



National Rifle Association of Australia Limited

MEMBER UPDATE #26

President's Message – Major General John Hartley, A.O.

Greetings to all Members

Together with the important issues discussed below, the Board began to examine in some detail a number of considerations that have emerged from the Strategic Planning process. Some of these will be further discussed at our AGM and Workshop in November.

Four outcomes in particular are worthy of note at this time.

George Wittorff produced an aide memoir that identified the major elements of a favourable public image. This document will be discussed at the Workshop and will be suitable for use not only at the National level but also by State and Club committees.

We also discussed the need for certain types of statistics. This, too, will be discussed at the Workshop.

A further issue concerned our relationship with the AISL. We presently contribute to the organisation but have little say or influence in their proceedings. We need to consider this further and the implications for having ourselves represented on their Board. We are presently considering an invitation to having their CEO attend our first Board meeting next year.

Finally, we are developing better guidance and direction for team captains with regard to financial and stores and equipment management.

Our Patron, Major General Mike Jeffery, has relinquished his appointment as Governor General, and I have thanked him for his interest and support.

I shall keep you informed of developments on the above issues.

Membership – George Wittorff

DVD Production

It has been decided to reproduce the On Target video to DVD for distribution to Members. Production dates and costs will be forwarded at a later date.

Coaching Co ordinator

The NRAA calls for expressions of interest from those members of the sport who consider themselves sufficiently qualified and have the time available to devote to the task.

It is envisaged that the position will be attract an allowance and that the incumbent may operate independently whilst being accountable to the NRAA Board.

Register your interest prior to 1st December, 2008 to receive a copy of the Duty Statement.

Please forward your interest to, Coaching Director, NRAA, PO Box 414, Carina, QLD 4152 or nraa@bigpond.com



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Rules - John Fitzgerald

F Class Grading

The NRAA has accepted the TRA motion and will complete a full review of the grading systems.

ICFRA Target Supplies

NRAA have placed orders with our printer for supply of the new ICFRA targets, which come into effect from the 1st January 2010.

It is anticipated stock of the targets will be available through NRAA from 1st January 2009 and orders for supply will now be accepted through the NRAA Office.

A full price list for both aiming marks and centres is now available from NRAA Office and listed on our website.

Service Rifle Advisory Committee:

This committee is now in full swing with their revision of SSR's pertaining to this discipline. The members of the committee and contact details are available on the NRAA Website.

You are encouraged to submit any submissions for their consideration you may have directly to any member of the committee and no later than the end of December (31st) this year.

Ammunition - John Harding

Hornady 80gn A max Projectile Approval

Upon receipt of a number of submissions from S&T Associations seeking approval to introduce the Hornady 80 grain .223 A-Max projectile to the list of "approved" projectiles permitted under SSR's, the Board of the NRAA has decided to grant "approved status" to the Hornady 80 grain .223 A-Max projectile. In accordance with SSR 3.4.4.1, the actual "commencement date" for use of this projectile in all Target Rifle and F-Class Standard competitions has been set as 1st October 2008

Winchester HBC loaded Factory Round

Winchester with the assistance of Irlanda is in the process of developing a Factory Loaded Round using the new HBC projectile. We are currently at the testing stage and will advise the states the results once compiled.

Competitions – Bruce Scott

2011 World Championships Update (3rd October to 22nd October 2011)

The second planning meeting occurred on 22nd August with the next scheduled for early in 2009.

The competition schedule has been endorsed by ICFRA. Confirmed dates and matches are:

- 3-7 Oct 11 – practice targets available for both individuals & teams
- 8 Oct 11 – Provincial & Composite Teams & President's Day 1
- 9 Oct 11 – President's Day 2
- 10 Oct 11 – World Veterans, Ages & Australian Match practice day
- 11 Oct 11 – Australia Match (Junior & Open)
- 12 Oct 11 – World Veterans & Ages Teams Championship
- 13-15 Oct 11 – NRAA Queens
- 16-19 Oct 11 – WLRC Individual
- 20-22 Oct 11 – WLRC Teams 'PALMA'

The NRAA will provide everyone access to the latest 2011 World Championship information via www.wc2011.nraa.com.au in the near future.



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2010 Commonwealth Games Australia Cup Elimination Program

We have received confirmation from the host states regarding the Australia Cup Match.

All information including rules can be viewed on the NRAA web site. The remainder of the 2008 schedule is:

- WARA Queens – 30th September. Nominations close 12th September. This AS Cup will be shot on electronic targets.
- SARA Queens – 7th October. Nominations close 12th September.

