Alex Davies all smiles at the National Queen’s Prize

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Front cover
Winner of the National Queens F Class Alex Davies.
Chairman's Message

Since my last Chairman’s Message, the Discussion Papers associated with the Strategic Plan have been released to S&Ts and posted on the NRAA website for all members to read and consider. You will note that in the case of the push to change our name, there is a dissenting paper. Please read both papers objectively before making your views known to your State Association Chairman so that the majority view within our membership is reflected in any decisions made at the AGM in November.

I had the privilege of acting as Match Director at the National F Class Teams Matches held in the West at the Pinjar Range in September. Eighteen teams competed across the three F class disciplines, with all but two Associations participating. The full details of this event should be reported in a later edition. Suffice to say, Pinjar turned on some challenging conditions, which were answered by skillful coaching and a very high standard of marksmanship.

Because the WARA Queens followed immediately after the F Class teams, there was a preponderance of F Class competitors at this event, with 52 TR and a total of 118 F Class shooters. A feature of the event was another master class performance by James Corbett, who recorded his fourth consecutive WARA Queens, and his 38th career No.1 badge in TR. Simply outstanding!

When addressing the presentations at Pinjar, I took the opportunity to remind members that currently the NRAA’s reputation as a leading force in full-bore shooting is second to none. At present, the NRAA holds World Championship status with the following teams:

F Open - won in 2017
TR Open (Palma) - won in 2019
TR Veterans - 2019

NRAA Teams hold Silver medals in:
F TR - 2017
TR U/21 - 2019

NRAA Individual World Champions are:
F Open - 2017
TR Open - 2019
TR Veterans - 2019
TR U/25 - 2019

With credentials like these, there is simply no excuse to be apologetic about our sport or our name. We should regularly and loudly talk up our sport and our name, and promote the notion of ASAPS – Advance Shooting as A Positive Sport.

George Wittorff – Chairman

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AMENDMENT

In the previous ATR #142 in the article ‘2019 NQRA Queens Prize, an Experience of Friends, Fun and Challenges’ on page 17, the second paragraph in the second column makes reference to ‘Bernard Nielson’, however the name should be ‘Barney Neilsen’.

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Off the Shoulder

Thinking a little more ‘outside the square’ so to speak!

By Gordon Harrison

I have often thought about how we could improve the dwindling competitor entry numbers at State & Territory Rifle Association championships.

My suggestion is for State & Territory rifle associations to consider scheduling their two-day ‘lead up’ commencing on a weekend with their “Queens” commencing after a four-day break on the following Friday with the final day of competition and presentation of the “Queens” and “Grand” aggregate on the Sunday.

If the NRAA were to schedule, on a State & Territory Rifle Association rotation basis, “National Teams”, “National Queens” and “Australia Cup” matches during the four-day break between the two events, then for shooters representing their States or Territories in the teams matches could have up to nine days of competition, and those not involved with the team event, four days to enjoy the tourist trips and sights available in the competition’s host city, making it more of a holiday experience.

For “resident shooters” the benefit to those still employed, meaning the loss of only one day’s pay instead of three, or two where State & Territory championships are scheduled on a holiday weekend.

This suggestion, if adopted, may contribute to an increase in entry numbers? One can only try and see!

I invite all readers of this article and the NRAA and its Associations, to consider and comments on my “thinking outside of the square” suggestion!

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In 1860, Queen Victoria founded an annual prize for shooting competition amongst the rapidly growing Volunteer force in England. The Queen’s prize was 250 pounds, a considerable sum of money at the time that was enough to buy a small house in London.

Today, the Queen still provides the prize for the annual Queen’s shoot winner. It is the only sporting prize that comes from her own purse, and it is still 250 pounds. Of course, the prestige of winning the Queen’s prize is priceless.

Save for brief pauses during the world wars, the Queen’s Prize competition has been held continuously since 1860, firstly at Wimbledon Common and then moving to Bisley in 1890.

This year marked the 150th competition, and the NRAUK conducted a special imperial meeting befitting this momentous occasion. The America Match was an addition to an already busy Imperial Matches shooting schedule.

In mid-2018, nominations were called for a National Rifle Association of Australia endorsed (Blue Jacket) team to represent Australia at the matches. Neil Gibbins was selected as captain and Steve Negus as manager.

In July this year, a squad of 21 travelled to Bisley, the largest NRAA team to ever compete in this event. Some members travelled early and competed in the British Commonwealth Rifle Club (BCRC) two-day prize meeting held the weekend before the Imperial. This is an excellent competition to acclimatise to Bisley conditions and to set zeros and elevations with the issued ammunition to be used in the Imperial meeting.

The remainder of the team arrived on the weekend of the July 13th ready for two weeks of top-level competition.

