSL and the Golden City Collectors Association of Bendigo for their ongoing support which enables us to put on this event and help to preserve our military history.

We are probably the only place in Australia where you can see such an event as this.

The day was wound up with a very enjoyable BBQ.

The next major event for Castlemaine Rifle Club is "The Invitational" followed by Australia Day. For more information on Castlemaine Rifle Club events, call the Captain, Chris on 03 54 74 2552 or email the secretary, Glenda at glend595@gmail.com.

SEDRA Fixtures 2019

Article and photos by Tony Hopkins

The 2019 South East Queensland District Rifle Association (SEDRA) Fixtures wrapped up in October 2019.

SEDRA is an interclub competition which includes the five regional South East Qld Rifle Clubs. The member clubs are Murwillumbah, Gold Coast, Albert & District, Ipswich & District, and Beaudesert.

The coached fixtures are held on a Sunday outside normal club competitions, hosted by member clubs in a friendly atmosphere and provide a great opportunity for the clubs to introduce their members to team shooting.

The final round was hosted by the Ipswich & District Rifle Club at Ripley. The overall 2019 SEDRA results were:

Team Results

Target Rifle Master Class Winners:

Ipswich & District Rifle Club

Target Rifle Handicap Winners:

Gold Coast Rifle Club

F Class MCSI Winners:

Albert & District Rifle Club

Individual Results

Individual TR Off Rifle Aggregate Winner:

Lee Robinson (Beaudesert Rifle Club)

Individual TR Handicap Aggregate Winner:

Bas Hopkins (Gold Coast Rifle Club)

Individual F Class MCSI Aggregate Winner:

David Doeblien (Albert & District Rifle Club)



Kerry, Bas and Jim from the Gold Coast ready for Round 1



Round 1 at Murwillumbah



The final Round at Ipswich & District RC

Launceston VDC Prize Meet 2019

Article and photos by Rodney Winwood

The Launceston VDC PM was held at the Campbell Town rifle range on the November 9 in cold and windy conditions. We had a good turnout of 26 shooters shooting a double 500 yards and a 15-shot match at 600 yards.

With a cold 10am start and a strong breeze coming in from three to five o'clock, the weather was on for all.

In TR- A, James Gillies was on top with a 49-05, next was Mark Walters with 48-5, Neil Drain from Port Macquarie on 48-3 and then John Hope with 45-3.

In TR-B, Peter Hannaford scored 46-3, while Des Flood notched 46-1.

F ST-A saw Phillip Oliver on top with 56-2, next on 53-2 was Neville McKinnell, then Brendon Hunt with 53-1, John Collis on 52-3 and then Rod Jarvis with 51-2.

In F ST-B, Alan Routledge topped the table with 56-2, Barry Gough

was second on 54-3, then came Les Scholz (51-1), Gerald Upchurch (51-1), Rob Armstrong (50-1) and Kerry Hamer (43-0).

For F Open-FO, Steve Clark was on top with a 59-2, then Gil Walker with 57-3, Troy Grining on 50-2 and Guy Grining on 50-1.

In F/TR-A, Paul Monaghan scored 52-1, while in Sporting/Hunter-A, Kev Thomas was on top with 58-5, followed by David Dalymle (56-3), Will Diprose (51-1) and Louise Thomas (44-0).

With no break, we continued on with the second 500 yards, the wind had picked up a degree or two and it was getting a fair bit colder as well.

Mark Walters was top in TR -A, with 48-5, Neil Drain next on 48-4, followed by John Hope (48-4) and James Gillies (46-2).

In TR-B, Des Flood was on top with 46-1, then Peter Hannaford with 44-3.



Flag poles in the wind



Blowin in the wind

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John Hope

For F ST-A, John Collis was on top with 57-5, then Neville McKinnell on 57-3, Phillip Oliver with 57-3, Rod Jarvis on 56-4 and then Brendon Hunt on 54-1.

In F ST-B, Barry Gough was in top form with 53-2, followed by Rob Armstrong (50-0), Gerald Upchurch (50-0), Alan Routledge (49-2), Les Scholz (49-1) and Kerry Hamer (45-1).

