



National Rifle Association of Australia Limited

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Chairman/ Competitions - John Fitzgerald

At the time of writing this Members Update report the crisis enveloping the closure of Anzac Rifle Range in Sydney at the end of October next is still very much, according to the Federal Labor Government a “coup de grace”. Despite representation to the Commonwealth and other bodies they are still pushing ahead with their intent of locking the gates on October 31.

The claim of “health & safety issues” is a farce and all tests so far carried out for airborne asbestos has returned readings of well below any need for concern.

The NSWRA has posted a petition on their website www.nswra.org.au and we ask you to log on and sign this petition in an endeavor to raise awareness and pressure on those that have arrived at this decision. It will help, and NSWRA acknowledge and appreciate your concern and time in so doing.

The “History of the National Rifle Association of Australia” was a matter of discussion at the last NRAA Board Meeting (May) with the author Andrew Kilsby present to present his penultimate draft. Orders will be accepted in October during the ICFRA World Championships at a “Special” one off advanced release price. Take the opportunity to take advantage of this piece of shooting history and pre-order your copy which is due for release early 2012. Donations to help defray the cost of publication are most welcome and already we have received a most generous sponsorship from a well known rifle shooter to the tune of \$10,000 cash. A magnificent gesture and gratefully received.

By the time the next issue of ATR is published the up to date version of Standard Shooting Rules will be available both on the NRAA website and in hard copy. You can obtain a hard copy from your State/Territory Association for a nominal cost. All competitive shooters should have one and we anticipate this comprehensive review of SSR’s will negate the need for those out there that presently confuse the issue with their own interpretations and perceptions of what is permitted and what is not.

I hope to see as many as possible at the ICFRA World Long Range Championships at Belmont in October which should be virtually upon us by the time you finish reading this issue of ATR.

John Fitzgerald,

National Chief Range Officer

Expressions of interest for three year tenure are called for the Position of National CRO. All Applicants must be State Accredited Range Officers.

Duties Include:

1. When requested to attend NRAA competitions such as National Teams, Queens Prize and International Matches as the NCRO. NRAA will cover reasonable travelling and accommodation expenses to these events. Please Note the first responsibility for the new NCRO will be the National F Class teams Matches in May 2012.



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2. If unable to attend, the NCRO is invited to recommend a suitable replacement from the State/Territory CRO's with preference to the SCRO from the host state or territory.
3. Produce examination Material for the conduct of Range and Butts Officers courses which in keeping with the SSR's and advise the National Office of any recommended amendments.
4. Recommend to the States/Territory CRO's any Range or butts officers observed needing re-accreditation.

Please forward you expression of interest to the NRAA office or to executive@nraa.com.au by close of business October 31st 2011.

Nominations - Ladies Tri Nation Match- South Africa - March 31st-April 13th 2013

Nominations are being called for interested Ladies to fill the positions of Captain, Manager, Coaches and shooter to compete in the 2013 South African Championships.

Positions are Four (4) Firers; One [1] Reserve; One [1] Wind Coach (can shoot if required); One [1] Captain/Manager (Total Team composition - seven [7]).

Please forward nominations to the NRAA office or to executive@nraa.com.au by COB 31st August 2011.

Nominations - U25/19 Team- South Africa March 31st-April 13th 2013

Nominations are being called for interested persons to fill the positions of Captain, Manager, Coaches and shooter to compete in the 2013 South African teams Championships. Positions are Captain, Manager, 2 Coaches and 6 shots. Please forward nominations to the NRAA office or to executive@nraa.com.au by COB 31st August 2011.

Nominations - NRAA Open Team- South Africa March 31st-April 13th 2013

Nominations are being called for interested persons to fill the positions of Captain, Manager, Coaches and shooter to compete in the 2013 South African teams Championships. Positions are Captain, Manager, Co-ordinator (Head Coach), 3 Coaches and 12 shots.. Please forward nominations to the NRAA office or to executive@nraa.com.au by COB 31st August 2011.

Expression of interest- NRAA Open Team- America Match 15 Aug 2012

Expression of interests is being called for persons to fill the positions of Captain, Manager, Coaches and shooter to compete in the 2012 America Match at Camp Perry. Please forward your expression of interest to the NRAA office or to executive@nraa.com.au by COB 31st August 2011.