Some of the team members who compete in Bisley each year have permanent accommodation arrangements in caravans and clubhouses. The rest of the team were accommodated in Bunkabins, very comfortable portable two-bed cabins with ensuites.

All the Bunkabins were together and we were co-located with some of the New Zealand team. Dubbed ANZAC Cove, this was our home for two weeks.

The first official event was the team Meet and Greet on the Monday evening. Organised by Di and Barry Wood, this is a regular event every year. It is the first opportunity for the whole team to get together and,
because of the nature of this NRAA team, there were no selection trials or practices in Australia before we travelled.

Monday and Tuesday comprised of zeroing and range practice. We won a friendly match against the Army Rifle Team. On Tuesday evening, there was a team match and overseas team reception hosted by the BCRC.

This was the first of many social functions the Australian team were invited to over the two weeks of the Imperial meeting. The Bisley social calendar can be as busy as the shooting calendar.

The sun does not set until after 9.30pm, and this year it was not uncommon on some evenings to still be shooting up to 8pm. Obviously, this changes meal and sleep patterns, and when coupled with jet lag, it is something first-time travellers to Bisley take time to adjust to.

The Imperial Matches are steeped in tradition. This includes the scheduling and naming of daily events. This year, the inclusion of the America Match on the second Thursday caused the first half of the program to be moved forward one day. This created the unusual situation of the Friday Aggregate being competed for on Thursday, and the weekend Aggregate comprising Sunday and Monday competitions. Confusing for the locals.

The Imperial Matches, the individual and team events, have always been fired with issued ammunition with triggers set at a minimum of 1.5kg. The full Imperial matches program lasts for almost a month and incorporates a wide range of shooting disciplines as well as Target Rifle. This year the Target Rifle program had almost 1000 competitors.

Obviously, this requires a significant amount of ammunition. Last year, the NRAUK had a problem with the accuracy of the ammunition. Studies post competition identified the cause to be related to the projectiles. This year, hopes were high for problem free ammunition, as it had been in previous years.

Unfortunately, this was not the case. Early on, we and others identified an issue where the ammunition was causing the extractors, primarily on Barnards but some other makes as well, to dislodge or break. The NRAUK...
worked hard to identify the cause and rectify affected rifles, however the problems did persist throughout the whole event.

Obviously, this was very disruptive to the shooters affected and did impact on their individual and team scores. Over the meeting we recorded three breakages and 22 dislodgements in the team.

Apart from this, the ammunition was generally very accurate and team members recorded good scores.

Five team members were successful in winning badges in the Queen's hundred final - James Corbett (15), David Brewster (24), Angus Bell (43), Matt Pozzebon (50) and Steve Negus (67).

We also had six team members in the top 50 of the Grand Aggregate - Matt Pozzebon (sixth), David Brewster (12th), Mark Horsnell (17th), James Corbett (18th), Steve Negus (28th), Peter Maher (39th).

Riding the wave of the Australian Teams success at this year's Palma Match, the expectations for this team were high.

We adopted many of the coaching lessons and disciplines that contributed to the Palma win. This was particularly important as there was a much wider variation of skill and equipment in this squad.

The coaching team was led by Steve Negus, multiple Australian team coach and experienced Bisley shooter as master coach. We used the Palma team skills and experience of Hamish Pollock and Matt Pozzebon and the Canberra, Australian Match Rifle Team and Bisley wind-reading experience of Shaun Wingrove as the coaching group.

This group worked well together in all the major teams matches and were supported by team members in plotting roles.

Where possible, we used the method of corrected wind and elevation plots used by the GB team. This has been proven to save points and is one of the reasons GB have been the top team at international level for many years.

This year with the addition of the America Match, there were four major teams matches we focussed on.

The first was the Overseas Match. This is usually ‘our’ match. We have been successful in previous years, and whilst this year there were more overseas teams than usual, we were confident of doing well. However, an incorrect elevation setting and a malfunctioning rifle robbed us of valuable points, and we had to settle for second behind Jersey with USA third.

Next was the America Match. A marathon event of eight shooters, 15 shots at 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards.

The weather in Bisley had been good. There had only been rain on one day that caught some team members unfortunate to be shooting at the time. The forecast for the America Match day was hot, very hot. Being used to shooting in these conditions, we felt they may suit us. We prepared well by having eskys with ice, wet towels...
and 150 bottles of chilled water on the mound ready for the coaches, shooters and supporters. It ended up being the hottest day ever recorded in England, over 38 degrees, and we drank all 150 bottles.

The team shot well under pressure, but local experience counted with the home teams taking the top positions. England first, Scotland second and Wales fourth. USA managed a credible third with Australia fifth and seven teams behind us.

Many of the shooters were physically spent, but we had to recover quickly because the next day was the Kolapore Match, the blue riband event of world short range team shooting.

