



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

### **MEMBER UPDATE #42**

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

The opportunity to put into motion what some comment upon or complain about is right here and now. Nominations are open for directors to be appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the NRAA towards the end of November.

You will need the support of a State Association, the representatives of whom will vote at the AGM. Some of you will have a particular point of view, perhaps an axe to grind, or more positively, a great idea.

Regularly in comments, in letters to the ATR editor, or on various Forums, there is some real criticism on one matter or another. I recognize that the particular point may have merit but it is only one slither of the rifle shooting movement.

Any idea, great or small, needs to be channeled through your State Association. If the merits of your case cannot get the backing of a State body, then it is unlikely to even be considered at National level.

In a period of ten years, we have changed from TR to F Class and then F Class has diversified into four separate classes and still people want more. Care must be taken to ensure that there are not too many classes for each to economically survive.

I can show some sympathy to politicians who are pulled from pillar to post as each group puts its case for their interest group.

The NRAA is there to endeavor to glue together the State structure who then work in maintaining their various clubs.

As you can read in detail, the Australian Rifle Teams competed in the various sections of the Palma matches. Unfortunately, as teams, their successes were minimal, despite the considerable amount of training and practice. As individuals, there were excellent performances for which congratulations are in order.

There will be reviews of the results in an endeavor to locate the weak points in team techniques so that the next Australian Rifle Team - TR - to South Africa in 2017 can benefit from the current Palma experience.

There is planned to be F Class Australian teams to compete in the World Championships in Canada in 2017. At this time, nomination periods have been extended as there have been inadequate nominations to form a full team. Please consider your own position and if you have any inclination to be in an Australian Team, your nomination direct to the NRAA would be appreciated. All positions remain open i.e., Captain, Manager, Coaches and Shooters.

GR Duncan  
Chairman



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

##### **National F Class Teams Matches**

The NRAA are pleased to report the F Class teams Matches held at Belmont Rifle range were a success. We would like to thank the QRA for hosting these matches. The NRAA board have also reviewed the medal policy and have now agreed to include NRAA medals for Matches One and Two. We have received confirmation that the QRA will also be supplying these medals for the August event. We are currently finalising the next competition date that is to be held in South Australia.

After a number of requests the NRAA Board has decided to survey State Associations about possible alterations to the format of these teams' matches.

State Associations will be contacted and consulted, so anyone with an interest should pass their opinions on to their own State Associations. They are also invited to contact Bob Pedersen directly at [rules@nraa.com.au](mailto:rules@nraa.com.au)

##### **National Teams Championships 2016**

The National Team's matches will be held in Sydney from the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> September 2016. These matches will be held using paper targets. Entry cost and programme will be circulated once finalised.

##### **Australia Cups**

The NRAA have a working committee finalising the policy document and hope to have more detail available in the near future.

##### **Australia Match 2017- Captains Appointments Open and Under 25**

The NRAA Board are pleased to announce the following Captains for the Australian Open and U25 team that will be travelling to South Africa in 2017.

Open Team: Darren Enslin

Under 25 Team: Dean Enslin

We wish them every success in this tour.

##### **Expressions of Interest, NRAA Veterans Team- New Zealand, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

Expressions of Interest are being called for persons to fill the positions of Captain, Manager, Coaches and shooters to compete in the 2016 Teams Match in New Zealand. Team composition is Eight (8) Firers; Two [2] Reserve; Two [2] Wind Coach (can shoot if required); One [1] Captain/Manager. The Team will wear the NRAA Blue Blazer and will be self-funded. Please forward your request for the NRAA Nomination Form to the NRAA office

[nominations@nraa.com.au](mailto:nominations@nraa.com.au) or download from the NRAA web site [www.nraa.com.au](http://www.nraa.com.au). **Expressions Close 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015.**



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#### **Nominations: Australian Team, Bisley July 2016**

The NRAA are calling for nominations for an Open Australian TR team to Bisley 2015 to contest the Overseas, Kolapore and MacKinnon matches.

