



## ***National Rifle Association of Australia Limited***

### **MEMBER UPDATE #41**

#### **President – John Hartley**

At a Board meeting held at the NSWRA offices on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015, John Fitzgerald stood down as Chairman of the NRAA. He will continue to be a Director.

Gordon Duncan was appointed Chairman and will hold that appointment until the end of the year.

John has been Chairman for nearly eight years and has given much time and effort to that appointment. Over the last nine months, however, he has suffered ill health.

On behalf of all of us I thank him for his dedication and wish him a safe and quick recovery. I look forward to his further contributions as a Board member.

#### **Chairman/ Finance – Gordon Duncan**

##### **Queens Badges**

At the recent NRAA Board meeting the issue of wording on Queens Badges was discussed at length.

Some time ago, most of our State and Territory Members decided to depart from NRA of GB tradition and offer Queens Badges to Target Rifle B and C grade. Later, Queens's badges were also offered to Open F class, then Standard F class and more recently FTR. Each State & Territory Association has a different Queens's badge, wording and award system for their Annual Championships.

The NRAA wish to advise that following our discussions we have decided the award system is entirely at the discretion of the State Association as is the wording they require on their Queens badges.

We have a unique system in Australia and our tradition of awarding excellence no matter what discipline is one of the reasons why the F class disciplines flourish today.

Please support your States Annual Championships and enjoy your shooting.

##### **Affiliation and Magazine Fees**

The financial year is coming around again and affiliation fees for 2015 will be due.

Member Associations will be required to pay their affiliation fees on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015. The fees for 2015 -2016 were set at the Annual General Meeting held in November 2014.

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 two dollars and fifty cents (52.50) Inc GST.

Junior                                        Twenty six (26) dollars Inc GST

**ATR Magazine**                        Forty (40) dollars Inc GST



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Junior                                        Thirteen (13) dollars Inc GST

**ATR Magazine**                        Twenty (20) dollars Inc GST

#### **Competitions – John Fitzgerald**

##### **Ladies Collinson Match 2015**

The NRAA are pleased to announce Wendy Latham as Captain for the Ladies Trans-Tasman Collinson Match. This Match will be contested on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June against the New Zealand Ladies Rifle Team.

##### **Nominations- AUSTRALIAN Open Rifle Team, Australia Match, South Africa, 2017.**

Nominations are being called for persons to fill the positions of Captain, Manager, Coaches and shooters to compete in the Australia Match being held in South Africa in 2017. Team composition is Captain, Manager/Adjutant, 10 Shooters, 2 Reserves, 1 Main Coach, and Two Target Coaches. The Team will wear the Australian Coat of Arms and will be self-funded. Please forward your request for the NRAA Nomination Form to the NRAA office or to [nraa@bigpond.com](mailto:nraa@bigpond.com) or download from the NRAA website.

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**Nominations for Manager, Coaches and Shooters close 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

##### **Nominations- AUSTRALIAN U25 Rifle Team, Australia Match, South Africa, 2017.**

Nominations are being called for persons to fill the positions of Captain, Manager, Coaches and shooters to compete in the Australia Match being held in South Africa in 2017. Team composition is Captain, Manager/Adjutant (May be over 25), 5 Shooters, 1 Reserves, 1 Coach, a The Team will wear the Australian Coat of Arms and will be self-funded. Please forward your request for the NRAA Nomination Form to the NRAA office or to [nraa@bigpond.com](mailto:nraa@bigpond.com) or download from the NRAA website.

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##### **Nominations –Australian F Class OPEN Team –World Championships, Canada, 2017**

Nominations are being called for interested persons to fill the positions of Captain, Manager, Coaches and shooter to compete in the 2017 F Class World Championships for F/O. Positions are Captain, Manager/Adjutant, 1 Main Coach, 2 Coaches, 1 Armourer and 10 shooters. Please forward your request for the NRAA Nomination Form to the NRAA office or to [nraa@bigpond.com](mailto:nraa@bigpond.com) or download from the NRAA website.

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#### **Rules – Bob Pedersen**

##### **National Grading System**

The System is now at the stage where it seems stable and is operating well. The Official Start Date will be the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2015. More information will be distributed in the next few weeks.

##### **10 Second Delay period on Electronic Targets**

Thank you to all states and Territories for your responses. We have complied all the information and the outcome was clearly against having the 10 second delay introduced on Electronic Targets.

##### **Grading System Cut Off Points**

Most of the responses have been received and we are collecting further statistics from the grading system and hope to make the final decision by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Majority of States and Territories favoured <96 for A Grade, 96>89 for B grade and 89> for C Grade.

A number of other rules changes have been ratified. These will be included in the June 1<sup>st</sup> update to SSR's, detailed information will be circulated to States and Territories in the coming weeks.

#### **Membership – James Corbett**

##### **Muzzle Energy**

The NRAA have been advised by two Members QRA Inc. and VRA Inc. that muzzle energy limits of 3500 ft/lbs now apply to the Belmont and Bendigo rifle ranges. The limits were applied by the Range Inspector from their respective State Police Firearms Registry and all members are expected to adhere to the new limits on these ranges.

For further information, please read:

<http://www.qldrifle.com/images/updates/2014/2014.05.02%20Restrictions%20velocity%20WEB.pdf>

[http://www.vra.asn.au/documents/Council/2015/VRA%20Council%2021%20-%2019\\_02\\_2015.pdf](http://www.vra.asn.au/documents/Council/2015/VRA%20Council%2021%20-%2019_02_2015.pdf)

The NRAA are in the process of calling for expressions of interest via the ATR magazine to form a Range Safety committee. This committee will advise the NRAA on matters regarding the new muzzle energy limits and range templates.



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#### **NRAA Appointments**

The NRAA takes this opportunity to thank all their Honorary Portfolio holders for the past 3+ years' service as NRAA advisors.

Accordingly we are now calling for expression of interest for the following positions. Previous incumbents are welcome to reapply and the tenure is for 3 years:

- Medical Officer (ex officio ICFRA anti-doping committee)
- Gunsmith
- National Chief Range Officer
- Website media (new position)
- ICFRA delegate Full Council
- ICFRA delegate TR
- ICFRA delegate F class
- ICFRA delegate Veterans
- ICFRA delegate Commonwealth
- ICFRA delegate Palma and World Championship

Duty Statements will be available on the NRAA website.  
Nominations close 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015

#### ***Ammunition – George Edser***

##### **Berger Projectiles**

We are pleased to advise that the next shipment of Approved Berger's are in the system for delivery in the next couple of months. With the decrease of the dollar we are expecting a price increase of up to 18 cents. We will keep all members up to date on this once final costings have been received from the QRA. Please note that that the QRA have a large quantity of the 100 packs still available at the old price.

##### **Winchester**

Unfortunately the NRAA Winchester representative Greg Mitchel is no longer with the company. Greg has been a huge help for the NRAA in trying to ensure powder deliveries. We wish him the best of luck in his new venture. We will be meeting with Winchester in the near future to discuss who will be the next representative and to discuss any outstanding matters.