It is like the Olympic 100-metre sprint final. Teams of eight firing one sighter only and 10 shots at 300, 500 and 600 yards. No margin for error. Must be out of the blocks fast.

Australia last won this event in 1985 with a record score at the time. Two of this team, Peter Maher and Neil Gibbins, were members of that winning team and we were hoping for a repeat.

The Kolapore Match is the only teams event at the Imperial matches in which Great Britain competes, they are on their home ground and select the best eight shooters from all the home nations – England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales combined.

Every GB shooter wants a Kolapore cap, they are extremely difficult to earn. Only the best shooters and coaches get to compete. The GB team has not been beaten in the Kolapore for nearly 30 years.

The extreme heat the day before had taken its toll on our shooters and we had to make two unexpected team changes on the morning of the match. However, we were confident we had good coaches and solid shooters fully capable of the scores we needed to win.

GB started strongly at 300 with a 397.54 out of 400. We were close behind on 395.40 with Canada two points further back. An OK start but work to do if we were to catch up.

And work we did. We won 500 with 398.47 to GB 396.51. With only 600 to go we were level on points, behind on centres.

Paul Deach, the NRAUK media person, and his colleague Alun Lewis, an ex-BBC announcer, were broadcasting live to the world from behind the Australians.

The crowd were with us, cheering on the Aussies to topple the mighty GB team.

The final range. We dug deep for a very solid 395.45, three 50s and five 49s in the team.

However, the big match experience in the GB team showed, and they fired four 50s and four 49s for a score of 396.43.

They had won by only one point and centres, 1189.148 to our 1188.132.

Disappointing to come so close, however there was enormous respect for the Australian team performance from all the competitors and supporters.

One of the great things about Bisley is that there is plenty of shooting. For example, on the last Friday, Kolapore day, there is also a Queens 2 and the Donaldson Memorial match. Shooters in the Kolapore Teams, Queens 2 and the Donaldson shoot seven times.
during the day. Pacing yourself and stamina is very important because all the big matches are at the end of a very full two weeks of shooting.

The final teams match, The Mackinnon, was on the morning of the next day, being Queen’s final day and the last day of shooting.

The Mackinnon is teams of 12 shooting 10 shots at 900 and 1000 yards. Twelve in the team was really going to test the depth of the squad at the challenging longs of the legendary Stickledown range.

England, shooting in their backyard, won with 1170.143. Scotland came second (1159.123), the USA third (1157.108) and Australia fourth (1152.124) with six teams further behind.

GB shooter Glynn Barnett top scored the match for England with a 50.10 and a 50.9. If that was not enough, Glynn continued in the afternoon to shoot a pair of 75s to win his third Bisley Queen’s. An unbelievable day of shooting.

After the traditional chairing of the winner accompanied by a full brass band, it was a quick change into No.1s for team photos and the presentation ceremony.

Bisley has the largest collection of trophies of any sport in the world, a priceless collection of historical silverware.

Many of the team members won trophies for individual events, however the best surprise was the team had won the Dominion Cup for the top international team at the competition.

Our consistent shooting in the Overseas, Kolapore and Mackinnon Matches had given us a combined score of 3544.378, which was 15 points and 31 centres in front of the USA on 3529.347 with six teams further back. Fitting recognition for a good consistent team performance.

**NRA 150th Imperial Meeting**

**Dominion Prize**

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## The Kolapore

### 1 Great Britain
- **Captain:** Mr TDJ Raincock
- **Adjudant:** Mr MJ Ensor
- **Main Coach:** Mr CN Tremlett
- **Coaches:** Dr JDS Langley, Mr WCP Richards
- **Reserves:** Mr KWD Ramsey, Mr TM Drysdale

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### 2 Australia
- **Captain:** Mr NS Gibbins
- **Adjudant:** Mr J Maguire
- **Main Coach:** Mr SM Negus
- **Coaches:** Dr HHG Pollock, Mr SH Wingrove
- **Reserves:** Lt Col AM Bell, Mr GE Grosskreutz

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### 3 Canada
- **Captain:** Mr P Rebin
- **Adjudant:** Col ED Fitch
- **Main Coach:** Mr A Marion
- **Coaches:** Mr PJ Westlake, Mr HM Wong Shui
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48th National Queen’s Prize: Alex Davies ignites a great career

June 2019 and Brisbane’s weather didn’t disappoint as the sun shone reliably and wind conditions were for the best part, quite readable.

**F Class Trans-Tasman Match**

The Championships began with the F Class Trans-Tasman match. This year saw a new format with the teams being a composite team of F Open and FTR. Match one was contested at 1000 yards with 20 shots. Australia was successful in winning by seven points. Tim Nugent coached by Greg Warrian lead the way with a score of 118.10.

