

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 2012 OLYMPIANS

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## THE OLYMPIC EDITION—WELCOME HOME

On 27th July 2012, the world watched as the London Olympics Opening Ceremony erupted with a bang.

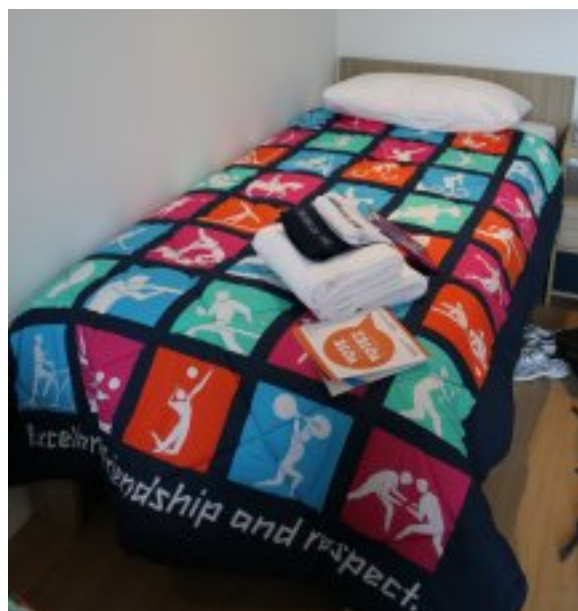
Australian rifle shooters Warren Potent, Dane Sampson and Will Godward took their places and marched in the Athlete's Parade. Of course Robyn and Alethea were watching the festivities on TV as they had their Air Rifle matches early the next day.

From all reports, the ceremony was a fantastic experience as the photos below will attest.





## VILLAGE LIFE...



**YES—THE DOONA DOES HAVE THE SHOOTING EMBLEM..YAY**



**KIERAN PERKINS AT THE VILLAGE**



## AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM TRIVIA

- The 2012 Australian Olympic Team has 410 athletes and 319 officials
- This is the 5th largest Australian Olympic Team behind Sydney (632), Athens (482), Beijing (435), Atlanta (424)
- There are 224 men and 186 women on the Team. (55% male, 45% female)
- The average age of the Australian Olympic Team athletes is 27
- The youngest member of the Team is Brittany Broben (diving) – 16. The oldest member is Mary Hanna (equestrian) – 57
- Australia will compete in 23 of the 26 sports on the Olympic Program (Australia will not compete in the fencing, soccer and handball)
- The largest section of the Team is athletics with 52 athletes, the smallest is wrestling with 1 athlete. Australia will also have one competitor in the gymnastics disciplines of rhythmic and trampoline.
- A total of 390 shooters from 108 countries participated with Australia's 17 shooters (5 from Smallbore)
- This is Warren Potent's 4th Olympics, and 2nd for Robyn Van Nus



And now for the bonus point.  
What is unusual in this photo?

Pick it? ... At first glance,  
all looks normal on Robyn's target

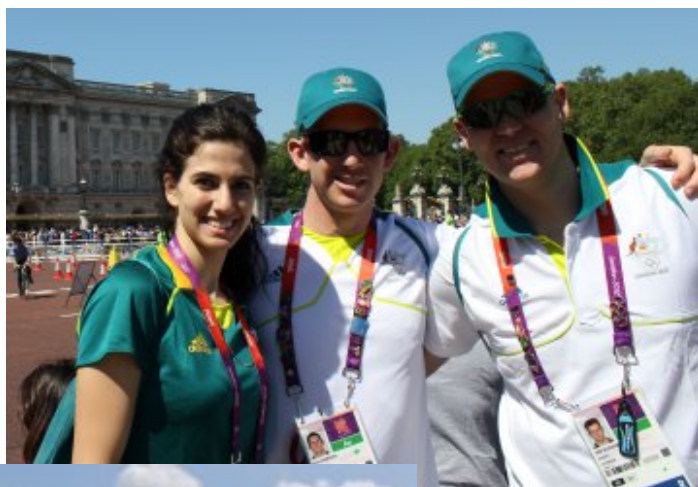
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OUT AND ABOUT AT THE OLYMPICS.... With Hamish & Andy...either they are rather tall or...