As for F Open-FO, Steve Clark was on top with 59-3, then Gil with 57-3, Troy Grining on 57-2 and Guy Grining with 53-1.

F/TR-A saw Paul Monaghan score 54-1.



Barry Gough



Neville McKinnell

Sporting/Hunter-A was topped by Kev Thomas with 56-2, next was Louise on 54-3, then David Dalrymple and Will Diprose on 53-2 and 52.2 respectively.

We stopped for a well-prepared

dinner from our ladies who again did a great job in the kitchen and doing all the scoring and trophy organising. Again, the day started to get worse with light rain coming in halfway through the 15-shot match at 600 yards.

In TR A, Neil Drain was on top with 72-6, next was Mark on 69-4, followed by James (67-3) and John (63-3).



Scoped up



The rest



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In TR B, Des was on top with 71-2, with Peter next on 60-0.

In F ST-A, John Collis was top scorer with 82-2, with Phillip next on 80-5, followed by Brendon on 80-1, Neville with 79-2 and Rod on 75-3.

For F ST-B, Alan Routledge was on top with 77-2, with Gerald next on 76-2, then Rob (76-1), Barry (75-2), Les (70-0) and Kerry (63-1).

As for F Open-FO, Gil Walker in top form with 88-9, with Steve next on 84-2, then Troy with 77-2 and Guy on 77-0.

Paul Monaghan shot 82-2 in F/TR-A, while in Sporting/Hunter Class-A, David Dalrymple was the top scorer with 80-1, followed by Kev (75-0) and Louise (65-0).

In the Aggregate in TR-A, Neil Drain won the day with 168-12, with Mark next on 165-14, then James with 162-10 and John on 156-10.

Des was the winner in TR-B with 163-4, and Peter was next with 150-6.

For F ST-A, Phillip Oliver was the winner with 193-10, with John next on 191-10, then Neville on 189-7, Brendon with 187-3 and Rod on 182-9.

In F ST-B, veteran shooter of 65 years Barry Gough was on form with 182-7, next was Alan on 181-5, then Gerald (177-3), Rob (176-2), Les (170-2) and Kerry (151-2).

For F Open-FO, Gil Walker was the



Des Flood



A cover up !!!



Kerry Hammer



Whats going on now

top shooter with 202-15, next was Steve on 202-7, followed by Troy (184-6) and Guy (180-2).

Paul Monaghan scored 188-4 in F/TR-A, while Sporting/Hunter was won by Kev Thomas on 189-7, followed by David (189-6) and Louise (163-3).

As always, when the shooting stops

so does the rain, so all the trophies were handed out to all the grade winners.

A big thank you to all of the people who gave trophies on the day, and to all the ladies for all of their help. A beautiful painting done by Phillip Gough was presented to Nolene for her dedicated work she has done on the TRA council.



VRA Queens 2020

Entry Form

SID:
Surname
Given Names
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State
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Rifle Club
Email

Please Circle: Junior Veteran Super Vet

Please Circle: F Open FTR F STDA F STDB TRA TRB TRC

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Syme \$130	\$
Queens \$165	\$
Camping \$10 per night	\$

Total Payable	\$
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Direct Deposit

Ref: Your Name
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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 & valid firearms licence and/or permit.

Signature (*Competitor*):

Send to: VRA PO Box 5078, East Bendigo VIC 3550 or email vra@vra.asn.au

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Gosford Open Prize Meeting 2019

Article by Bob Smith
Photos by Linda Smith

In the week preceding the open prize meet (OPM), the forecast was for rain and thunderstorms on the day. This did not deter those who attended to help make the event a success.

As it turned out, we only received a few spots of rain for about two minutes, which did not bother anyone as the entire mound and scoring area were covered by gazebos.

We received very positive feedback from participants who all seemed to enjoy the day and the fellowship of other shooters who travelled from far and wide.

All three matches were fired at 500 metres, under cover and on the large artificial-turf mound. Our club is grateful for the support of the competitors, some who travelled long distances to attend.