Day two saw the main match being shot over 800, 900 and 1000 yards with 15 shots. Australia was dominant at 800 yards taking the lead by eight points. Moving back to 900 yards, the New Zealand Team came out strong, winning the range by one point. Australia held onto their lead at 1000 yards winning the match convincingly.
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Peter Carter, coached by Greg Warrian shot an impressive 267.19 to top score the match.

The NRAA extends its appreciation to the New Zealand F Class Team for attending the match and look forward to the next competition to be held in New Zealand.

**AUSTRALIA**

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TR Queen’s Prize and discipline winners
Presidents Match

Darren Bradley was dominant in the FTR Presidents Match with a clear win from West Australian Shaun Stoffels by four points, while Marty Kelly was only one point behind. All three shooters are trialling to represent Australia at the 2021 World Championships, these results put Australia in good stead.

Denis Aarons lead the FSA Presidents match taking the First Badge with Andrew McKillop, the QRA President, only two points behind. Ivor Davidson from Ipswich and District was a clear winner in FSB leading from Wayne Blair by five points.

NRAA Director Craig McGowan was in an intense competition with Brian Carter from New Zealand for the number one Presidents badge in F Open. Craig was successful in winning by 15 centres, both with scores of 419. Mark Azzopardi took the third badge only one point behind Brian.

James Corbett added to his extensive badge collection by winning the Presidents match only centres ahead of Ashley Bidgood, last year’s QRA Queens Winner. In the top four A grade shooters in the Presidents, only eight centres separated them, Junior Shooter Josh Pratt taking the fourth Badge.

Anne Chinnery successfully won the B Grade Presidents ahead of Derek Sharp and Junior Shooter Jeremy Chan. Malcolm Flavel had a clean sweep of the C Grade Aggregate coming up against little to no competition.

Queens, F Class Championships

This country has seen the emergence of numerous aspiring and capable young stars in full bore shooting over recent years. Without naming them, there has been a particularly strong level of capability in the Under 25 ranks over the last decade.

West Wallsend Rifle Club shooter Alex Davies, while scoring 498.56, demonstrated both his shooting capability and calm confidence, to win a point clear of Jim Bailey Holsworthy RC and 2 points up on both Duncan Davies (his dad) and Mitch Bailey (Jim’s lad), another prodigy.

Alex’s confidence spilled over into the trophy presentation...
as he delivered one of the most spontaneous and entertaining victory speeches in Australian shooting history.

Alex (915.102) also held firm to take the Grand Aggregate ahead of Geoff Grenfell (914.105), Geoff Grosskreutz (911.97), James Corbett (910.115) and his dad, Duncan Davies (909.119).

Graham Kelly, Coonabarabran Rifle Club, won TR B Grade with 485.48 ahead of Jeremy Chan (Sydney High School) 485.47.

Emerging young lady shooter, Catherine Jones of Beaudesert Rifle Club, blitzed C Grade with 479.41, while making the most of the training experience which a Queen’s Prize provides.

Bill Hallam of Beverly in WA won F Standard A Grade with 587.43, 3 points ahead of the nearest contender Andrew MacKillop 584.42.

F Standard B Grade was won convincingly by Ipswich & District Rifle Club’s Brian Hansen on 567.26 from Marty Duffield Brisbane Mariners, 542.15.

A large field of 30 shooters in F Open was led by an experienced F Open championship winner, Matt Paroz with 597.58, ahead of Brett Bunyan (593.54) Boddington WA and Lowell Tillack (590.48) Goondiwindi Rifle Club.

FTR has also emerged as a strongly contested class with 30 shooters in the nationals this year. Gary Faulkner Roseville Rifle Club emerged victorious by a Super V, on 580.35, ahead of Marty Kelly, Wangaratta 580.34. Franz Knox Brisbane was only a point behind with 579.43.

Kaltenberg (TR) and Mace Medal (F CLASS)

The Kaltenberg and Mace medal are contested at 1000 yards shot Bisley style with 15 shots. This year, Geoff Grenfell lead TR with a score of 73.4. Denis Arons won FS with 82.5, Brett Bunyan was successful in FO scoring 86.6 and Shaun Stoffels finished with 83.2 winning FTR.

Grand Aggregate

After five days of intense competition, Bill Hallam FSA, Brian Hansen FSB, Brett Bunyan FO and Shaun Stoffels FTR held on to win the number one badges in the F Class Grand Aggregate. Alex Davies continued his winning streak in A Grade. Jeremy Chan, B Grade and Malcolm Flavel, C Grade also took home the number one Grand Aggregate badges.

This year’s presentation included the popular announcement of Brigadier Bruce Scott (ret’d) as the NRAA President elect, taking effect in November this year. Bruce reiterated the association’s gratitude to Major General John Hartley (ret’d) for his passion and loyalty to NRAA. Bruce assisted in the presentation following his brief address to the members and guests present.
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The SARA Championship Series 2019

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The Hunt
Day one

The weather was very mild for Lower Light for those who have been here before, and right from the start of the Hunt aggregate you knew the scores were going to be good.