The Board has agreed to allow invited NZ competitors to shoot alongside during the AS Cup scheduled for Bendigo in March 2009. NZ shooters will not be eligible for any trophies or qualification points.

National Teams Matches - amendment

After receiving positive support from the S&T for the NQRA proposal to amend the Alastair Macpherson and Ferg Beattie Matches and the U25 South Australia and U25 Victoria Matches, the NRAA has agreed:

- The Ferg Beattie Match will be renamed the Neville Holt Memorial Match.
- The Alastair Macpherson and U25 South Australia Matches will be contested over 900yds/800m using ICFRA long range targets (same scoring dimensions as the old PALMA target).
- The Neville Holt Memorial and U25 Victoria Matches will be contested over 1000yds/900m using ICFRA long range targets (same scoring dimensions as the old PALMA target).

The revised match conditions have been posted to S&T. These amended match conditions will be first contested during the 2009 National Teams Matches to be hosted by Queensland.

National U25 Team Matches – President’s Team

NRAA will call for nominations for competitors who qualify for the U25 Teams but are not selected in their S&T team or their S&T do not have the numbers to enter a team. NRAA will call for nominations for a Captain/Coach (no age restriction) in March 2009 thereby allowing S&T to complete their selection processes.

National F Class Teams Matches – NEW

NRAA will trial a new National F Class Teams Match in 2009 with VRA being the host State. No comments on the match conditions were received from S&T by 1 August, therefore the match conditions as sent will be used. If the 2009 event is successful and in recognition of a similar interest in F Class shooting, the NRAA will invite ACTFBRA to host the second event at Canberra in November 2010.

Nominations for Australian Team 2009 (NZ), 2010 (UK) & Palma Match 2011

The NRAA has received 10 nominations for wind coaches and 42 nominations for shooters. This is an outstanding result. Rick Scoones, the appointed Australian Team Captain for the Australia Match in 2010 and for the WLR PALMA Match in 2011, will oversight team trials in Brisbane during the period 31 October to 3 November 2008. A team of 26 shooters has been approved to contest two matches (New Zealand and mini-Palma) in NZ in January 2009 as preparation for the matches in 2010 and 2011.

Australian Team Appointments to 2011

The Board has confirmed the following appoints for Australian Teams to 2011:

- Managers – Reg Wagland (WA) and Rex Wigney (Qld)
- Tactician – Rick Ashton (NSW)
- Armourer/Gunsmith – Bill Hallam (WA)



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NRAA Trans Tasman Teams to New Zealand January 2009

NRAA has accepted an invitation for a Ladies and a Veterans team to contest the Trans Tasman Matches in New Zealand in January 2009. John Caske (Qld) has been appointed Captain of the Veterans Team and Catherine O'Loughlen (Qld) has been appointed Captain of the Ladies Team. Shooting members will be confirmed by the end of September. The Board congratulates John and Catherine on their appointments and wishes their teams every success in New Zealand.

NRAA F Class Team to Bisley July 2009

Benn Farrowell (NSW) has been appointed Captain of the 2009 NRAA F Class Team to Bisley. The Board congratulates Benn on his appointment and wishes his team every success in this competition. A call for nominations for team members will appear on the NRAA webpage and in the next ATR.

Captain Woomera Match 2010

Bill Freebairn (SA) has been appointed Captain of the NRAA MR Team for the 2010 Woomera Match in Brisbane in March 2010. The Board congratulates Bill on his appointment and wishes his team every success in this competition. A call for nominations for team members will appear in the next ATR.

Captain World Veterans Team 2011

George Wittorff (WA) has been appointed Captain of the 2011 NRAA World Veterans Team which will contest the championship on 12th October 2011 in Brisbane. The Board congratulates George on his appointment and wishes his team every success in this competition. A call for nominations for team members will appear in the ATR in due course.

2009 Oceania Team

The Board congratulates the following shooters who have been selected to contest the 2009 Oceania Championship in New Zealand in 2009: Bill Baker, Angus Bell, Helen Griffiths, Kim O'Loughlen, Ben Picton, Bruce Scott and Ron Whalen.

Policies being reviewed

NRAA Gold Medals – Teams Matches. The policy relating to the awarding of NRAA Gold Medals for the various NRAA National Teams Matches which includes Senior, Junior, Ladies, Veterans, F Class and MR will undergo a review and findings will be presented to the NRAA Workshop for discussion.

Team Funding – Entry Fees. NRAA Policy 19 is to fund entry fees for Australian Teams that are indorsed with the Coat of Arms. This policy is to be reviewed noting the increase in official NRAA representative teams traveling overseas this decade.

Many Thanks
Catherine Berry
Executive Officer