Phill Hodder from Roseville won the event without dropping a shot over the three matches, closely followed by Bill Ballantyne from Hornsby.



Phill Hodder (TR A)

Range medals were awarded for first, second and third for each category, while those who placed from first to fifth in Target Rifle A and B, F-Class Standard A and B, F Class Open and F/TR were also given an aggregate cloth badge.

Only the top three were given aggregate cloth badges in Target Rifle C grade.

Medals were also awarded for Tyro, Top Lady, Veteran and Junior (TR, F-STD, F-Open).



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Steve Horvath (TR C)



Michael Cuda (FTR)



Ning Shen (F Std B)



David Pearsall (F Open)



Bob Phillips (TR B)



Adrian Hall (F Std A)



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'BBQ Bob' Stanborough

Aggregate winners in each category also received prizes from our sponsors.

Results:

Target Rifle

A Grade:

Phill Hodder	(Roseville)
Bill Ballantyne	(Hornsby-Manly)
Cathy Burnitt	(Gosford)

B Grade:

Bob Phillips	(West Wallsend)
Scott Nelson	(West Wallsend)
Varuna Wijetunge	(Hornsby-Manly)

C Grade:

Steve Horvath	(Gosford)
Chris Sefton	(Hornsby RSL)
Peter Scott	(Katoomba)

F Standard

A Grade:

Adrian Hall	(Gosford)
Dale Hopwood	(Gosford)
Chris Rigby	(Gosford)

B Grade:

Ning Shen	(Gosford)
Michael Difford	(Cessnock)
Bruce Campbell	(Gosford)

F Open:

David Pearsall	(North Sydney)
Darren Smith	(Gosford)
Bill Watt	(Gosford)

F/TR:

Michael Cuda	(Roseville)
Eva Patrick	(Roseville)
Andrew Beavis	(North Sydney)



On the Firing Line - All Weather



Adrian, Phill, Peter, Bob and Scott



Ted and Linda on STATS

Top Veteran:

TR: Bill Ballantyne	(Hornsby-Manly),
F Std: Bob Smith	(Gosford),

F Open: Anne Smith (Gosford)

Top Lady:

TR: Cathy Burnitt (Gosford),

F Std: Mariette Rigby	(Gosford),
F Open: Anne Smith	(Gosford)

Top Junior:

F Std: Sandiswa Nzimande (Gosford)

Top Tyro:



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TR: Steve Horvath (Gosford)
F Std: Ning Shen (Gosford),
F Open: Andrew Wood (Hornsby RSL)

As always, we had many members and visitors who helped to set up on the practice day before the OPM.

During the event there were many willing volunteers to ensure that things ran smoothly. Our RO Mark, once again did a fantastic job, Clive, 'BBQ Bob', Gail, Cathy, Anne and the ubiquitous Jeff made sure the Canteen functioned and scorecards flowed back to stats where Ted and Linda kept their noses to the grindstone to produce accurate results in a timely manner.

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



Prize Table



Queens Accommodation

Get in quick!!! Accommodation on the range is starting to fill up. Please contact the SARA Office to arrange your booking.

Annual Returns

Forms will be posted to club contacts early in 2020. Instructions for completing the Annual Return will be supplied along with the forms.

Affiliation fees for 2020/21 to be advised.

Members' Addresses and Email

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

New Members

SARA would like to welcome the following new members: Keith Zubrinich from Spalding; Matt Ward, and Tom Arnold from Loxton; Allen Murray from Wallaroo;

Steve Lindsey and Tristan Howell from Phoenix Target; Simon Kemp from Whyalla; Anthony Hamilton and Quinn Hera-Singh from Mt Barker; James Courtney from Murray Bridge; Karen Conlon from CTV and Richard Collin from Mt Gambier.

New office premisis

by now we should be settling into our new home at Dry Creek. It has been a bit of a long road but we have got there. Thank you to all our valued helpers. Onwards and upwards.

In striving to improve this event, we welcome competitor feedback, so if you have any suggestions please email b.asmith@bigpond.com.