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## **FROM OUR OLYMPIAN—WILL GODWARD**

Firstly I can't thank you all enough for the support and encouragement you have given me. It has been amazing to see the messages and emails from you all over the last few weeks. I hope that you all could feel apart of my journey. Since being in the village it has been a wow factor to the max. The places I have seen and the people I have met is overwhelming. Some of the people I have been able to talk to are Steve Waugh, Kieren Perkins, John Eals, Layne Beachley, James Packer, Eddie McGuire, Princess Ann, Geoff Hugell, and the list goes on.

Well as you all probably know my score and finish. Finishing 40th with 588 does look a little disappointing, but the experience and knowledge that I have gained from this, is priceless. To make the final I needed an extra 8 points.

For a quick brief overview of my match. I was prepared and ready to start... ready for success. The start of my match was perfect. This is where it matters. To start to shoot the first competition shots in an Olympics can be tough and I overcame this.

Petr (coach) told me after it was the best start he has ever seen me shoot in such a high class match. Now a good start is great, but we all must finish the race. It came to my last ten shots were I let my concentration go and it showed. Looking back, yes I would change the process I took in the last ten shots, but I need to accept it now and focus on what I am going to achieve next time.

The moment I finished my match my thoughts went straight to RIO 2016. Over the last 2 weeks of being here I have a taste and a hunger for the Olympic dream and want to come back for a second time. Disappointment always brings strength and a higher level of commitment for those who toughen up and come back. My race is not over yet, and I still have a lot to prove and show the world. So please stay tuned for next chapter of my story.

Just want to say Thank you to the AOC, ASC, AISL, SSAA, TRA, TRSA, SSAA Moonta, Morialta club, and of course my wonderful Family. I am still in the village for the remainder of the Games— supporting my team mates and watching many athletes fulfil their dreams, as I have.

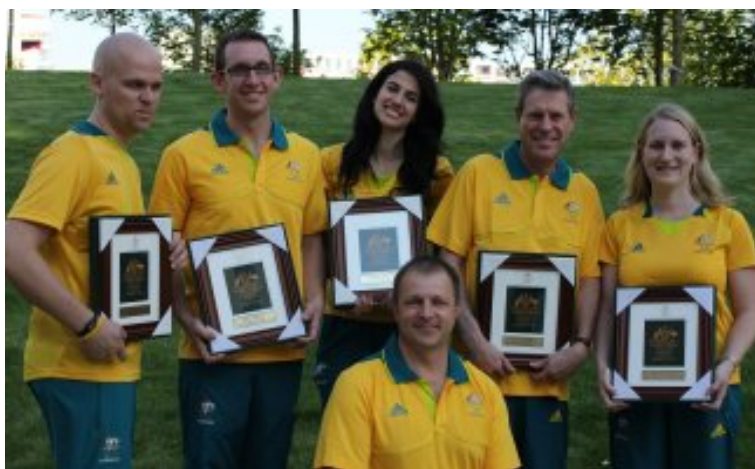
Cheers Will

A quote from the movie Cool Runnings.  
“I AM FEELING VERY OLYMPIC TODAY”





## THE OFFICIAL BITS—FORMAL PHOTO... PRESENTATION OF FRAMED POCKET...FORMAL WELCOME TO THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE





## **FROM DUAL OLYMPIAN—ROBYN VAN NUS**

At the conclusion of the Womens 3P...well, I've had better days. Gave it my all though...hmm that wind ( to put it politely). Thank you to everyone for their support, not just this week but over the past few years.

A few special mentions:

To my mum and dad for travelling all the way over here to watch me (although it did give them an excuse for a great European holiday before the Olympics.)

Also to the most amazing and supportive husband a girl could ever ask for. Over the next week, we will finally take a few days off and enjoy a honeymoon in Scotland. (and they did)

My wonderful sister and family who are so proud of me no matter what the result.



Petr and Nick for their unwavering support—I tried so hard guys.

And my girls Susie and Sue, who keep me sane and know first hand, just how much work it takes to do this thing....win, lose or draw.

Hey, at least my Tigers won today...4th August (Richmond AFL)

Robyn Ridley



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## Shooting Gear Library

Shooting jackets and pants are a really important part of the kit for this sport. I go as far as saying that they not only provide support for better stability for shooting; but that it is important for the long-term health of the body to wear good quality shooting pants to protect the lower back from developing chronic problems, (especially in standing).

