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Chairman/Competitions – John Fitzgerald

Commonwealth Games 2014

The NRAA would like to wish James Corbett and Geoff Grenfell every success for the upcoming Commonwealth games in Glasgow. Below is the Calendar of event for you to cheer on the Australia to gold.

Friday 25 th July	Queens Pairs
Saturday 26 th July	Queens Pairs
Sunday 27 th July	Queens Individual
Monday 28 th July	Queens Individual
Tuesday 29 th July	Queens Prize Individual Final

Australian Palma Team 2015

The NRAA would like to thank all those that nominated for the Australian Palma Rifle Team. Selection of this team has been a very difficult process as the quality of nominations was of an extremely high standard. We are pleased to advise and congratulate the below team members on their successful selection to represent Australia at Camp Perry, USA 2015.

The following Team is selected:

Captain:	John Baxter
Manager:	Catherine Berry
Master Coach:	Rick Ashton

Coaches:	John Ashton	Stuart Collings
	Phillip Bradshaw	Rob Rush
	Rob Cadden	

Squad:	Jim Bailey	Frank Pinyon
	Tim Berry	Matthew Pozzebon
	Ashley Bidgood	Lee Robinson
	Nick Cock	Paul Savage
	Colin Cole	Peter Schafferius
	George Edser	Barbara Schwebel
	Ben Emms	Brad Semmler
	Darren Enslin	Mark Thurtell
	Geoffrey Grenfell	Gillian Webb-Enslin
	Michael Millen	Andrew Wilson

National Team Matches 2015

The NRAA are now able to advise all states & Territories that the next National Teams Matches will be held prior to the NSWRA Queens in September 2015.



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Trans-Tasman F Class Open, Standard and FT/R Matches January 2015- Nominations

We are pleased to announce Bob Pedersen has been appointed Captain of the Trans-Tasman F Class Teams. Details and dates of the Competitions are being negotiated at the moment and will be advised as soon as confirmed. Hopefully this will be by the end of July.

Nominations are now called for 3 Shooting Captains. One each for F Open, F/TR and F Standard. (We are hoping to have F Standard included). Each Captain will be the Shooting Captain of their team, responsible for selection and training and the conduct of their match(es).

Captains will be responsible to Bob Pedersen who will be co-ordinating the activities of all the teams.

Nominations should be in by **COB Monday 28th July 2014** Forms are available from the NRAA web site. For further details or queries please contact Bob Pedersen at bobpednraa@gmail.com

Woomera Match, Tasmania 2016- Nominations

The NRAA are please to advise that the NRA of GB have accepted the invitation to compete in the Woomera Match being held at Campbell Town, Tasmania in 2016. The NRAA are seeking nominations for Captain, Manager, Coaches and shooters.

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 1 September 2014**.

Rules – Bob Pedersen

National Grading System

There are still some programming hitches to be ironed out with the National Grading System. Once these have been sorted then we will announce a trial period for the system. It is fully integrated with the Online Prize Meeting Program. All Open Prize Meetings and Queens should now be ran through the NRAA online prize meeting program for direct feed into the Grading System. PLEASE NOTE that this is the only way that scores from Open Competitions can be included in the Grading System. Please contact the NRAA office at nraa@bigpond.com or phone 07 3398 1228 to begin the process of obtaining your login in code and set up if you wish to use the OPMP.

Alterations and Additions to SSR's

The Following Rule Changes are Effective as at June 1st 2014

At the May 2014 NRAA Board Meeting, the following Rule Alterations and Additions were approved by the NRAA Board.

F/TR Rules

Rules 20.30 to 20.60 have been included as a section of the F Class Rules. (Chapter 20). As far as possible, the rules have been copied directly from the ICFRA Rules. Some sections have been added to comply with Australian conditions, such as Target Dimensions, Scoring, Time Limits etc. Where a matter has not been dealt with explicitly then other Rules and Procedures contained in the SSR's will apply.

Rationale

At the NRAA Annual General Members Workshop in November 2013, a motion was put by Queensland that the F/TR Discipline be included in NRAA Competitions. A majority of the States voted for the motion.



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Compression Testing of Shooting Accessories.

Following a submission from the QRA the Board approved the removal of all thicknesses applying to Shooting Mats, Shooting Coats, Elbow Pads, and any other padding used on or with shooting accessories. This also applies to mats in F Standard. The Rules affected are from Rules 3.2.2 to 3.2.3.4 and Rule 20.23, where references to thicknesses and compression testing have been removed.

Rationale

Many commercially available mats and shooting coats being used by competitors exceed the thicknesses that were outlined. It brings us in line with ICFRA Rules which do not outline any thicknesses for these accessories. It is now also generally accepted that excessive thicknesses do not give any advantage and may even disadvantage users.

