



National Rifle Association of Australia Limited

MEMBER UPDATE #37

Chairman/Competitions – John Fitzgerald

Expressions of Interest: National Coaching Coordinator Position

The NRAA are seeking Expressions of Interest for the position of National Coaching Coordinator. This is an honorary position for tenure of three year.

Duties would include updating NRAA coaching Manuals, Assisting States and territories with course information and representing the NRAA at AISL coaching meetings. Please forward your Expression of interest to the NRAA at executive@nraa.com.au or fax to 07 3398 3515. Closing date 21st December 2012.

Nominations: Australian Team, Bisley 2013

The NRAA are calling for nominations for an Open Australian TR team to Bisley 2013 to contest the Overseas, Kolapore and MacKinnon matches.

Positions will be Captain and Shooting / Vice Captain, Manager, Coaches and Shooters. This is a self funded team, NRAA will fund team entries.

The tour dates would be departing Australia: Thursday 4th July and Returning from the UK: Sunday 21st July arriving back in Australia on Tuesday 23rd July 2013. A total of 19 days away. The proposed budget per team member would be AUD 4-5000 based upon economy airfares and twin share car - caravan hire. Please forward your request for the NRAA Nomination Form to the NRAA office executive@nraa.com.au or download from the NRAA web site www.nraa.com.au. Nominations close Friday 21st December 2012.

Finance – Gordon Duncan

The Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2012 have now been finalised showing a loss of near \$8000. Unfortunately losses have been resulting now for three years.

The major expense increase has been in wages as it has been found necessary to employ another staff member on a Part time basis. Essentially people are requiring more services from NRAA and one person alone cannot attend to those needs. There has been an increase in both National Teams Matches as well as International Matches in all disciplines. This alone has expanded the role of the NRAA as well as endeavouring to fulfil the need for a central data point for scores at Prize Meetings on which grading's can be based.

At the Annual General Meeting in November/December an increase in affiliation fees will be proposed as follows:

Affiliation - increase \$10 to \$50

Magazine - increase \$3 to \$40.

Membership – John Harding

NRAA IT Development

The NRAA has currently contracted to an external third party supplier the development of the necessary software to implement the National Grading System that will allow the grading and seeding of competitors on a regular, and possibly weekly, basis.



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A Beta version of the software should be ready for in house testing early November and final version should be available for the start of the shooting season in 2013.

The NRAA will shortly be working with all S&TAs to accumulate the membership and shooting data required to implement the operational package for 2013.

Electronic Targets and Membership

At the time of writing this note, Friday 28 September 2012, the WARA is live streaming shooting results to the World Wide Web for the first range of the Duke of Edinburgh lead up to the WARA Queens Prize Meeting. The fifth to be shoot on electronic targets.

In “Real Time” the system is providing an actual plot of the group being shoot and the value of each shot, and the named shooter’s progressive score, as it is being fired.

Despite the atrocious weather experienced at Swanbourne over the last few days that has resulted in the cancellation of some matches and complete days of shooting, the event would appear to be turning into another ground breaking result for electronic targets.

While there may be some questions as to the reliability of electronic targets in severe windy weather conditions, the conditions have been so bad that it was virtually impossible for shooters to even make their way to the firing point let alone shoot.

On a positive note, even with the electronic targets left in the target machine frames for all of the foul weather (24/7) their robustness of construction has prevent any damage to the targets themselves, and they have simply been switched on for the commencement of today’s shooting with no problems.

True to form, the WA weather has also been visited upon the concurrent SARA programme with last week’s Perth weather upsetting the schedule and with the loss of a range at Lower Light, so severe has the frontal weather pattern been across the whole of western and central Australia.

Whilst Electronic Targets are shaping up to be the future for Fullbore Rifle Shooting in Australia, it will, unfortunately, be quite awhile before anyone can do something about the weather.

Ammunition – George Edser

Ammo (Loaded And Projectiles) Projections

All States and Territories failed to respond to a request to submit projections for loaded rounds and projectiles for the 2012/2013 year. Despite reminder requests in May and August, most States and Territories responded in August and September, with WARA not responded as at 8th September 2012 (Board meeting).

The NRAA cannot be expected to be able to supply product in adequate amounts if forward projections are not submitted by the States and Territories. It is suggested that YOU make sure your State or Territory submit projections when requested to do so, so that sufficient stock levels are maintained.



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Berger

Following the conditional approval of a range of Berger Projectiles at the February Board meeting, a suitable supply Agreement has now been entered into and projectiles ordered and should be available for purchase by the end of October 2012. The approved introductory date is the 1st January 2013.

Benchmark 8208

On the 8th September 2012 the Board approved the immediate use of ADI Benchmark 8208 power. ADI reports that this powder is a fine grained, temperature insensitive powder.

Jlk 80 Gn

The Jlk 80 gn have arrived and are now being, or have been, distributed to the States and Territories.

Rules – Bob Pedersen

Removal of Bolt at All Times

With the advent of various types of “Tube” Rifle stocks we have seen that some of them present difficulty in removing the bolt from the stock. The NRAA has had one or two requests asking if the insertion of Breech Flag into the rifle action would replace the removal of the bolt. The Board has discussed this and wishes to re-affirm that when retiring from the mound and when the rifle is in the area behind the mound, **the BOLT MUST BE REMOVED AT ALL TIMES**. Competitors are reminded of Rules 2.1.1 and 2.1.5 which clearly mandate this.

ADI Benchmark 8208 Powder Now Allowed

At the September NRAA Board Meeting, the Ammunition Director, Mr George Edser proposed that the ADI Powder Benchmark 8208 be included in the list of approved powders for both .223 and .308 calibres. This was approved by the Board and takes place immediately, as from the date of the September Board Meeting.

The next Electronic Edition of the SSR’s will contain Benchmark 8208 powder in the list of approved powders in Appendix 1.

Spotting Disk Sizes

For some time now the Spotting Disk sizes at various ranges have been almost as big as or bigger than the Super V. The NRAA Board has received requests to reduce the Spotter sizes and we have acted accordingly. The Recommended Spotter Sizes are now:-

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| 300/400 yds/m | 20mm |
| 5/6/700 yds/m | 50mm |
| 8/9/1000 yds/m | 70mm |

The NRAA recognises that at times, the above spotter sizes may be inappropriate, because of heavy mirage, poor light etc. and that larger spotters may be needed as requested or decided on the day.



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Safety Procedures When Retiring from Mound During Bisley Style Shooting

Occasionally "Bisley Style" shoots are conducted in Australia with competitors shooting in pairs and scoring for each other. There are no Scorers or Check Scorers behind the competitors and the shooters are required to clear each other's rifle when retiring. Occasionally it has been observed that rifles not yet cleared on the mound have been pointing at other competitors still shooting.

Therefore a new rule has been inserted into the Bisley Section of the rules to ensure that rifles are checked and cleared in safe manner.

New Rule 4.1.5.14 to be inserted:-

When retiring from the mound, competitors will be responsible for checking and clearing the breeches of their fellow competitors. When doing so, the muzzles of all rifles must remain pointing at the targets until cleared.

Many Thanks
Catherine Berry
Executive Officer