For this reason, when junior shooters that I coach move from the standing supported (shooting air rifle over a rest) to free standing, I ensure they have appropriate shooting gear to wear.

In prone it is also helpful to have a good jacket to provide extra support to elbows and across the shoulders.

For younger people there are a couple of barriers to having the right gear, and therefore being able to participate in the sport fully –

The expense of the gear is usually quite high.

Their parents are not sure if it is worth spending the money – will their child stick with the sport.

The young person will grow out of the clothes soon, so they are not going to get a long time span out of the gear.

### **Solution: A Shooting Gear Library!**

Over the past few years in South Australia I have been collecting shooting jackets and pants – good quality, second hand kit that young juniors can borrow until they grow out of it.

They are able to wear the borrowed gear, and they progress in the sport quite quickly as they are wearing the right stuff.



Their parents feel supported too, and are happy for their kids to be involved.

When they do grow out of the gear, it goes back into the library for someone else to use...and they look for gear the next size up!

I think it would be great if each state could develop a Shooting Gear Library – I would be really happy to help anyone interested in getting started.

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**HAVE YOU GOT A GEAR LIBRARY IN YOUR STATE???**

Carrie Quigley

## **THE PEOPLE YOU MEET....**

In London recently, at the Barracks Range, ready for the Women's Air Rifle event. My husband and Robyn's husband were on adjoining seats with a spare seat to my right... having a spare seat was an amazement in itself.

I was approached over the rail with this gentle voice.. "is that seat taken" - my reply (without really looking) was "no, you are welcome" The voice was familiar, but it was only when this gentleman had sat down, that I realised that I was sitting next to a dear friend who had left Australia (and more particularly WA) to resettle back in the UK. Hadn't seen Mr John Smith for quite a time, and there he was sitting next to me at the Women's Air match.

We had a wonderful day with John—chatting about times gone by and what everyone is up to. He is enjoying his shooting and doing a bit of Shotgun now and then.

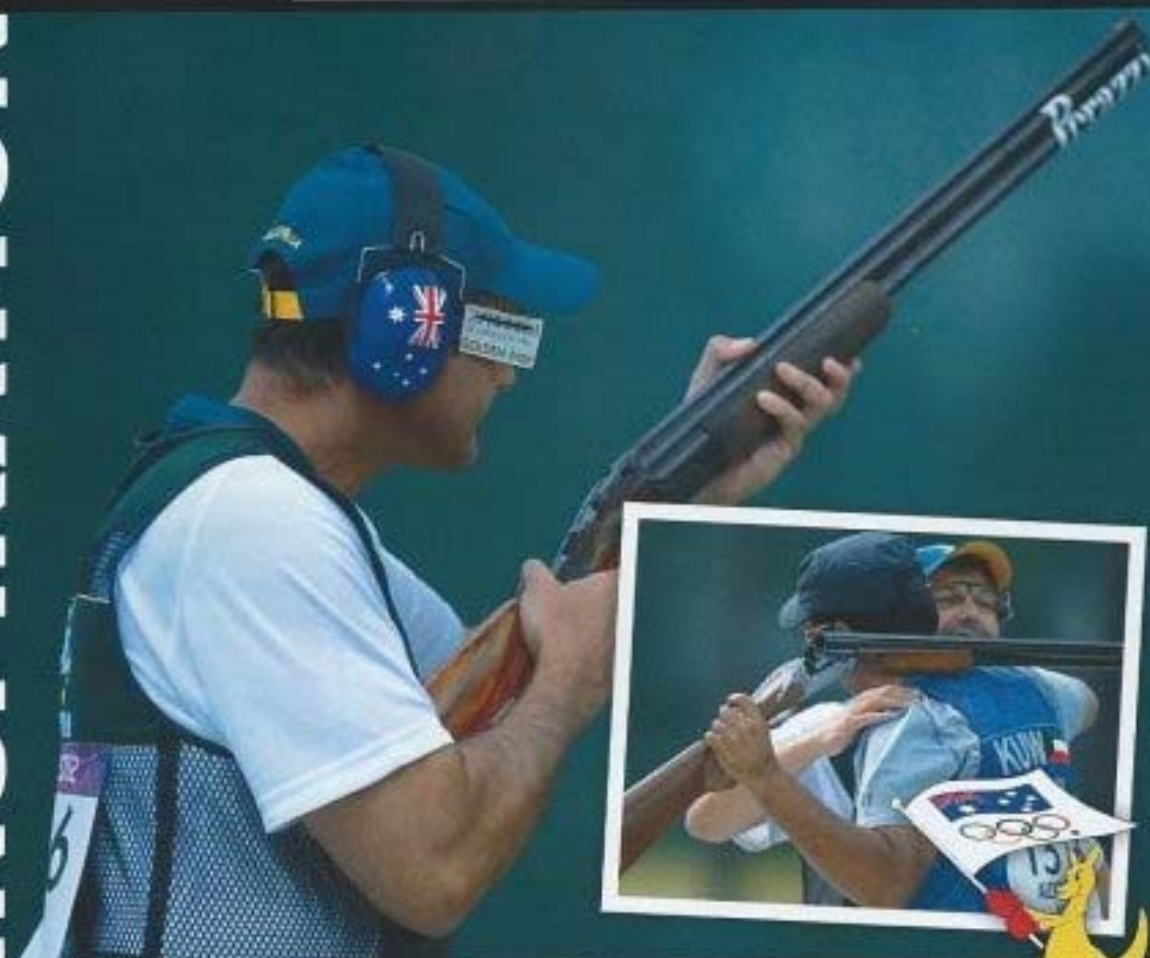
John sends his fondest regards to all his Australian mates in shooting.