The first 300m started off well for TR shooters with some very high scores, Eric Christie (TR A) grade shooting a 50.9. With discipline squadding been used everyone had an even go in the good weather. The F Class guys moved up and they made the most of it as well, Bruce Lloyd (F Standard A) shooting a very impressive perfect 60.10 leaving everyone else to follow.

After a tea break, the flags where checked to make sure they hadn't stuck to the posts and 500m started. TR scores became very competitive with count backs for the top spot Paul Savage (TR A) 50.9. With F Class shooting next, Richard Braund (F Open) 60.9 was wishing he hadn't kept his sighters. With a mirage and flicking wind starting to move things around, the 600m

Everything setup for a fine few days of shooting

Competitors arrive at Lower Light
was shot after lunch. But again, some good scores where produced, Frank O. Pinyon (TR A) 50.9. Stuart Braund (F Open) 60.8 had another fantastic shoot with the others trying to catch him.

The day ended with the presentation of the daily ranges and aggregates!

Day two
Another perfect day at Lower Light with the longer ranges been shot, with the F class starting the ranges at 700m. A battle for top off rifle went to Jarrod Todd (F Open) 60.9 on a count back with the others close behind. TR’s turn on the mound and Frank O. Pinyon (TR A) showed everyone how to do it with a perfect 50.10.

Moving back to 800m after a tea break, Stuart Braund (F Open) once again fought off some fierce completion for top off rifle across all disciplines. TR moved up with Chris McDermott (TR B) getting overall top off rifle in TR with a 50.6. Moving back to 900m to finish the day and Lower Light started to become the range we all love. Top off rifle in F Class was again Stuart Braund F Open) with a 59.5. TR followed and Paul Savage (TR A) managed a 49.1 taking top off rifle.

The day was rounded off with a drawn mixed pairs TR shooting with F Class. The final Hunt Series trophies and range medals were presented and the Hunt was officially concluded.

The Queens
Day one
With a new format for the Queens, TR started out at 300m with Robert Paech (TR A) shooting 50.7. The TR shooters moved back to join the F Class and 500m commenced.

Rhyder Atkinson (TR A) impressed everyone with a 50.9. F Class started the day with a 15-shot match, Richard Braund (F Open) managed 90.12 with a couple of juniors chasing him for top off rifle Scott Larsen (F Std A) and Caleb Hancock (F/TR) both with perfect 90.10s.

An early lunch was called and we all moved back to shot double 600m. Robert Paech (TR A) started things off with a 50.6 and with F Class shooting 15 shot
rounds, Jarrod Todd (F Open) got the only possible 90.8 of the first 600m.

The final round of the day saw everyone pick their game up, Rhyder Atkinson (TR A) topped things with 50.8. and Neville Roberts (F Open) finished the day tops with 90.11.

A computer issue meant no one knew who was in the lead, which made the second day more interesting.

**Day two**

Well the wind greeted us all for a 9am start at 600m, a 15-shot match shot by F Class and TR was a hit and miss with scores. Richard Braund (F Open) who has been shooting very well popped a 90.12 closely chased by Cameron Whant (F Std) 90.11. Kym Muller (TR A) topped TR on a count back with 75.10 from Brad Semmler (TRA).

700m was shot after a quick tea break with Stuart Braund (F Open) topping the score with 60.6, TR followed with Rhyder Atkinson (TR A) winning on count back 50.7, we managed a shorter lunch with an interesting 800m to finish off the day’s shooting. Richard Braund (F Open) just managed to stay ahead of Darren Bradley (F/TR) for top off rifle with a 60.6 TR concluded the day with Jeffrey Dayman (TR A) shooting a beautiful 50.7.

With the computer system finally fixed, the presentation was done for both days, and we also found we needed to have a couple of shoot offs as well.
Final day
We woke to a few showers, but it cleared early and produced a perfect day. The shoot off for F class was shot at 600m and won, and the 800m range for the day was started. Robert Paech (TR A) started the first range of the day having to battle another count back for top spot with 50.7.

Andrew Goldsmith (F Open) shot a very fine 60.8 to take the honours in F Class. With a few targets finished, the TR shoot off for 800m from the previous day was also shot and won before the range was finished. All the shooters moved back for the final range, and 900m was shot!

TR finished with Bluey Noll (TR A) shooting a 50.6 but just wasn’t enough to top Rhyder Atkinson (Wallaroo) from taking the prestigious No. 1 TR Queens Badge for 2019. F Class was a battle to the last with Greg Warrian (F Open) taking top off rifle with a 60.5 wrapping things up.

We may have had a few issues along the way, but it was still a perfect result to a perfect week of shooting.

