



National Rifle Association of Australia Limited

MEMBER UPDATE #49

Welcome to Members Update 49

This year is moving quickly with only a couple of months to the NRAA AGM and Members Forum. There will be three Directors positions up for election. If you feel you have the skills, ability and time to contribute to the future of our sport please contact the NRAA office and we will put you in contact with a State or Territory Councillor to assist with your nomination.

WARA held the National F Class Teams Matches on behalf of the NRAA. Thank you to all those that assisted in making this a very successful event. Congratulations to all winners. Full results can be viewed on the NRAA Website. We are currently reviewing the date for the next F Class Matches due to the World Long Range F Class Championship dates clash. We will notify everyone as soon as possible. Please keep an eye on the NRAA webpage for more details.

Just a reminder that the ladies Teams Matches will be conducted at the VRA Queens next year. This will be the first time they will be conducted under the new “composite team” guidelines. Below are the conditions for the Matches.

At the 2018 General Meeting of the National Ladies Rifle Association, all States voted to make changes to the team composition for future National Ladies teams matches. These changes have been approved by the NRAA and competition in Bendigo in March 2020 will be the first with the new format.

Any future teams are composite teams made up of Target Rifle, F Class Standard, F Class Open or F Class Target Rifle. Teams are still 5 person teams, made up of any combination of the above disciplines. States can nominate two teams of 5 shooters for the competition. Scoring of the competition will use the current MSCI system, or any other approved mixed scoring system.

The “Medland Trophy” has been retired after 50 years of competition and will be replaced by the “Shepherd Trophy” donated by Maureen Shephard and Family.

We hope to see all State Associations submit at least one composite team for Bendigo to ensure the continuation of the competition. Competition will consist of 15 shot match at 1000 yards on Monday 30 March and 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards, 10 shot matches on Tuesday 31 March. The Ladies Team competition was established in 1968 when women could not be selected for Men’s State Teams. This competition is about having the opportunity to train and compete as a team as a stepping for those Ladies wishing to progress to Open Teams and Australian Teams. The new team composition will give a greater opportunity for Ladies of all disciplines to take part in teams competition.

Ladies – contact you State Association for further information on team nominations, a number of States have already called for nominations, but I am sure they would love to hear from you if you are interested.

The office is excited with the new webpage and ATR development that has commenced. We hope to bring a more dynamic and user friendly page that will keep us all connected.



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Chairman/Rules – George Wittorff

Chairman

- Acted as Match Director at the 2019 F Class National Teams Matches, held at Pinjar Range, WA 23-24 September.
- Represented NRAA at presentation ceremony of WARA Queens Prize Meeting 26-30 September.

Rules

The following Rules, having been examined by the Rules Sub-committee were brought to the Board, and approved.

These rules will be posted on the NRAA website, and entered into the SSRs, effective 1st January, 2020.

- **SSR 2.1.1.** Breech Flag to be inserted into breech as well as removal of bolt. Essentially an additional safety issue. To be run by S&Ts prior to enabling - Approved
- **SSR 4.5.1.18.** Disclaiming shot - amended to allow original score to stand if no other shot found. - Approved
- **Appendix 6 No 2.** ET dimensions regarding ROT clarified - Approved.

In addition: A new Chapter 24 has been submitted via NSWRA for approval. This will be further examined by the Rules Sub Committee, and once that process is completed, will be put to the Board for approval at the November Board Meeting. If approved, this will be posted and become effective on 1st January, 2020.

Competition – Craig McGowan

The second half of 2019 is ramping up towards the November AGM and members forum. A big thank you to all competitors who took the time to provide feed back by way of the survey following the National Championships. This feedback will be forwarded onto the Competition Sub-Committee to examine and work towards a plan for next year's nationals.

I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate Darren Enslin, and his successful nomination as the High Performance Captain to the Australian Target Rifle Team. Darren has provided his selections for the management group to the Board for ratification and the Board has agreed to all nominations.

Captain: Darren Enslin
Vice-Captain: Jim Bailey
Manager: Catherine Berry
Management Group: Geoff Grenfell
Management Group: Steve Negus



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Looking forward towards the remainder of the year.

October

- Call for nominations – Sponsorship Sub Committee.
This committee will be tasked with identifying and approaching potential sponsorship / commercial partners that are aligned with current NRAA strategic plan.
- Hall of Fame Draft Paper to be released.
This paper is to provide a framework to identify and recognise those members who have performed at the top level within our sport. This document will also seek to provide a framework for acknowledgment of the volunteers within our sport.
- Shooting Australia – Sports Person of the Year Awards Dinner.
The NRAA has several members nominated for various awards.
Australian Palma Team, Australian U25 team, Australian Veterans Team, World Championships winners.
Male Senior of the Year: Stephen Negus and Mark Buchanan current Open and Veteran World Champions.
Male Junior of the Year: Chris Schwebel, Under 25 World Champion and Alex Davies for Youngest National Queens Winner.