LONDON 2012 DAY 12

AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM

## INSPIRATION



## Diamond proves he's pure gold

I'm not sure Rudyard Kipling had Michael Diamond in mind when he penned: "If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster and treat those two impostors just the same", but nothing could be more apt in describing what happened after the men's trap final at the Royal Artillery Barracks on Day 10.

To set the scene, Diamond had equaled the world record, and broken his own Olympic Record, in qualifying for the final. He had a score of 125 out of 125. Perfect. A perfect score had only been achieved twice before in the history of the sport, and never at the Olympics.

Michael Diamond is a giant of his sport. As fellow competitors, coaches and officials from the sport lined up to congratulate him, it was clear, this was a remarkable day.

History will show that Michael Diamond did not win a gold

medal, or any medal, in the men's trap. But that does not diminish his amazing performance.

Afterwards, Diamond spoke of his disappointment, of his nerves, and his anger with himself. But he also spoke about how happy he was for the winner, Croatian Giovanni Cernogoraz.

"He's a great bloke, and he's just won his first Olympic gold medal. I am just so happy for him," Diamond said. That's not easy to say after you have just lost a shoot-off for the bronze medal, and were just two shots away from a third gold medal.

The hardest part was well after the crowds had dispersed. It was just the shooting fraternity left. Fellow competitors and coaches were straight over to Diamond. They hugged, they embraced, they looked each other in the eye. They knew what he was going through, and they knew what they had seen earlier.

"I was going for you, Mick." "You're still the greatest, Michael."

The feeling of the shooting community can be best summed up by an exchange between Diamond and the Spanish team as the last athletes left the venue.

A Spaniard turned and stretched out his hand.

"Michael, I was so fortunate to be here today. I am going to tell my grandchildren that I shot alongside Michael Diamond the day he shot a perfect score. It's the highlight of my career."

Diamond outstretched his hand and replied, "That's very nice of you to say mate. That means a lot. Can I ask a favour though?"

"Sure Michael, anything."

"Just don't tell your grandkids how I shot in the final."

Michael Diamond – a world record holder as a shooter, and a truly great Olympian.

- DAMIAN KELLY



The e-mag doesn't often carry items about shotgun shooters...but this piece on Michael Diamond deserves to be seen. Well done to author Damian Kelly.

And then there was this from the **Los Angeles Times**  
LONDON — July 28, 2012

Rifle shooting has never been the rowdiest of sports.

Competitors stand absolutely silent, focused on the target, squeezing off one shot after another. The crowds — a relative term — watch intently and respectfully.

But the 10m air rifle competition at the 2012 London Olympics had a different sort of feel on Saturday, the action punctuated by frequent bursts of applause.