Appreciations
Thanks go to all who assisted over the five days of competition by tying and raising wind flags, moving the shooting bench, fire pit and just being a good and fair competitor.

A special thanks to Don Flynn for his tireless job of entering all the statistics, Lynlee & Mark for all the preparations prior to and during our championship, the trophy donors and to Jennie McInnes for purchasing such a great array of trophies! To Barbara and her merry band of markers excelled in the butts and must be thanked.

Lastly and by no mean least, I must mention the relaxed and efficient way in which our CRO Richard McInnes and his ARO Richard Steele ensured that all had a fair and enjoyable competition!

I hope to see you all next year at our State Championships.
And I will always have a “hug” for those who want or need one!
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South Australian Match Rifle Championships 2019

Article by James Freebairn

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The first day 900m was won on a count back by Phil Bain on 73.8 from Peter Maher 75.5 from Shane on 73.7. In the 20-shot match at 1100m, Shane Courtney gave us a taste of what it is all about with a magnificent 100 out of 100 with seven centres. This is the sixth 20-shot possible shot at 1100m/1200yds in competition in the history of Australian Match Rifle. Second was Peter Maher with 96.7.

For the 15-shot 1100m match, the wind made conditions a bit harder. Phil Bain made 71.5 with Bill Freebairn second on 67.2.

The day one Aggregate saw Shane Courtney on top with 313.24, followed by Peter Maher (310.24) and Phil Bain (309.26).

Day two was back on program with the 900m won by Phil Bain with 75.9 from Peter Maher on 75.8. After morning tea on the range, the final match at 1000m had Lew Horwood win on 74.7 from Peter Maher (73.6). Day two Aggregate went to Peter Maher with 148.14 from Lew Horwood (147.15) and Shane Courtney (140.11).

The Grand Aggregate score was another win on the Lower Light Range for Peter Maher with 458.36, followed by Shane Courtney (453.35), Phil Bain (449.36), Lew Horwood (449.24) and Bill Freebairn (433.19). My thanks to my wife Merrilyn for organising food for everyone during the day (those staying on the range went to the Lower Light Hotel for dinner), and Bill Freebairn and Mick Punturiero for running the shoot.

Also thanks to Barbara, Sonia, Rehn and Chloe for marking, and Shane for organising the bar, as well as Geoff Henderson for assisting me.

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The first day 900m was won on a count back by Phil Bain on 73.8 from Peter Maher 75.5 from Shane on 73.7. In the 20-shot match at 1100m, Shane Courtney gave us a taste of what it is all about with a magnificent 100 out of 100 with seven centres. This is the sixth 20-shot possible shot at 1100m/1200yds in competition in the history of Australian Match Rifle. Second was Peter Maher with 96.7.

For the 15-shot 1100m match, the wind made conditions a bit harder. Phil Bain made 71.5 with Bill Freebairn second on 67.2.

The day one Aggregate saw Shane Courtney on top with 313.24, followed by Peter Maher (310.24) and Phil Bain (309.26).

Day two was back on program with the 900m won by Phil Bain with 75.9 from Peter Maher on 75.8. After morning tea on the range, the final match at 1000m had Lew Horwood win on 74.7 from Peter Maher (73.6). Day two Aggregate went to Peter Maher with 148.14 from Lew Horwood (147.15) and Shane Courtney (140.11).

The Grand Aggregate score was another win on the Lower Light Range for Peter Maher with 458.36, followed by Shane Courtnet (453.35), Phil Bain (449.36), Lew Horwood (449.24) and Bill Freebairn (433.19). My thanks to my wife Merrilyn for organising food for everyone during the day (those staying on the range went to the Lower Light Hotel for dinner), and Bill Freebairn and Mick Punturiero for running the shoot.

Also thanks to Barbara, Sonia, Rehn and Chloe for marking, and Shane for organising the bar, as well as Geoff Henderson for assisting me.

I’d also like to thank FO Pinyon and Marcus Perry of Perry Fuels for sponsorship.
Mr Harry Motton’s Second Letter from 1907

Harry Motton’s successes in Scotland 1907

Submitted by Bruce Scott
This letter was published in full without any amendments, and the views and opinions expressed within are those of the original author.

There were 1091 entries for the events at the Malleny rifle meeting (Edinburgh) which commenced on June 6. Amongst the competitors were the Australians, Messrs H. Motton, McCalley, and F. Swales, and to give an idea of the quality represented in the other competitors it may be mentioned that the five Scottish marksmen who have been selected as members of the shooting team to go to Canada and Australia in August next part are Q.M.S. Fraser, Banff Art; Arm-Sergeant Martin, 10th Lanark; Corporal Paterson, Elgin; and Arm-Sergeant Lawrence, 1st Dumbarton and Sergeant Ommundsen (Queen’s Edinburgh).

