Chairman/Finance – Gordon Duncan

The Ladies National Teams Championship will be conducted at Belmont in conjunction with the National Queens Series in June 2018. The Matches celebrate fifty years since the inaugural event. By then it is planned to invite participants from prior years at a dinner along with the Trophy Presentations.

The Commonwealth Games shooting events will be competed for at Belmont with all types of shooting contested. Fullbore Target Rifle, Pistol, Clay Target, Small Bore and Air Rifle events will be showcased. Ben Emms and Jim Bailey, Australia’s representatives have been spending quite an amount of time practising at home, at Belmont and other places under the tutelage of the team Coach Stuart Collings. Obviously, all shooters wish them the very best of results in their shooting. There are a significant number of Games volunteers who will assist in the running of the events.

SARA will be hosting the National Veterans Teams Matches during the time of their own State Championships in May. Any State who still wishes to be a part of the competition will be able to enter should that be their desire.

As an extension of the normal functions of the NRAA, at the invitation of the Tasmanian Rifle Association I attended a Council meeting in Launceston on Sunday 18 March. TRA is facing a difficult time of it and have done for a number of years now. The main areas of concern are membership not expanding resulting in a strain on finances and administration, and the loss of rifle ranges around the State.

Shooting Australia has recommended that all types of shooting take part in a “Come and Try” day any time in May. Details of the event are to be found at your own State Association or at Shooting Australia. Take it up and register to make this a memorable occasion and a possibility of attracting additional members.

Rules – Reg Cunningham

An update of the Standard Shooting Rules version 5.0(e) will be published soon. The new version will include the addition of new and modified rules which have been approved. These rules are listed below and become effective as from the 1st March 2018.

CHAPTER 3.
Rule 3.1.1.4 The weight of the rifle with all attachments excluding the sling shall not exceed 7.0kg.
Rule 3.1.3.2 The minimum trigger pull shall be 500gms (1/2kg).

CHAPTER 20.
Rule 20.11.1 The minimum trigger pull shall be 500gms (1/2kg).
NEW RULES

CHAPTER 16 SERVICE RIFLE SHOOTING

16.9.7 Barricade Assist Position – BAP. Specifically constructed wall type barricades, and objects (man-made or natural). Barricades can be placed on the firing point in the firer’s lane, making the firer adopt alternative firing positions as the barricades and match instructions dictate. A sling, if fitted, may be used as an aid to steadying the rifle. The butt of the rifle is to be placed against the shoulder. The rifle is to be held with both hands, thereby maintaining complete control.

CHAPTER 13 TARGETS

13.7 At the discretion of the competition organizing body a target identification number may be placed on the target face or edge of the target frame to allow F Class shooters better identification of their target. If the identification system is used the position or size of the identifying number must not have any effect on a Target Rifle Shooter when aiming, sighting, or firing their shot.

Competition – John Fitzgerald

National Championships 2018
This year will see a change to the National Championships in June. The program will be as follows:

47th NRAA National Championships
Match Program

NRAA Presidents Match - Day 1
Wednesday, 20 June 2018
08:30 hours 1st Stage: 300, 500, 500, 600 yards

NRAA Presidents Match - Day 2
Thursday, 21 June 2018
08:30 hours 2nd Stage: 800, 900, 1000 yards

NRAA Queen’s Prize - Day 1
Friday, 22 June 2018
08:30 hours 1st Stage: 300, 500, 600, 600 yards

NRAA Queen’s Prize - Day 2
Saturday, 23 June 2018
08:30 hours 2nd Stage: 800, 900, 900 yards (15 shots)

NRAA Queen’s Prize - Day 3
Sunday, 24 June 2018
08:30 hours 3rd Stage: 900, 1000 yards
13:00 hours NRAA Royal Kahlenberg Challenge Cup:
1000 yards (Top 20 Presidents and Queen’s Score Shoot Off)
The Mace Medal
Australian Teams

The NRAA are pleased to announce the following Australian Teams that will be competing in the 2019 World Long Range Championships in New Zealand.

**Australian Palma Team 2019**

**Captain:** Darren Enslin  
**Manager:** Catherine Berry  
**Master Coach:** Geoff Grenfell  
**Coaches:** Jim Bailey, Steve Negus, Rob Cadden, Rob Rush  
**Shooters:** Mitch Bailey, Ben Picton, Ashley Bidgood, Hamish Pollock, David Black, Matthew Pozzebon, Alex Davies, Lee Robinson, Duncan Davies, Chris Schwebel, Ben Emms, Matt Shepherd, Kathryn Kent, David Smith, Brett McCauley, Rob Sweegers, Donna Negus, Gillian Webb - Enslin, Brendan Parkins, Andrew Wilson  
**Reserve Coach:** John Ashton  
**Reserve Shooter:** Tim Berry

**Australian Veterans Team 2019**

**Captain:** George Wittorff  
**Manager:** John Caske  
**Master Coach:** Rob Rush  
**Coaches:** Rob Cadden, Tony McGuigan  
**Shooters:** Graham Aitchison, Colin Jones, Mark Buchanan, John Kiefer, Michael Chad, Peter Maher, Eric Christie, Mike Rankin, George Edser, Geoff Wellburn, Geoff Grosskreutz, Barry Wood, Jim Jeffery, Ken Young  
**Emergency:** Len Hayes