British shooter Jennifer McIntosh was taken aback — until she realized that all the clapping was for her, the hometown crowd showing their support after every good shot. "We're not exactly used to that but it was phenomenal," McIntosh said.

At one point, the 21-year-old athlete stepped away from her rifle and offered a wave toward the stands. "Actually, I found it really helped," she said. "It gave me something to laugh about, which helps deal with the nerves."

And from the Editor.....The smallbore team has now finished all their matches.

Are the scores less than the athletes expected - probably yes, as athletes are always looking for more, no matter what.

Are the scores less than we have seen them put on the board in the past year or so - again probably yes, we have seen them perform so well in matches of late.

Are we proud of the efforts of our "Smallbore 5" - oh definitely yes.. only those who have "walked a month in their shoes" will really appreciate the dedication and effort that has been put into these Games.

Getting into the team was not the goal - performing well was!

Do we applaud them? (insert clapping here) .....YES

Will we tell them so when next we meet? .....YES

Great stuff guys - now on to the 2014 Commonwealth Games and World Champs  
...new goals and new priorities. (again insert clapping here)



FROM OUR OLYMPIAN ALETHEA SEDGMAN

Had an amazing Olympics, thank you to everyone that made it that little bit more special and for all the friends I met along the way!

To those at home whom have supported me endlessly, I am sincerely grateful! With love, Alethea



WHAT WAS SAID ON FACEBOOK...As you may know, TRA is on Facebook, and during the events, wonderful comments of support were posted by the shooting community, both on the TRA page and on the personal shooter's pages. This is but an small sample.

A big thankyou to our team...sometimes we don't achieve all our goals...but at least we have them and aspire to achieve them...we are proud of all of you.

You're all heros as far as we are concerned. Those closest to you know just how much it takes to achieve what you have over the years. We and our sport can only be grateful for your efforts.

You have done hours and hours of training to get where you are. That in itself is amazing! You deserve to have such support and love, and I know that everyone is proud of you. Keep your chin up, there's always the next one xxx

Its hard work but you are a champ! You did well. I've been thinking of you and I'm sure it must be such an amazing experience being there!! Wishing you all the very best as you continue to compete - just being there you are already a winner in my book!

Congratulations—great achievement and being able to participate in the Olympics is a dream come true. Now chase down the next dream.

We all loved tracking your efforts online, cheering you on in our lounge over the computer. We are so proud of you. Hope you enjoy the rest of the games and continue to get your taste for Olympic competition. Enjoy!!

We are very proud of you. We loved watching every shot online. Cheering every '10' you scored. It was an awesome hour or so. It was noisier at home than watching an AFL match.

So proud of you. You will certainly gain from this huge experience. Hope you make the most of your last days in London. Congratulations to you.

## LUKE CAIN—2012 PARALYMPIAN

15<sup>th</sup> August 2012...13 years ago today I broke my neck... And today was spent in Switzerland training for the 2012 Paralympics. Who would have thought 13 years ago I'd in be in Switzerland on my way to London...

I got up early to train, had lunch at the range enjoying the beautiful weather. Went shopping and bought myself a new jacket - spent a little to much but it's made for a Swisse winter so I'm sure it will stand up to a Melbourne winter. WOW 13 years!! What took me so long to become a Paralympian :-). I'm in Business Class and off to the 2012 Paralympics...yay





## AISL YOUTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 7th-9th DEC 2012



The 2012 Youth National Championships is being held in Sydney from the 7th -9th of December. This is a chance to showcase the skills and abilities of young up coming shooters.

This years AISL Youth National Championships is set to be our biggest yet, with competitions for age groups 12-16, 17-20, 21-25 and athletes with disabilities.

If you're not an experienced shooter we urge you to come along- bring a friend and try something new.

If this is something you're interested in be sure to check out the AISL website for Information (coming soon) on pre Championships training camps .

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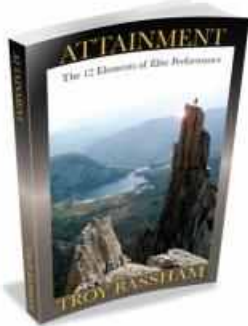
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# MENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS



**Winning is only Part of the Journey!**



***Elite Performers focus on Solutions  
....Others focus on problems.***

Everyone who strives to be successful will have to overcome problems and obstacles.