Expression of interest- NRAA F CLASS Team- America Match 15 Aug 2012

Expression of interests is being called for persons to fill the positions of Captain, Manager, Coaches and shooter to compete in the 2012 America Match at Camp Perry. Please forward your expression of interest to the NRAA office or to executive@nraa.com.au by COB 31st August 2011.

Nominations - WORLD F CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS- America 2013

Nominations are being called for interested persons to fill the positions of Captain, Manager, Coaches and shooter to compete in the 2013 F Class World Championships for F/O and F/TR. Positions are Captain, Manager/Adjutant, 1 Main Coach, 2 Coaches, 1 Armourer and 10 shooters. Please forward nominations to the NRAA office or to executive@nraa.com.au by COB 31st December 2011.



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Expression of interest- NRAA F Class Team- South Africa 5th-13th April 2013

Expression of interests is being called for persons to fill the positions of Captain, Manager, Coaches and shooter to compete in the 2012 F Class team matches at General de Wet Rifle Range, Bloemfontein. Please forward your expression of interest to the NRAA office or to executive@nraa.com.au by COB 31st December 2011.

Finance- Gordon Duncan

Affiliation Fees

The financial year is near finalised and affiliation fees for 2011 will again fall due. Member Associations will be required to pay their affiliation fees in July. The fees for 2011 -2012 were set at the Annual General Meeting held in November 2010.

Please note the below changes to the NRAA 2011-2012 Affiliation and Magazine fees.

Affiliations

Senior Forty (40) dollars Inc GST.
Junior Twenty (20) dollars Inc GST

ATR Magazine

Thirty Seven (37) dollars Inc GST

New member fees will now be a one off annual charge as stated below. This will replace the Pro Rata scheduled fees.

Affiliation

Senior Twenty (20) dollars Inc GST
Junior Ten (10) dollars Inc GST

ATR Magazine

Eighteen (18) dollars Inc GST.

At this point it is envisaged that affiliation fees for 2013 will remain unchanged although the Magazine subscription may rise a little to reflect cost increases in both publication and postage.

Membership – John Harding

Coaching Coordinators Update

Upgrading of the first stage of the NRAA's Coaching Manuals, being, the Club Level Coaching Manual, has been completed by the National Coaching Director, Alex Timms, with assistance from Trish van Nus.

This document is expected to be valid between 2011 and 2015. Hard copy and CD copy will be available through the NRAA office to all Club Coaches on request. The material contained in the Manual includes "The Club Coach Program", Coaches Manual and Assessment Questions and Answers.



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State Coaching Directors are also encouraged to review the material and commence courses at the earliest opportunity to rebuild the coaching program.

The second stage of the upgrading of the Coaching Manual, "Competition Coach" is nearing completion and is hoped to be available towards the end of 2011.

Electronic Targets and Membership

There are currently about 65 Kongsberg Electronic Target sets in use across Australia. Western Australia has 25 targets in use (and 11 more on order) across 5 sites and the Eastern Seaboard & NT has the balance of 40, across 10 sites.

Whilst it is apparent that the new technology is proving popular with the shooters for various reasons, there are also some preliminary indications that the change from manual marking, especially competitor marking, to the new electronic targets is actual encouraging greater participation rates at club level. More importantly, acquisition rates of new members for clubs using electronic targets would also appear to be improving.

In light of these early indications, the NRAA will conduct a survey of the clubs using electronic targets to try and obtain a clearer picture of the benefits of electronic targets as they pertain to club memberships. Results of the survey will be made available through the NRAA's website as soon as the information has been collected and compiled.

The Workshop of Members held last year has further endorsed the need for the NRAA to work with all State and Territory Associations to progress the concept of a National Data Base of members.

National Data Base

Currently, back ground material on general IT issues and proposed changes to Grading Rules as they may impact on the requirements for the National Data Base project are being collected and considered.

As the administration issues relating to the end of the financial year for most of the Associations will shortly be out of the way, a preliminary survey questionnaire is to be issued to each of the State and Territory Associations for their advice, input and comment. Once collected and reviewed the committee will be in a better position to consider how this project is to be advanced to the approvals stage at the next NRAA Annual Workshop of Members later in 2011

Ammunition – George Edser

Sierra 80gn Projectiles

The 80 gn Sierra projectiles have now been received by Highland Sports and the States and Territories immediate and future requirements have been dispatched and received by all States and Territories.

I can report that we have ample supply of all other ammunition requirements in stock and projection requirements have been filled.