In the 'Presidents and Patrons' match, 500 and 600 yards, H. Motton scored 34 and 30. In the ‘Lord Provost’s’ match (200, 500 and 600 yards), he scored 32, 34 and 31. The winner being Ommundsen with 33, 35 and 34. In the ‘Henry Vase’—7 shots at 500—H. Motion scored 34.

For the first stage (200, 500 and 600) of the Caledonian Shield, McCalley scored 98, Motion 97 with 31, 34 and 32 and Swales 94 with 32, 31 and 31.

The silver cross stage was won by that wonderful marksman, Ommundsen, with 35, 35 and 33 total 103. Ommundsen had as may be seen, put on possibles at 200 and 500 and started his counting shots at 600 with a magpie, but his marvellous power for recovering stood to him and he shot into the bull with hs next shot and never left it. His scores for the silver cross were: -

200.................5555555-35  500.................5555555-35
600.................3555555-33  =  103

The first fifty in the first stage were entitled to shoot in the final 10 shots at 500 yards and 15 shots at 600 yards. Ommundsen won the Shield with 216. This was the third time he has won the event. Mr Motion finished with 206 and was fifteenth.

The Grand Aggregate. The first three in the prize list in this —corresponding to the Champion of the NQRA — were:-

1. Ommundsen..............326  2. Hepburn..............323
3. Motion...............323

In the S.S.C. (the second day’s aggregate), the first four were:-

1. Llddel........167  2. Ommundsen........164
3. Ranken........163  4. Motion........162

The Darnley Meeting. Glasgow June 13

The ‘Bannockburn’ (500 and 600) was won with 69; H. Motton scored 67 (33 and 34), Swales 65 (31 and 34), and McCalley 65 (33 and 32). In the ‘Stock Exchange’ (500 yards) H. Motton scored 34.

In the Scottish National Championship First Stage (200, 500 and 600 yds) H Motton’s scores read: 200 - 33, 600 - 34, 600 - 33, = 100.

The winner of the silver medal was Reid with 102. In the ‘President’s’ (7 shots at 600), H. Motion’s score was 32; and in the ‘Distillers Brewers, and Wine Merchants (200 and 500) he scored 66. Motton won a silver lion badge in the Scottish Champion aggregate with 204 - the winning aggregate being 215.

Motton’s Biggest Success – The Thistle Badge

The Iron and Coal Prizes for Grand Aggregate, subscribed by local Iron merchants and coal trade, with a sum added by the Association: open to all comers; the aggregate score in Bannockburn, City of Glasgow, Stock Exchange, Championship (first stage), Faculty, and President’s competitions to count - Won by H. Motton with 328.

The splendid shooting in Scotland by the North Queensland representative creates keener anxiety to know the reason for his exclusion from the Kolapore team - particularly as we know by Dawson’s inclusion that the selection was not confined to those originally selected to represent Australia at Bisley. The facts will come later in one of Mr Motion’s letters, and his reputation for straight forward talk and action will give his version of the matter the virtue of being the correct one.

I note with pleasure that Brisbane rifle newspaper scribes are writing of Harry Motton’s claim. But they make one blunder - they are attempting to make readers believe that prior to the selection of the Bisley team they considered he should be chosen. A few encouraging remarks did drop from their pens, but the flow was for southern men with an occasional sarcastic drop to remark upon this papers eulogy of the northern crack.

Letters from Mr Motton giving further details of his stay in Scotland and an account of his visit in Ireland, arrived by the last home mail, and will be published shortly.
Ted Hardy
1928 - 2019

Obituary by Bob Smith and Debra Small

Edward Arthur Hardy, otherwise known as Ted, was born April 5th 1928 in Hurstville NSW, son of Gladys Farr and Trevor Hardy. Ted became the sole supporter of his mother and sister while his father was serving during World War II.

Ted completed his education at Hurstville Central Technical School, worked briefly as a shop assistant at McDowells, then joined NSW Railways as an apprentice Fitter and Machinist at Enfield Running Sheds, which is where he also met his future wife, Joan, who was employed as a stenographer.

Ted and Joan were married on June 17th 1950, and they were never separated from each other. They both had a love of music, singing and performing in pantomimes with Richmond players.

Ted had an amazing baritone voice and performed solo on many occasions in the Church choir.

Ted and Joan started their family in 1958 with the arrival of Debra, followed by William and Catherine.

From 1960 to 1965, Ted was engaged as an educational officer by the Child Welfare Department, during which time he taught at Dharuk Training School at Windsor. He was then appointed as relieving Deputy Superintendent at Mt Penang, Kariong in 1966 where he remained until 1968.

He then worked at Parramatta Girls Training School, Ormond School at Thornleigh and was the Superintendent at Brush Farm, Eastwood until he retired in 1986.

Ted was a devout member of the Church of England, carrying out duties of a church warden where he and his family attended service every Sunday.