How you approach your thoughts on issues will determine the path you take toward success. What makes elite performers unique is their ability to focus on solutions to their problems. Most people will complain and focus on the issue at hand, while successful people are solution oriented with their thoughts.



Every person has the natural and inherent power to control his or her thoughts. Our experiences may help to generate how we think about certain topics and the way we live, but regardless of past experiences we have the ability to think any way we desire. Having the mental discipline to think in a certain way that will lead us to become who we desire to be is critical to reaching success. This type of thought process is a key ingredient that separates winners from competitors.

Make sure you are a solution based thinker and that you view your obstacles as opportunities, your challenges as chances for growth and your hard times as tests of your strength. When we take the time to respond with control and focus on solutions, we help to eliminate the possibility of our problems controlling us.

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## **Do you have to be a competitive person to win?**

Recently I was invited to be featured in "Fourpoints Magazine". This is a magazine dedicated to the Miss America competitors and volunteers nationwide.

As part of the feature I was asked to answer 4 questions that had been submitted by readers of the magazine.



## MENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS...cont.

One of the questions and my response I want to include in this issue because this may be a question that some of you ask as well.

***“I am not a really competitive person, do I need that to win?”***

*It depends on how you define being a competitive person. I think being a competitive person can help with increasing the motivation to train, outworking the competition and moving quickly towards a goal. But being competitive can also derail a contestant if she focuses too much on what other people are doing and if her main desire is to beat others not build herself.*

*I do not believe that you have to have a competitive personality to win but I do believe you have to train to win and prepare for the competition with focus and drive to have a better probability of success. Many girls who do not consider themselves as competitive are better at trusting instead of trying on competition day and that can be a huge benefit. You have a better chance to do your best when you are enjoying yourself. It is tough to have fun when you are focused on winning or on other people.*

*In short, being competitive can be helpful in preparation but in most cases that same competitive drive can be destructive on competition day. Make sure you find motivation to train and a desire for the job so you will train and prepare with passion then trust that training and enjoy the competition.*

*By Heather Sumlin, Mental Management instructor and Director of Programs,  
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**"WINNING IS GREAT...THE SECRET IS LEARNING HOW TO LOSE.  
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# Inter-Club Junior Air Rifle Challenge

A much anticipated event in the TRSA calendar is the Inter-club Junior Air Rifle Challenge. This is an afternoon where junior members from all South Australian Air Rifle clubs are invited to train together, show off skills, and compete.

Under the pastoral care of the State Coach, Carrie Quigley, coaches from the various junior clubs join forces to share ideas.

Over the last year, we have been holding this event to foster a competitive environment for our up and coming junior Air Rifle shooters. It enables the young shooters to compete against shooters in the same age group from other clubs in a friendly environment. It provides the children with confidence to try new techniques, and competition experience outside their own club.

It also provides the junior club coaches an opportunity to share techniques and ideas.

The last Inter-Club Junior Air Rifle Challenge held in June 2012, had 14 shooters from two of the Adelaide clubs, Para and Reynella, participating. We charged \$10 to participate.

The first three places in each group (where 4 or more were entered) received a medal, and all others received a certificate. We asked that each shooter bring a plate of food to share to promote friendship and unity.

The afternoon was divided into three stages, with afternoon tea being held between Stages 2 & 3. –



1) Preparation & Warm Up - This focused on preparing their body and mind for the shoot. This involved stretching exercises, relaxation (including controlling their breathing), and holding of the rifle.;

2) Practice and Application of New Techniques - This allowed the coaches to work with the shooters to improve their shooting accuracy;

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# Inter-Club Junior Air Rifle Challenge



3) The Competition - This was a 30 shot match. Shooters were grouped by age – 11yo & Under, 12-13yo for Air Supported, and 12-16yo for Air Standing.

Grouping by age rather than ability was found to be easier, as ability across different clubs was hard to assess.

The event has been a huge success with our Junior Shooters, giving them the confidence to compete at State Competitions.