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North Arm/Lilley District 2019 Prize Meeting

Article and photos
by Grant Larsen

The Davison Range Target Sports Complex full-bore range turned on all types of conditions which tested competitors at the North Arm Rifle Club and Lilley District Prize Shoot.

A howling northerly both afternoons had shooters constantly cranking their sights in an attempt to try and stay on target with even the best challenged to stay on top.

Charles Arrowsmith from Mariners scored a win on Saturday, taking out the North Arm Rifle Club trophy and the two-day aggregate at the end of shooting on Sunday for Target Rifle A. Ash Bidgood from Crows Nest/Goombungee won the Lilley District trophy for Sunday's shoot.

The six-range winning aggregate with only four missed bulls posted by Charles reflected the conditions and made slow progress for a field



QRA representative, Rod Prayle, presenting Charles Arrowsmith (Mariners) with the Grand Aggregate first place in Target Rifle A Grade

of 64 competitors at the two-day event on October 26 and 27.

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

Charles Arrowsmith from Brisbane Mariners Rifle Club took out the Grand Aggregate in Target Rifle A while Denis McNamara from North Arm won F Open at the North Arm/Lilley District shoot.



View down the range

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Andrew Burns – Chief Range Officer and President of North Arm Rifle Club

In B Grade, Crows Nest/Goombungee shooter Nikk Ellis took the North Arm trophy, Russell Saxby from Goondiwindi won Lilley District and Peter Brown from Grafton won the Grand Aggregate trophy.

Pacific Rifle Club member, Melanie Power, won all three trophies for F Standard A scope rifle events.

F Standard B was won by Jim Claypole from North Arm on Saturday and also the Grand Aggregate. Nicola Sobczak from Pacific won the Lilley District trophy on Sunday.

North Arm's Jim Dunsmore dominated the F Target Rifle class on Saturday and went on to win the Grand Aggregate. Gary Towers from Bundaberg/Burnett won the Lilley District prize on Sunday.

Ernie Mace from Central took out the North Arm trophy for F Open on Saturday, while Denis McNamara from North Arm won the Lilley District competition on Sunday and the Grand Aggregate.

Pacific's Josh Turner made a clean sweep of the three prizes for the .303 competition by winning the North Arm, Lilley District and Grand Aggregate trophies.

The North Arm Rifle Club



Henk Doggen from Beaudesert proudly showing his 60.9 at 500yards



North Arm members proudly displaying the marquee donated by patron, Dan Purdie MP



North Arm members – Fred Blok, Peter Coates and Corrie Hooson

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QRA representative, Rod Prayle, presenting Ash Bidgood (Crows NestGoombungee) with the first place in Target Rifle A Grade in the Lilley District competition



QRA representative, Rod Prayle, presenting Nicola Sobczak (Pacific) with the first place in F Standard B Grade in the Lilley District competition



QRA representative, Rod Prayle, presenting Melanie Power (Pacific) with the first place in F Standard A Grade in the Lilley District competition



QRA representative, Rod Prayle, presenting Josh Turner (Pacific) with the Grand Aggregate first place in .303 rifle



QRA representative, Rod Prayle, presenting Jim Claypole (North Arm) with the Grand Aggregate first place in F Standard B Grade



QRA representative, Rod Prayle, presenting Denis McNamara (North Arm) with the Grand Aggregate first place in F Open



QRA representative, Rod Prayle, presenting Peter Brown (Grafton) with the Grand Aggregate first place in Target Rifle B Grade



Melanie Power (Pacific) drawing the grocery raffle won by Charles Arrowsmith



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QRA representative, Rod Prayle, presenting Denis McNamara (North Arm) with the first place in F Open in the Lilley District competition



QRA representative, Rod Prayle, presenting Gary Towers (Bundaberg/Burnett) with the first place in FTR in the Lilley District competition



QRA representative, Rod Prayle, presenting Melanie Power (Pacific) with the Grand Aggregate first place in F Standard A Grade.JPG



QRA representative, Rod Prayle, presenting Josh Turner (Pacific) with the first place in the .303 division of the Lilley District competition

Aggregate prizes were presented by North Arm patron and Member for Ninderry, Dan Purdie MP. Dan presented the Club with a specially branded, heavy-duty marquee which was welcome relief from a hot day on Sunday.