Safety Procedures - Ammunition and Pressures.

Rules 2.1.11 to 2.1.12.4 have been altered and added to strengthen the Safety Procedures and Features involved with competitors shooting ammunition showing excessive pressure signs. The onus is now on Shooters, other Competitors and Scorers to report excessive pressure signs such as difficult opening, difficult extraction, blown or leaking primers, blow-back, case separation or splitting or other signs of excessive pressure to the Range Officer. The Range Officer must then deal with the case as outlined in the rules.

Rationale

Anecdotal Evidence has reported a number of cases of shooters continuing to fire with ammunition exhibiting excessive pressure signs. The NRAA has a Duty of Care to competitors to protect competitors despite their own actions and also to protect other personnel on the range. ICFRA Rules also include these procedures.

Re-Drafting of Rules Applying to Lenses Allowed on Target Rifles

Rules 3.1.5 to 3.1.5.10 have been redrafted and modified. These relate to the Rear and Foresights, plus the various lenses, Eagle Eyes, and Variable Diopters and combinations allowed on Rear and Front Sights.

Rationale

Previously no reference had been made to such items as filters, fixed diopter and clearing lenses. These rules also align better with the ICFRA Rules.

F Open – 8mm Maximum Bore

Rule 20.1.2(a) has been modified to include 8mm as the maximum Bore diameter and 8.204mm (.323") as the maximum groove diameter allowed in F Open.

Rationale

The question has been asked as to whether the maximum 8mm diameter defined for F Open was a Bore Diameter or a Groove Diameter. There had been no previous Groove Diameter specified. The groove diameter decided on is based on the general military measurement that a groove depth is usually 4 thousandths of an inch, giving an extra 8 thousandths of an inch when both grooves are taken into account. E.G. A .30 calibre has a .300" bore and a .308" groove diameter and therefore a .308" diameter for the projectile. This gives a maximum diameter for and F Open projectile as .323" or 8.204mm. i.e. 8mm Bore Diameter and 8.204mm groove diameter.

Bob Pedersen

Rules Director - NRAA



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Finance – Gordon Duncan

The financial year is coming around again and affiliation fees for 2014 will be due. Member Associations will be required to pay their affiliation fees on 1st July 2014. The fees for 2014 -2015 were set at the Annual General Meeting held in November 2013. We are pleased that we have been able to keep these costs at a minimum. These fees contribute directly to the Insurance, National Data base, Grading System, Online prize meeting program, Australian and National Teams events and the running of Head Office. Without your membership support we would not have been able to progress with these critical items that cement our sport of shooting into the years to come.

Affiliations

Senior Fifty (50) dollars Inc GST.
Junior Twenty Five (25) 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.

Affiliation

Senior Twenty (25) dollars Inc GST
Junior Twelve dollars and fifty cents (12.50) Inc GST

ATR Magazine Eighteen (18) dollars Inc GST

Membership – James Corbett

Expression of interest for NRAA Fundraising Committee

The NRAA Members have approved the formation of a fundraising committee to raise money for Australian teams. The method of fundraising will be via a commercial online website and will offer goods and services for sale/auction. Qualifications and experience in the following areas are being sought for positions on the committee.

- 1) Web Marketing/Sales: html design and layout, receiving and cropping jpeg files, typing adverts (1-2 positions)
- 2) Business Finance Admin: setting up payment procedures and protocols, preparing end of month financial statements to the NRAA Treasurer (1 position)
- 3) Product Marketing/Services Recruitment: Sales, networking with potential suppliers, overall knowledge of business and industry (2-3 positions)



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Please note:

- 1) All positions are Honorary and the preferred method of communication is via email.
- 2) Committee members are unable to bid/buy any of the goods/services on offer.
- 3) Chairman of the Committee is the NRAA Director for Membership/Marketing

Please forward your expression of interest direct to the NRAA Executive Officer at [<nraa@bigpond.com>](mailto:nraa@bigpond.com)

Ammunition – George Edser

Berger Projectiles

We are pleased to advise that the next shipment of Approved Berger's has arrived at the QRA. We now have approximately 12 months' supply of projectiles costing over AUD\$ 800,000. We extend our gratitude to the QRA for investing the money into these projectiles to ensure that all NRAA members will be able to obtain the items they require.

Optimus Projectiles

The NRAA are receive good feedback regarding the current HBC projectiles which are now available in 500 packs.

Winchester

We may finally be heading towards a regular supply of powder to the States and Territories. Winchester have now received confirmation that 50kg of powder can be transported per delivery truck. We are now waiting on the State department's approval for the freight companies to transport the powder but are hoping this can be finalised in the next month.

JLK Projectiles

Just an update the NRAA now has 80,000 projectiles available. Please let me know if you wish to place an order as soon as possible.

Many Thanks
Catherine Berry