Wendy Rossiter  
Reynella Smallbore and Air Rifle Club



## The Little Pink Savage - Part I

By Jamie Webb – Toowoomba Smallbore Rifle Club—July 2012

This article is about is little pink Savage CUB P single shot .22LR rifle. So what does \$375 get you these days? Well, it gets you a beautiful little pink laminated stock savage single shot rifle – rear peep sight and front blade sight. The rifle is the smallest most miniscule rifle that I have ever seen or held in my hands – it is just plain cute.



My reason for buying it is because I have 3 daughters and also because we have a new club member, 12 year old Courtney, and our other club rifles proved to be just too big and heavy to handle on a sling. The statistics on the rifle are: Overall length 84cm, barrel length 40cm, weight 2.3kg.

So when I walked into The Open Range gun store in search of some air rifle pellets, and this little rifle on the wall rack captured my attention with it's siren call.

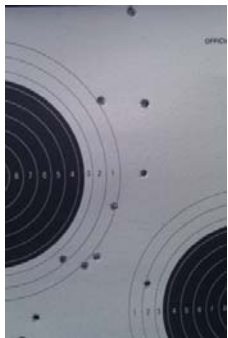
I asked the shop owner, David, if I could look at the rifle and he took it out of the rack, telling me it was "the last one in Australia". David also agreed to sponsor our towns Inter-School Rifle Comp. A later call to Cleaver Firearms showed they had one in stock for \$325 but I decided to stay with our local shop.

Anyway after feeling the perfect balance of the rifle, and seeing that it had a good sight picture and a "goldilocks" Savage Accu-trigger (not too heavy and not too light), 5 minutes later a deposit was paid, a Permit to Acquire completed and 3 weeks later the rifle was mine.

**Wednesday 18 July.** After previously teeing it up with her parents, Courtney and her parents came over to my house on the excuse that I had a "new shooting glove" that I wanted her to try on. I told her to close her eyes and put out her hand. I then went to the gunsafe, retrieved the gift, and the put it in her outstretched hand.

It was certainly worth the price to see the look in her eyes as they opened wide at the sight of a pink rifle in her hands. I asked her if the colour was suitable and she nodded her head and yelled out "YES" and then immediately lay down on the carpet and snapped the rifle to the shoulder in a beautiful prone position and pronounced that she could now shoot "prone on a sling" without any difficulty.

**First group L - Sunday 22 July.** The little pink savage made it's first journey to the range so we could play with it. James, a club member and boarder from Toowoomba Grammar School, was given the task of cleaning all the factory grease out of the barrel.



About 230 felt cleaning plugs and 30 minutes of cleaning and scrubbing with a bronze brush we pronounced the barrel "grease free" and James proceeded to put 5 shots thru it from a sandbag rest and then cleaned it. We followed a running-in regime of: shoot 5, clean, shoot 5, clean, shoot 10, clean, shoot 10, clean. We fed it a diet of quality Eley Blue Team.

The first 5 shots highlighted our first problem with the Little Pink Savage. The rear peep sight is a budget model and its adjustment range is extremely limited. All the initial shots at the middle sighting target barely hit the paper 20cm above and to the left of the middle sighter.



We found we had to aim at the bottom of the paper just to get the shots on the paper.

We adjusted the front sight in its sideways dovetail “a couple of clicks” with the Savage front sight adjustment tool – a hammer! Now the Little Pink Savage shot at 12 o’clock high. We fiddled with the rear sight adjustment grub screw and even resorted to electrical tape to try to hold the rear sight spring down far enough! Presumably the factory may have set the sights for shooting at a closer range – perhaps 25 metres.



### **Adjusting the front dovetail sight a couple of clicks !**

Subsequent shots showed up another minor problem with the Little Pink Savage. The front blade sight with bead was actually bigger than the 50m ISSF black targets! The blade sight has a bead at the top and this bead is bigger than the targets and obscured them when aiming straight at the target. We persevered by holding the top of the front blade sight just touching the bottom of the black and we were rewarded with shot at 12 o’clock high at the “top of the black”.



### **Check out the size of the front sight bead compared to the ISSF black targets on the photo left.**

Now to the good news. As we fired more groups and became used to the sights on the rifle, the group sizes suddenly closed up after about 40 shots of running in. Our groups were now small enough to fit into the 9 ring on an ISSF target. Now this is impressive – given that our club

recently purchased other rifles that are not yet giving this small a group.