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

A Grade

First	Charles Arrowsmith (Mariners)	149.11
Second	Ash Bidgood (Crows Nest/Goom)	147.17
Third	Colin Cole (North Arm)	144.16
Fourth	Rod Prayle (Maryborough)	143.11

B Grade

First	Nikk Ellis (Crows Nest/Goom)	144.13
Second	Peter Brown (Grafton)	147.07
Third	Dennis Hilton (Grafton)	141.11

F Class Standard A

First	Melanie Power (Pacific)	176.10
Second	Henk Doggen (Beaudesert)	168.08
Third	Denis Aarons (North Arm)	167.09

F Class Standard B

First	Jim Claypole (North Arm)	168.08
Second	Damien Tansley (Ipswich)	164.10
Third	Ron Bowman (Gatton)	162.14
Fourth	Tom Clark (Bundaberg/Burnett)	161.08
Fifth	Grant Larsen (North Arm)	160.06

F Class Open

First	Ernie Mace (Central)	174.14
Second	Andrew McKillop (Bundaberg/Burn)	174.11
Third	Anthony McKenna (Casino/Kyogle)	172.09
Fourth	Denis McNamara (North Arm)	171.10

FTR

First	Jim Dunsmore (North Arm)	172.13
Second	Rohan Barlow (Pacific)	171.08
Third	Greg Hansen (North Arm)	167.09
Fourth	Gary Towers (Bundaberg/Burnett)	167.06
Fifth	Daryl Barlow (Pacific)	166.07

.303

First Josh Turner (Pacific) 144.13
 On Sunday 27, 64 competitors contested the Lilley District Rifle Association Prize Meeting conducted over 500-yard and two 600-yard ranges. Conditions were similar to Saturday and the gusty conditions had many shooters bewildered.

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

A Grade

First	Ash Bidgood (Crows Nest/Goom)	148.16
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Members and guests at the presentation



Preparing for competition at 500yards



Action at the .303 end of the firing mound

Second	Colin Cole (North Arm)	147.14
Third	Charles Arrowsmith (Mariners)	147.10
Fourth	Rod Prayle (Maryborough)	146.14
Fifth	Shane Abood (Albert)	145.09

B Grade

First	Russell Saxby (Goondiwindi)	139.05
Second	David Pippard (Murwillumbah)	138.05

Third	Peter Brown (Grafton)	136.10
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F Class Standard A

First	Melanie Power (Pacific)	173.13
Second	Henk Doggen (Beaudesert)	172.13
Third	Glenn Rush (Ipswich)	169.08
Fourth	Tim Pilcher (North Arm)	169.06

F Class Standard B

First	Nicola Sobczak (Pacific)	168.11
Second	Glenn Ellis (Crows Nest/Goom)	165.09
Third	Damien Tansley (Ipswich)	162.05
Fourth	Tom Clarke (Bundaberg/Burnett)	162.03
Fifth	Corrie Hooson (North Arm)	161.07

F Class Open

First	Denis McNamara (North Arm)	175.16
Second	Tony McKenna (Casino/Kyogle)	172.08
Third	Andrew McKillop (Bundaberg/Burn)	169.09
Fourth	Tony Berry (Beaudesert)	169.05
Fifth	Ernie Mace (Central)	166.08

FTR

First	Gary Towers (Bundaberg/Burnett)	172.08
Second	Jim Dunsmore (North Arm)	169.07
Third	Greg Hansen (North Arm)	167.09
Fourth	Riley Hannemann (Crows Nest/G)	165.02
Fifth	Rodger Hannemann (Crows Nest/G)	164.06

.303

First Josh Turner (Bundaberg) 141.11
 The Lilley District Rifle Association Aggregate and Grand Aggregate prizes were presented by QRA representative Rod Prayle.
 The Grand Aggregate results for the two days are:

A Grade

First	Charles Arrowsmith (Mariners)	296.21
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B Grade

First	Peter Brown (Grafton)	280.17
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F Class Standard A

First	Melanie Power (Pacific)	349.23
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F Class Standard B

First	Jim Claypole (North Arm)	328.10
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F Class Open

First	Denis McNamara (North Arm)	346.26
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FTR

First	Jim Dunsmore (North Arm)	341.20
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.303

First	Josh Turner (Pacific)	285.24
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The grocery hamper raffle was won by Charles Arrowsmith.