Finance – Gordon Duncan

Finance

The Board has re-worked the budget and made some decisions around IT and the ATR. This means that the budget is on track to be back in the black, noting that it is very much reliant on membership fees remaining constant as well as the income generated from ammunition/projectile sales.

We are also currently going through an Insurance review to determine how we might be able to improve services and keep costs constant or reduced. A number of providers will be asked to tender prices.

Affiliations

NRAA have began to receive affiliations. Below are the numbers that have been received to date. Total of 5287 Members with 313 new members.

ACT: 137

NT:35

TRA: 94

NQLD: 236

QLD:1231

VRA: 698

NSW: 1753

SA: 455

WA: 648



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Ammunition – Piers Cambridge

Strategic Plan

The Strategic plan was recently approved by the Board and is now available on the website. Please have a look at the plan so that you can understand the direction and priorities the Board has set. This is our sport and we need to fight for its survival.

The Board agreed in April, that it would tackle 5 key issues, current progress is assessed as:

- Develop and Publish a strategic plan - GREEN
- Develop a new ammunition supply - GREEN
- Develop a New Discipline and Update our rules - GREEN
- Develop a membership application/update webpage/competitions calendar online - AMBER
- Develop a Centre of Excellence - AMBER (Safety, Rules, Competitions)
- Have discussion papers for November workshop on pithy issues - GREEN.

The Board is currently progressing a number of issues which it intends to update the S&T representatives at the November workshop. In the next week or so, a number of DISCUSSION Papers will be released. Please read those papers and think about the long term impacts and benefits to the sport. They have been purposely designed to promote discussion to inform decisions of the Board; so please keep the discussion open, frank and positive. The papers will focus on:

- A Name change for the NRAA (both a paper for and a paper against)
- Projectile levy, and how we might change the income model
- Inclusion of 6BR as an approved calibre of TR and FSTD.

Ammunition

The ADI made round will be manufactured in October and will be available in November. The S&T will soon be able to place orders for the new round.

International Club

At the last Board Meeting it was agreed to create an NRAA international club. This club will be created to support international members who come to Australia and a number of countries have expressed interest in joining such a club. The policy around the International Club will be released once drafted.



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Membership and IT – Albert van Wyk

There is little doubt that the current NRAA website do not deliver the best experience to our members and has been static in its design over the last number of years. The existing platform do not provide our members with a modern look and feel or functionality that will allow the NRAA to execute on new member initiatives or provide easy to consume and up to date communication options.

With this in mind, the NRAA board has approved funding to develop a new NRAA website with modern look and feel and most importantly the incorporation of “blog-style” content management.

This approach will allow the NRAA and indeed other Member states and territories to seamlessly create and update the NRAA website with content that is relevant and up to date. The focus will additionally turn to how the website performs on mobile devices and how content can be consumed through other platforms and services.

It is important to note that this is the first in a three-phase project that aim to enable greater services to our members by delivering technologies to reduce administration at a local level, while improving the benefits that our members receive.

Some benefits envisage through this approach will be:

- short- and medium-term cost savings
- greater access and ownership of content to S&T's
- ability to track member access and interest categories, allowing for relevant content created
- greater ability to attract sponsorships
- better management of advertising materials and collection of associated revenues
- improved look and feel with modern updates, building on our message of of Shooting being a sport for life

In addition, I would like to reiterate my call in Membership Update #48, to all members interested in being part of the Membership and Technology Sub Committee.

(extract from Members Update #48)

Subcommittee Goals:

Define the NRAA and S&T member administration processes and future requirements, accurately articulate systems and technology gaps and learn from the experience of those who have started/completed this journey. Ensure accurate estimates on effort, timeframes and costs for the project overall. Through consultation, determine key priorities so that components can be phased and costs minimised, however, always working with the end state in mind.

Draft scope has been identified as:

- Member Management System – administration of membership including signups, renewals, finances etc.



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- Learning Management System – RO's examination and accreditation, Coaching and Junior development, Safety Courses etc.
- Public Facing Website(s) – integrated with secure members portal
- Event Management System – competitions, fundraising, facilities management
- Business Intelligence Tools – Deeper understanding of member demographics, needs and behaviours to inform communication, acquisition and retention strategies.
- Shop – remove manual processes and reduce the need and costs of resources, providing those resources greater time and access to serve members.

If you would like to be part of this subcommittee, please contact me on :albert@nraa.com.au

DATE CLAIMER - 2020 NRAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	
12 th June - Natives PM: Day 1	17 th June - NRAA 49th National Rifle Championships - President's Day 1
13 th June - Natives PM: Day 2	18 th June - NRAA 49th National Rifle Championships - President's Day 2
14 th June - National Teams Championships	19 th June - NRAA 49th National Rifle Championships - Queen's Prize Day 1
15 th June - National Teams Championships	20 th June - NRAA 49th National Rifle Championships - Queen's Prize Day 2
16 th June - National Teams Championships	21 st June - NRAA 49th National Rifle Championships - Queen's Prize Day 3