### **Last 10 shot group of the day.**

Another feature of the Little Pink Savage is it’s obvious fun factor. Richard, a prone shooter of some increasing skill, put 5 rounds downrange to record a 9 ring sized group. Darren, one of the centrefire pistol shooters from the Toowoomba Pistol Club also admired the rifle and laughed initially when he saw the minute size and colour and then proceeded to let out laughs of great enjoyment after he fired each shot. He pronounced the rifle “*to be perfect for what it is, with a great balance and great sight picture*” and he had a big smile on his face when he finished his group of 5 shots.



It is a very addictive, fun rifle to shoot. The best technique on the benchrest seems to be to put some weight on the rifle with both the trigger hand and cheek and press it into the sandbags. This seems to make up for the lack of rifle weight..

### **Richard giving it a run! Darren, laughing with every shot.**

Every one of the big ugly burly men who fired the rifle absolutely enjoyed themselves with joyous laughter being heard across the range after every shot!

Another thought that crossed my mind as I fired the rifle with peep sights from a rest was: *“this rifle will make a great Silhouette Class benchrest rifle”*. I even had dreams of big fat me turning up to a benchrest comp just for fun with the Little Pink Savage and scope, short light barrel and dusting the expensive competition just to rub it in.

Now for the big question. Does the \$3,000 Anschutz shoot 10 times better than the \$300 Little Pink Savage that is a tenth of the price?

Well, no and yes. The Anschutz will put all its rounds in the 10 ring (in experienced hands) whilst the Little Pink Savage will put a lot of its rounds in the 10 ring and the remainder in the 8/9 ring most days (in experienced hands)— this is a fact of life. But, for a small beginner junior shooter The Little Pink Savage is perfect combination of price, weight and accuracy for a year or two while they are learning the ropes.



### **Future improvements.**

Since I bought the rifle for small junior shooters to use in proper QTS, TRA, AISL competitions, I will have to make some improvements. I will keep you posted on the success (or otherwise) of these improvements.

On my improvement wish list are:

1. Proper adjustable rear peep sight on the rifle. – Cost \$45.
2. Remove the front blade sight from its dovetail and in its place put in a fullbore ladder type peep sight with ring. (cost unknown).
3. A removable scope in a set of dovetail bridge mounts. This will open up the rifle to “Prone Silhouette Class” and “Benchrest Silhouette/Light Rifle” comps.
4. Something around a custom built adjustable stock so the rifle can be used in junior 3 Position competitions.

In summary, after completing the first running-in session with the Little Pink Savage, my first impressions can be summarized as being very favourable. Whilst having a couple of solvable problems (front & rear sights), the rifle basically fits the bill perfectly for a small youngsters who wants to shoot prone on a sling. It fulfills its design role of being a cheap, effective, easy to handle rifle for a beginner shooter. The Little Pink Savage is the modern female version of the historical and time honoured tradition of introducing young people to their first rifle. Cheap, small, light, accurate, single shot.

Now where is that pink camouflaged soft gun case to match The Little Pink Savage? And a pink shooting mat! Pink sling? Pink scope? Where does it all end? I know...I'll ask Tasmyn.

One final thought. How many more Junior shooters would we have in our sport if every Senior shooter would mentor and sponsor a junior into our sport? Cost of TRA Sub-Junior Membership is only \$45 – that is the price of movie tickets or a Chinese Take-away. Think about it.

I'll keep everyone up to speed on the progress of the “Little Pink Savage”. Hopefully by the next e-mag, more useful modifications will have been made and it will be pleasing its owner even more.

Regards....Jamie



# Engineering Flowchart



## TRA NATIONALS 2013—BRISBANE QLD

As many know, the Brisbane range has the opportunity to stay “on the range” in the QRA accommodation.

There are 4 motel style rooms (shown right), and numerous combination rooms for up to four persons. The facilities are good, and at a reasonable cost.

There is also a van/tent area for those who “bring their own”



QRA requires anyone wishing to book accommodation and van sites for next year to contact them personally.

Please contact David on 07 3398 4309 and state that you are attending the TRA Nationals. Accommodation may run out quickly so it is best to book as early as possible.

Further information on the accommodation available, can be seen at <http://www.qldrifle.com/QRAAccommodation.htm>