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 generous sponsors.



NORTH QUEENSLAND RIFLE ASSOCIATION INC.

QUEENS

13 - 17 May 2020

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

Matches	Entry fee	Early nomination fee (payment & nomination received by 30/04/20)	Payment due
Wilson Aggregate (13 – 14 May)	\$110	\$105	
Queens series (15 – 17 May)	\$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)		<input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> cash <input type="checkbox"/> 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 12 May	Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club Prize Meeting: 700m, 800m & 900m x 10 shots
	Wed 13 May	Wilson Day 1: 500m, 600m & 600m x 10 shots
	Thurs 14 May	Wilson Day 2: 700m, 800m & 900m x 10 shots
	Fri 15 May	Queens Day 1: 500m, 600m & 600m x 10 shots NQRA Champion of Champions: 600m x 15 shots Club Team Competition: 600m x 10 shots Fraser Shield: 600m x 10 shots
	Sat 16 May	Queens Day 2: 700m, 800m & 900m x 10 shots NQRA Champion of Champions: 900m x 15 shots
	Sun 17 May	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: _____

Andrew Cowlrick

1953-2019

Article by Rodney Winwood

It is always a sad day when we lose one of our fellow shooters, and Andrew Cowlrick was definitely one of them.

Andrew was born in New Zealand on the September 21, 1953.

Andrew came to Tasmania in the 1970's where he joined the Queenstown RC, and was also a member of the Strahan RC on the West Coast of Tasmania.

He spent all of his working life at TAFFE in various administrator jobs.

Andrew was a very private person; he was single and very rarely talked about family and health. We do know he had two sisters still living in New Zealand.

On moving to the North-West of our State, Andrew joined the Devonport-Latrobe RC in 1994 where he remained a member until he passed on.

Andrew was a top A-grade shooter and he notched up quite a number of wins over the years, a club champion and a very reliable team shooter.

Over the years, Andrew was a State Team member and was captain in 2006 in Brisbane, 2007 in Canberra, and F ST-A 2012 in Mackay, something Andrew was very pleased of.

Andrew spent over 30 years on the TRA Council holding most positions. For the last 12 years he was our secretary running all of our shoots and doing a fine job each year organising our Tasmanian Queens prize meet.

But most of all, Andrew was the



quiet achiever and took on each task that was given to him in his stride and without any fuss he got the job done.

In the last months of Andrew's life, he was diagnosed with cancer again he took it in his stride and prepared for what was coming. Only a small

group of people knew he wasn't well.

On September 21, 2019 on his birthday, Andrew quietly passed away on the same day the TRA had its AGM where Andrew was retiring as our secretary.

On behalf of the TRA, and fellow members and friends of Andrew, rest in peace and thank you Andrew for being there for us.

ACT

- January**
 4 600 B Spare Day [New Years]
 11 700 B Howell Medal
 18 800 B Howell Medal
 25 600 B Spare Day – Mdra Shoot [Australia Day]

- February**
 1 900 A Cambridge (TR) And Trindall (FS) Aggs
 8 300 A Thomas Medal
 15 400 A Thomas Medal
 22 500 A Thomas Medal
 29 600 A Thomas Medal

- March**
 7 600 A Roberts Spoon – TRA Queens [Canberra Day]
 14 300 A Mcintosh Service And Practice Day
 21 Working Bee – 9:00 am
 21 700 A Thomas Medal
 28 800 A Thomas Medal

- April**
 4 500 A Roberts Spoon – Vra Queens
 11 600 A Spare Day – ACTFBTR Easter Egg Shoot [Easter]
 18 900 A Cambridge (TR) and Trindall (FS) Aggs
 25 300 B Maher Medal [Anzac Day]
 26 .303 Anzac Day – 10:00 am