Ted also loved sport. He played Rugby League football for St George (SecondGrade) and a few games of First Grade, until he broke his leg which then ended his football career.

Ted's other sport and passion was full-bore target shooting. He commenced this sport in the 60's at Robert Burns Rifle Club, then continued with Parramatta Rifle Club at Malabar Rifle Range. His love of this sport never dimmed, and after his retirement he joined Gosford Rifle Club where he was awarded a life membership some years later. While with Gosford Club, he won the District Champion of Champions Match.

In 1986, Ted and Joan moved to MacMasters Beach where the holiday home became the permanent home. Ted lived a full and very contented life, surrounded by his family and many friends.

He was loved by his wife and adored by his children. He will be missed by all who knew him.
### ACT
**2019**
**November**
13 Canberra Queens

### NEW SOUTH WALES
**2019**
**December**
1 Lithgow Rifle Club OPM (Lithgow)

### QUEENSLAND
**2019**
**December**
14 Raglan Christmas Shoot

### NORTH QUEENSLAND
**2020**
**February**
23 Mareeba Prize Meeting, Mareeba

**May**
9 Marian Prize Meeting immediately followed by MDTRA Prize Meeting, 1st stage, Mt Vince (Mackay)

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA
**2019**
**November**
24 Match Rifle (Lower Light)
30 State Team Prac (Lower Light)

**December**
1 State Team Prac (Lower Light)
7 Yunta Christmas Shoot (Yunta)

**2020**
**January**
4 CTV OPM (Lower Light)

**February**
6-9 Tumby Bay OPM (Tumby Bay)

**April**
4 Barker Memorial (Pt Pirie)
5 Pt Pirie OPM (Pt Pirie)

**May**
11 Murray Bridge OPM (Murray Bridge)
25 Father & Sons (Mt Barker)

**June**
16-17 Pt Augusta OPM (Pt Augusta)

**July**
4-5 Loxton OPM (Loxton)
15-16 Hunt (Lower Light)
17-19 Queens (Lower Light)

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA
**November**
2-3 Busselton Service Rifle (Coolup)
9 WARA Council Meeting (Pinjar)
10 City of Subiaco Prize Meeting (Pinjar)

**December**
15 East Perth Rifle Club PM (Pinjar)
TBC WARA Office Closure

### 2020 Queens Date
The date for the 2020 Queens Series has changed.
It is now scheduled for 15th to 19th July, 2020.
We are now taking bookings for accommodation and caravan sites so get in quick.

Be there or be square

### SARA STORE
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### Club Chits
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Submission Guidelines

Australian Target Rifle Magazine welcomes contributions covering shooting events, topics of relevance to target shooting and technical articles. Submitting material is easy – just email some text to atr_editorial@nraa.com.au.

Requirements

All written material should be sent as plain text. No tables, headings or spreadsheets are needed - just a basic word document or email is best. All headings, tables and formatting are added in later as part of the typesetting process. Text in Times New Roman font at 12 point is preferred.

Photographs should be sent as a .jpg or .tiff format and can be submitted either as a separate attachment to an email or on CD mailed directly to the ATR Post Office Box. Please provide captions for all photographs - either as the filename of the photograph or listed in the report. Do not embed photographs into documents as this renders the photograph unusable for publication.

Prize Meetings

Reports of any shooting events should include details of where and when the event was held, the conditions and competitors on the day and a summary of key scores such as aggregates. Additional material regarding the equipment used by the winners and photographs of the event are also welcome.

Queens Prizes

Reports of Queens Prizes should include information about the conditions and competitors, the lead-up, Queens, teams and other associated events. Scores should be provided for all badge winners and included in the report as text. (i.e. Not in table or spreadsheet form).

Good photographs allow us to feature an event. Cameras should be set at as high a resolution as possible. It is often advisable to have more than one photographer and to include a variety of photographs by email or CD including shots of: the range, the competitors, the winners and trophies. Presentation photographs can also be included, but often the presentation area has poor lighting and doesn't allow adequate time to set up good photographs for publication purposes, so additional photographs of the event can be important.

Cover photographs

Photographs suitable for a cover should be provided at very high resolution. (300 dpi and 2Mb or above). When taking cover photographs, consider the framing of the photograph with the subject in the foreground and allowing some background (sky or range) for the positioning of the ATR banner.

Deadlines

Think ahead. Good publishing is all about planning. If you are advertising an event, it can be helpful to prepare and submit advertising material up to four months ahead. This allows time for the editing and publication process and assists readers to plan their attendance at your event. Deadlines for the next two issues of ATR are published in the front of each magazine.

Contributions to ATR are genuinely appreciated and these guidelines are intended to assist in making the process as easy as possible. If you have comments or questions about sending material please contact us at atr_editorial@nraa.com.au for any clarification.