Positions will be Captain and Shooting / Vice Captain, Manager, Coaches and Shooters. The Team will wear the NRAA Blue Blazer and will be self-funded.

The proposed budget per team member would be AUD \$5000 based upon economy airfares and twin share car - caravan hire. Please forward your request for the NRAA Nomination Form to the NRAA office [nominations@nraa.com.au](mailto:nominations@nraa.com.au) or download from the NRAA web site [www.nraa.com.au](http://www.nraa.com.au).

**CAPTAIN'S nominations close 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

**Team Members nominations close 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.**

**For more information on travel to Bisley please see the updated travel document on the NRAA web page.**

#### **Extension of Date for Nominations for the F Class Teams to Canada in 2017**

The NRAA have examined the nominations for positions to both the F Class F Open and FTR teams which closed on the 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Unfortunately there are nowhere near enough nominations to form anywhere near a viable team in either F Open or FTR.

A reminder to everyone that full teams in each discipline are composed of 16 members in each. In order for teams to be viable it is felt that we should field as near as possible to full teams.

Each team consists of:

Captain – Adjutant – 8 Shooters – 2 Reserve Shooters – 1 Master Coach – 2 Target Coaches – 1 Armourer.

The NRAA has therefore decided to extend the date for nominations for ALL POSITIONS in both teams.

**THE DATE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015.**

People who have already nominated need not do so as they will automatically be included for consideration after the new closing date.

Nomination forms for Captain can be downloaded here.

<http://www.nraa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/NRAA-Team-Nomination-Captain.pdf>

Nomination Forms for all other team positions including shooters can be downloaded here.

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#### **Rules – Bob Pedersen**

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

The Board approved the adoption of a new method of determining NATIONAL RANKINGS in each discipline. Shooters will be ranked according to their National Grading System Averages, with the proviso that they must have competed at least 5 shoots. One benefit of this system is that it will be updated regularly each time new competition results are fed into the system.

We are working on having the NRAA Web Site updated with pages showing National Rankings by Discipline, (Target Rifle, F Standard, F Open and FTR) and also another page showing ranking in each Grade in the disciplines. (Remember there are no grades in F Open and FTR.

#### **Membership – James Corbett**

##### **Range Safety Committee**

The NRAA Board has agreed to appoint Angus Bell and Fritz Trebess to the Range Safety Committee for a three year term. We look forward to receiving their advice on management of range templates and muzzle energy issues.

##### **High Performance Manager**

The NRAA Board jointly with Shooting Australia (SA) have agreed to the appointment of an NRAA High Performance Manager.

This is a .6 position with remuneration to be agreed and jointly funded by NRAA and SA for an interim 3 month term followed by a 2 year contract

Applicants may have secondary employment and work flexible/extended hours as required to meet the demands of this position.

A job description is available from the NRAA and includes:

- 1) Planning annual training programs for HP squad members for benchmark events.
- 2) Provide goal setting and mentoring support to HP squad members.
- 3) Assisting State coaches with education programs.
- 4) Talent identification and recruitment
- 5) Provide periodical reports and KPI's relating to improved athlete performances
- 6) Promoting Junior athlete development



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#### **NRAA Appointments**

The NRAA are pleased to announce the following appointments, we thank everyone that applied for your interest.

Please see the new appoints below:

- Medical Officer: Doctor John Kiefer
- Technical Officer: Geoff Grenfell
- National Chief Range Officer: John Leask
- Deputy Chief Range Officer: Peter Hulett
- ICFRA delegate Full Council: Geoff Grosskreutz
- ICFRA delegate TR: John Fitzgerald
- ICFRA delegate F class: Bob Pedersen

#### ***Ammunition – George Edser***

##### **Berger Projectiles**

We are pleased to advise that the next shipment of Approved Berger's have arrived. With the decrease of the dollar we are expecting a price increase again. We will keep all members up to date on this once final costings have been received from the QRA.

##### **High Performance Committee**

The NRAA board have now approved George Edser to lead a High performance committee. This committee will be reviewing our World championship Tour and working on a policy to assist in future team's success.