- May**
 2 400 B Maher Medal
 9 Working Bee – 9:00 am
 9 500 B Maher Medal
 16 600 B Maher Medal – NQRA Queens – TBC
 23 300 B Mcintosh Service and Practice Day
 30 700 B Maher Medal [Reconciliation Day]

- June**
 06 500 B Spare Day [Queens's Birthday]
 13 800 B Maher Medal
 20 600 B Spare Day
 27 900 A Cambridge (TR) And Trindall (FS) Aggs – NRAA Queens – TBC

- July**
 4 Annual General Meeting
 4 2.30 pm Start – No Shoot

NEW SOUTH WALES

- January**
 5 Central West DRA OPM (Lyndhurst)
 25-26 Festival of Sydney (Malabar)

- February**
 15-16 Tumut Long Range OPM (Tumut)

- March**
 14-15 Lyndhurst OPM TBC (Lyndhurst)
 22 New England DRA OPM

- April**
 11-12 Inverell OPM (Inverell)
 11-12 North Shore DRA (Easter W'end) (Hornsby)
 25 ANZAC DAY Shoot (Malabar)

- May**
 2-3 Match Rifle & Long Range F Class (Ungarie)
 3 Lithgow OPM (Lithgow)

- June**
 6-7 Wingham OPM (Wingham)

- July**
 4-5 DRA Weekend (Malabar)

QUEENSLAND

- January**
 25-26 QRA Juniors PM
 27 QRA Juniors Development Day

- February**
 8-9 Crows Nest- Goombungee PM

- March**
 20 QRA AGM
 21-22 Champion of Champs/ City V Country

- April**
 1-5 Victorian RA State Championships
 18 Sporting and Hunter class shoot Wondai
 19 .303 Anzac Memorial Shoot Wondai

- May**
 2-4 Muckadilla PM
 Billy Sing Marksman Challenge (TBC)
 12 NQ TMT & TDRA PM
 13-17 North Queensland RA Championships
 17 Darling Downs PM

- June**
 Bundaberg-Burnett PM (TBC)

- 13 Natives PM
 17-21 NRAA Rifle Championships
July
 5 Beaudesert PM
 11-12 Monto PM
 15-19 South Australian RA State Championships
 26 Ipswich PM

NORTH QUEENSLAND

- February**
 23 Mareeba Prize Meeting, Mareeba
May
 9 Marian Prize Meeting immediately followed by MDTRA Prize Meeting, 1st stage, Mt Vince (Mackay)
 10 MDTRA Prize Meeting, 2nd stage, Mt Vince (Mackay)
 12 Townsville Marksmen Prize Meeting HRSC (Townsville)

- 13-14 NQRA Wilson Aggregate, HRSC (Townsville)
 15-17 NQRA Queens, HRSC (Townsville)
June
 6 Mossman & District Prize Meeting (Mossman)
 7 C&IDRA Prize Meeting, Wangetti Range (Cairns)
July
 11-12 Cairns Prize Meeting, Wangetti Range (Cairns)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- January**
 4 CTV OPM (Lower Light)
February
 8-9 Tumbay Bay OPM (Tumbay Bay)

- April**
 4 Barker Memorial (Pt Pirie)
 5 Pt Pirie OPM (Pt Pirie)
 11 Murray Bridge OPM (Murray Bridge)
 25 Father & Sons (Mt Barker)

- May**
 16-17 Pt Augusta OPM (Pt Augusta)
June
 20-21 West Broken Hill OPM (West Broken Hill)

- July**
 4-5 Loxton OPM (Loxton)
 15-16 Hunt (Lower Light)
 17-19 Queens (Lower Light)

VICTORIA

- January**
 1 Port Campbell Open Prize Meeting (Port Campbell)
 11 No. 11 DRA Prize meeting (Bacchus Marsh)
 18 Any Rifle Competition (Warrnambool)