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We are currently negotiating a proposal with Winchester for them to provide Winchester primers direct to States and Territories. Once this proposal is finalized we will be seeking feed-back from the States and Territories and will then be in a position to determine if the proposal is viable and financially beneficial. The indication is that sourcing direct from Winchester will represent a real saving as compared with the current cost of acquiring this product from the States and Territories' current sources.

Rules – Bob Pedersen

Electronic Targets

The Electronic Targets Committee has now been formed and is having its first 2 day meeting at Belmont on 22nd and 23rd August. Members of the Committee are at the moment gathering all the information that they can about Electronic Targets and the systems associated with them. If you have any information, opinions or ideas about Electronic Targets, please contact one of the Committee members or me directly at rules@nraa.com.au

The Committee members are:-

Bob Pedersen	NRAA	Bob Dyer	NTRA
Eric Christie	NQRA	John Caske	QRA
Len Brown	NSWRA	David McIntosh	ACT
James Corbett	VRA	Rod Jarvis	TRA
Graeme Minchin	SARA	Rob Alman	WARA

Standard Shooting Rules Update

Quite a deal of work has been done on updating the SSR's. There have been additions like the 1000yds Benchrest Rules, Match Rifle Grading etc, plus a new Service Rifle Chapter, replacement of the old Target sizes and Scoring System with the new ICFRA sizes and scoring.

The Rules are being proof-read at the moment, and once this is done, I will put the new copy on the NRAA Website, and send it off for hard copy printing. An electronic copy will also be sent to each State and Territory asking them to send an email copy to everyone on their lists. The NRAA is at present working on trying to establish a National Database of members, and once this is done I'll be able to send information to members directly.

Complete New Grading System – VRA Proposal

For a number of years, member states have been asking the NRAA to rework the whole Grading System. The VRA has been trialling a new system for some time now. At the recent Board meeting a set of Draft Grading Rules was submitted by the VRA along with the following Motion which was accepted by the Board.

- (a) That the NRAA distribute the Draft Rules to all the States and Territories for consideration.
- (b) The States and Territories be asked and prepared to discuss and vote on the proposal at the Chairman/President's and Member's Annual General Meeting and workshop in November 2011
- (c) That the NRAA publicise the proposal through the NRAA website and the National Magazine before the Annual General Meeting and Workshop so that the general shooting population can become aware of the proposal.



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I am sending a copy of the Draft Rules to all States and Territories along with a short article, and asking all Associations to distribute it as widely as possible to their members through fliers and emails.

Match Rifle – F/TR Class of Shooting

At a meeting of the Match Rifle Association at Campbell Town in March 2011 the Match Rifle Assn. accepted a motion to trial the running of an F/TR Class during Match Rifle Events, if the event organisers chose to do so. This is only in the trial stages and restricted to Match Rifle events. The Rules for F/TR are the ICFRA F Class F/TR rules which can be accessed at http://www.icfra.co.uk/FCRules_2009.pdf

Clarification of Upgrading Rules

At time there have been queries about when a shooter can be upgraded when competing in a multiple day competition. I will try and clarify the situation.

E.G. – A 5 day Queens Competition

- (a) Usually a 5 day Queens will have 5 separate Daily Aggregates.
- (b) If you enter in “B” Grade you are in “B” Grade for the whole 5 days regardless of any individual Aggregate result.
- (c) If you win a Daily Aggregate with a score high enough to be regraded to “A” Grade, then you remain in “B” Grade for the rest of the Queens but are in “A” Grade in the next open competition you enter and for the next 12 months.

E.G. – A 2 day Open Prize Meeting

- (a) Usually the 2 day Prize meeting will have separate daily aggregates.
- (b) If you enter “C” Grade you are in “C” Grade for both days, regardless of the result of the first day Aggregate.
- (c) If you win either of the 2 daily Aggregates with a score high enough, then you will be in “B” Grade in the next open competition you enter.
- (d) If you win the Grand Aggregate of the 2 days (or Queens or Lead-Up) with a score high enough to be upgraded you will be in the next higher grade for the next 12 months.

OFFICE

NRAA BOARD MEETING DATES

We are pleased to advise the 2011 Board meeting and AGM dates. Please provide any motions 14 days prior to the meeting.

Board Meetings

September 3rd-4th

November 25th and 27th

AGM and Members workshop.

November 25th-26th

Many Thanks
Catherine Berry
Executive Officer