

OF INTEREST...

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- Athletes on the ranking lists—we need your DOB
- Coaches—we need your DOB

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AISL INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The AISL International Match was held in Sydney recently. The event produced some excellent scores, and saw two young shooters (Kadiejayne Tirkot—Womens Air and Tyren Vitler—Mens Air) take their first gold medal in senior competition. Competitors from New Zealand also attended, and showed that they are a force for the upcoming Oceania Championships in November.

Another wonderful series of events to watch were the Youth Olympic Games MQS matches. Under 18 years of age, these youngsters worked very hard to compete at their very best. Remember that all the results are available on the TRA web.

Thanks must again go to the workers and staff at SISC.

The volunteer officials from NSW are a credit to the sport. They are efficient and friendly, and handle all challenges with ease even a microphone that worked, then didn't, then worked ... you get the idea.

ARE YOU ON THE LIST???

If you feature on the AISL Ranking list, then it is important that you send through your Date of Birth. The details can be sent to [Tricia](#) or [Miro](#).

And while DOBs are being asked for..... Calling all accredited coaches. Your DOB is required

for accreditation and can be sent to [Tricia](#) as well.

This DOB is essential to maintain accreditation. The coach list is available on the TRA web under "Coaching" www.tra.org.au

Petr Kurka up close



Chatting with Petr Kurka—the AISL HIGH PERFORMANCE COACH

Petr—You have been here for over 6 months now... how have you found working in Australia

Hard for shooting at times. Otherwise nice – nice people and nice country—but I had known this before I came.

You've bought a house in Adelaide now

Yes – we are planning to be here for a while – depends on the shooting and the results of course. Or at least until 2012. If the work is worth it, and the shooters are achieving the results, and if I get an offer to stay – then why not. The house has made my wife and I feel more like home

What are your thoughts of the shooters you have met so far

I love them – they are very good people and they like to work very hard. The difference is the distance. Can't compare to Europe with that. It's essential that the shooters first try to improve their results – that's the most important thing at the moment.

Where do you see the greatest improvement possible

Air rifle has the greatest potential. 3P is more difficult and for 3P you need a lot of time for practice. For air rifle, it's not so expensive and you can practice at any time of the day.

Petr trying the new Anschutz stock at SISC



What is your greatest challenge in coaching in Australia

I have to change my thinking ... with my experience I am used to working with my top shooters every day, this has to change in Australia, as I can only work with some of the shooters for a week every month or so.

We also need to change the thinking of some of the shooters – to think outside the Australian scores and aim higher. Even if they are not professional, they can think, act and shoot like a professional. Being the top shooter in Australia is only good if the standard is a good score.

AISSL INTERNATIONAL MATCH WINNERS



3P



Jamie Bonis....Adrian Black....Will Godward

Susannah Smith....Robyn Van Nus....Alethea Sedgman



Prone



Jason Lowe....Warren Potent....Rob Howell

Susannah Smith....Sally Johnston....Deb Lowe



Air



Jamie Bonis....Tyren Vitler....Kevin McKenzie

Robyn Van Nus....Katiejayne Tirkot....Susannah Smith

Youth Olympic MQS events

Scores are available on the TRA website. Congratulations to Tamsyn Henry with 370 (and 2nd place) - also Sam Elsmore with 572 and 1st place, John Coombes 568 and 2nd place, Arden Chhabra with 508 and 3rd place. Sorry—no photos available at this stage.



Commonwealth Games Selections

The Commonwealth Games selection process has now been put on the AISL website. The series is over three events in 2010.

All shooters ranked in the top 10 are eligible to contest the series. Please read the information in full at www.ausshooting.org

Coaching Courses Available

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A COACH??

There are courses available within all States. The **TRA Instructors** course trains those who wish to work in a club—helping new shooters into the sport, and giving advice to other club shooters. The course itself takes only a day to complete, with some active coaching to be completed prior to accreditation.

The next level is the **AISL Club Coach**. To be expected, this course works through with both the club and State level. The course usually takes two days to complete...again with a practical component prior to accreditation.

After that is the **AISL Competition Coach**. Taking 4 days to complete, this course is aimed at those moving in National circles.

The **AISL Advanced Coach** is yet to be developed

HOW DO YOU GET INVOLVED??

Your State Association will shortly be advertising coaching courses, keep your eyes open for a course near you. The course is not expensive, and the skills you learn may also help your shooting.

The courses are delivered in a friendly and informal manner, with trained presenters leading the way.

Speak to your State Secretary soon and join in.

“Coaching—helping the next generation of champions”

Late News

Many will know Owen Oliver from WA. He is the WA President, and for 8 years, has been the TRA Technical Chairman. Owen has advised that he will not be standing for re-election this year. The challenges of work, family and the fact that WA will be working on a new range complex over the next three has prompted this decision.

While understandable, it is sad for TRA to lose his expertise and experience.

Have Your Say...

Do you have something to say something that you think the other shooters in Australia would like to know about. Then send your comments and/or articles for publication (in Word if possible). This is the second electronic magazine.... do you want to know via email when the next issue is available?? Send a quick email with MAGAZINE in the subject line, with your name and State, and I'll let you know.

[Email](#) from here

Warren & Lee are married



Under clear blue skies in a waterfront suburb of Sydney, Warren and Lee exchanged their marriage vows on the 8/8/09. With the best wishes of many family, friends and “shooting family” members, they celebrated the day with smiles and champagne.

Dressed elegantly, Lee was escorted down the “aisle” by Miro, and joined her husband to be for the ceremony. We wish them every happiness.

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- Large knurled head screws at the cheek-piece and length adjustment of the butt offer high operating comfort without the need to use any tools.
- The stock adjustments also makes the stock suitable for the smaller shooter.
- Ron Maine, Dane Sampson & Robyn Van Nus are using these stocks with success.