- March**
 20 Police Emergency Service Games (Wellsford)
 30 Ladies State Teams - Practice and Presidents Match (Wellsford)

- 31 Ladies State Teams - Shepherd Trophy (Wellsford)
April
 1-2 VRA Championships - The Syme (Wellsford)
 3-5 VRA Championships - The Queens (Wellsford)

- 6 Australian F Class Teams Training (Wellsford)
 11 Easter at Glenrowan (Glenrowan)
 12 Easter at Glenrowan (Glenrowan)
 13 Easter Monday (Glenrowan)
 25 Saturday ANZAC Day (Bacchus Marsh)

- May**
 2 Nagambie Prize Meeting, raising money for Variety Victoria (Wellsford)
 16-17 Grantville RC - 6th Annual Shoot for Autism (Grantville)
 23-24 Stawell Prize Meeting (Stawell)

- June**
 6-7 No.2 DRA (St Arnaud)
 20-21 Robinvale Rifle Club (Robinvale)

- July**
 18-19 Warracknabeal Priize shoot (Warracknabeal)

TASMANIA

- January**
 11 North West Open Prize Meeting (Campbell Town)
 18 Sandford Rifle Club Roster (Campbell Town)
 25 West Coast Open Prize Meeting (Strahan)
 26 West Coast Open Prize Meeting (Strahan)

- February**
 8 TRA Open Prize Meeting (Campbell Town)
 15 Sandford Rifle Club Roster (Campbell Town)

- 28 Match Rifle Practice (pm) (Campbell Town)
 29 Tasmanian Match Rifle Champs (Campbell Town)

- March**
 1 Tasmanian Match Rifle Champs (Campbell Town)
 2 1500 Yards Championships (Campbell Town)
 5 Llewellyn Series (Campbell Town)
 6 Llewellyn Series / 1000 Champs (Campbell Town)
 7 Tas Queens PM Stage 1 (Campbell Town)
 8 Tas Queens PM Stage 2 (Campbell Town)
 9 Tas Queens PM Stage 3 (Campbell Town)
 21 Sandford Rifle Club Open Prize Meeting

- (Campbell Town)
 28 Sandford Rifle Club Roster (Campbell Town)

- April**
 4 Campbell Town Rifle Club Open Prize Meeting (Campbell Town)

- 18 Sandford Rifle Club Roster (Campbell Town)

- May**
 9 Palmerston Club Teams (long range) (Campbell Town)
 23 TRA Open Long Range Prize Meeting (Campbell Town)
 30 Sandford Rifle Club Roster (Campbell Town)

- June**
 20 Sandford Rifle Club Roster (Campbell Town)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- January**
 24 Albany Rifle Club PM (Albany)
 25-26 Great Southern DRA PM (Albany)

- February**
 9 WARA Council Meeting (Pinjar)
 29-1 Esperance Rifle Club PM (Esperance)

- March**
 14 Perth Fremantle Picnic Shoot (Pinjar)
 21-22 Golden Bullet (Coolilup)

- April**
 5 PFRC Ladies Day Shoot (Pinjar)
 10 Coolilup Cup (Coolilup)
 11-12 SWDRA Prize Meeting (Coolilup)
 19 WARA Council Meeting (Pinjar)

- 25-26 Alec McWhirter Memorial PM (Wurgabup)
May

- 1 Moora Rifle Club PM (Moora)
 2-3 Midlands DRA PM (Moora)
 3 AFDRA Prize Meeting (Pinjar)

- 16-17 Metropolitan DRA Prize Meeting (Pinjar)
 30-31 Eastern Goldfields DRA (Kambalda)

- June**
 21 Bindoon Rifle Club PM (Bindoon)

- July**
 4-5 Karratha Rifle Club PM (Karratha)
 5 WARA Council Meeting (Pinjar)

- 11-12 Meekatharra Rifle Club PM (Meekatharra)
 25-26 Chapman Valley Rifle Club PM (Chapman Valley)
 31 Geraldton Greenough RC (Greenough)

Queens Series 2020

March 5-9 TRA Queens

May 13-17 NQRA Queens

June 4-8 NTRA Queens