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# SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

• All of it!

**SA AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE** 

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# May I present.... Yvonne Hill OAM



Yes, that is correct, Yvonne has been honoured with this award for her services to the shooting sports, and the community.

At every competition in SA, we see the lady buzzing around and getting things done.

This is nothing new to Yvonne, as she has been getting things done for quite a number of years. Here is but a sample of her roles within the sport—and it does not include the Australian competition athlete medal tally—and that in itself, is impressive.

Competition Manager, World Police and Fire Games, 2007. Manager/Head Coach, Sydney Paralympic Games, 2000. Manager Shooting, Sydney Olympic Games, 2000 Manager, Australian Paralympic Shooting Team, Atlanta 1996. Coach, Commonwealth Games 1994 & 1998. Manager/Coach, Shooting World Championships for the Disabled, Austria 1994.

Board member, S.A. Sports Institute 1983 to 1993 Member, South Australian Firearms Consultative/Review Committee, 20 years. President, Cyclists SRC 9 years; Vice-President, 10 years;

Australian Shooting team member, 1974, 1982, 1986 World Champs, 1980 Moscow Olympic Games; 1982 Commonwealth Games, Brisbane.

Yvonne is no strange to hard work and commitment—coming from an educational background, she was the ideal person to help establish the coach education program for TRA in the 1970s.

Her enthusiasm for coaching has improved many a shooter, and she is a current, accredited Competition coach. Congratulations Yvonne.



And while on the subject of awards.....The Shooting Australia Awards night was held in Sydney recently, and TRA members featured in the following categories.

MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR—Warren Potent. Warren has had a fantastic 2014, as you have read in the last e-mag. This included Gold at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, then topped off with Gold at the World Championships in Granada. Warren is the only Australian Shooting World Champion at the moment. As Warren accepted the award, he noted and thanked the part that others played in his success—while "he was the one with the trigger, there are many helping in the background"



PARA ATHLETE OF THE YEAR— it was no surprise to find that Jason Maroney was awarded this title. As the Current World Number One in R5 (Air Rifle Prone) and current World Record holder in R4 (Air Rifle Standing), Jason Maroney was the most outstanding athlete in the Paralympic discipline, earning two World Cup titles and recording a fourth place finish at the International Paralympic Committee World Championship last year.



These awards following are as a result of nomination from the disciplines of Shooting Australia ie TRA, PA etc

**TRA COACH OF THE YEAR**—the nominee from TRA was NSW's Gorden deGroen. He was recognised for his work as the NSW State Coach, and the many hours he puts in at the range, especially with the Sydney Boys High School Rifle Program. The Shooting Australia Coach of the Year was Greg Chan from Shotgun.



**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**—the nominee from TRA was NSW's Ursula Bayliss, and she was awarded Normally a quiet and unassuming lady, Ursula was most surprised at the honour and she had the audience tingling with her acceptance words— a truly worthy Volunteer of the Year.



**OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR**—the nominee from TRA was VIC's Dean Romanoff, who unfortunately could not be in Sydney. Dean's work in the technical area was noted, and he was awarded the Shooting Australia Official of the Year.

When it was thought that the night could not get any better....the next announcements were for the special awards—the Shooting Australia Fellowships. For those who are unaware, these fellowships are awarded for exceptional service to the sport of shooting, and each year, nominations are sought from the member disciplines.



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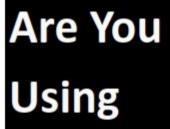


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# ISSF RULES - 3rd Print published online – Quota rules and anti-doping

13.11.2014 by Marco Dalla Dea

The International Shooting Sport Federation has released the 3rd print of the ISSF Rules, now available for download. WADA updated the World Anti-Doping Code.





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Warren Potent

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### SHOOTING AUSTRALIA FELLOWSHIPS

In 2006 Aado Maranik was recognised in this manner, as was Tricia Van Nus in 2014. It was then Damien Maragon's pleasure to announce two new inductees to this group.



Dennis Claxton and Nick Sullivan were presented with their framed notation certificate and presented with the Fellowship pin.

Dennis Claxton is well known to all who shoot in NSW. He has been a quiet worker at every Australian and International competition at SISC since the centre opened, often working behind the

scenes, and with little fanfare. A well deserved award.

Nick Sullivan was, until 2013, the CEO of Shooting Australia, and left that post for retirement...which was short lived as he accepted a position on the Board of TRA. Nick's knowledge and influence is exceptional, and TRA is benefitting from that experience.



We were lucky to have all four Fellowship awardees at the event on Saturday.

Then it was time for the fun of the night.











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## TRA Ltd - Agent for Eley Ammunition in Australia.

Did you know that TRA Limited through its subsidiary company, Target Ammunition Pty Ltd, is one of two agents for the importation and wholesale distribution of Eley Ammunition in Australia?

Target Ammunition Pty Ltd carries stocks of all Eley .22 L.R. ammunition products and distributes these products through Target Rifle Australia's Member Associations and other licenced dealers in all States and Territories.

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Every member can help Target Rifle Australia to continue to develop and improve the sport through the purchase of Eley ammunition products through your club, State Association or any local dealer who purchases ammunition through Target Rifle Australia Pty Ltd.

For more information, or to find your nearest local dealer, please contact Richard Toye the Executive Officer for Target Ammunition Pty Ltd by phoning 0447 447 055 or send an email to <a href="mailto:sales@eleyammunition.com.au">sales@eleyammunition.com.au</a>

\*Recommended Retail Price (RRP) is price as at 1/1/2015 – prices are subject to change without notice.

**AUSTRALIA'S BEST SCORES SINCE 2013**. Here in this table is a summary of the best scores over the past two years. Congratulations to the athletes below and thanks to Petr for keeping tabs on the performances.

### AUSTRALIAN BEST SCORES - RIFLE ISSF EVENTS SINCE 1.1. 2013

new ISSF rules / decimal scores, new 3P order

	Event		Result	Holder Name	Date	Place	Competition
50m	Prone60 M		628.6	POTENT Warren	2.4.2014	Fort Benning, USA	World Cup
50m	Prone60 M	FINAL	210.9	POTENT Warren	15.6.2013	Brisbane, AUS	AusCup3
50m	Prone60 M-j		620.0	WOODHOUSE Frederyk	28.5.2014	Suhl, GER	ISSF Junior Cup
50m	Prone60 M-j	FINAL	205.8	WOODHOUSE Frederyk	17.5.2014	Adelaide, AUS	TRSA State Champ
50m	Prone60 W		621.1	RIDLEY Robyn	28.6.2014	Brisbane, AUS	AusCup2
50m	Prone60 W-j		620.0	SEDGMAN Alethea	15.3.2014	Adelaide, AUS	AusCup1
50m	3x40 M		1161	SAMPSON Dane	12.6.2014	Munich, GER	World Cup
50m	3x40 M	FINAL	454.6	SAMPSON Dane	14.3.2014	Adelaide, AUS	AusCup1
50m	3x40 M-j		1114	CLOPATOFSKY Daniel	5.12.2014	AusCup Final	Sydney, AUS
50m	3x40 M-j	FINAL	425.8	CLOPATOFSKY Daniel	26.3.2013	Brisbane, AUS	TRA Nationals
50m	3x20 W		578	SEDGMAN Alethea RIDLEY Robyn	31.3.2014 15.4.2014	Fort Benning, USA Adelaide, AUS	World Cup TRA Nationals
50m	3x20 W	FINAL	455.8	RIDLEY Robyn	27.6.2014	Brisbane, AUS	AusCup2
50m	3x20 W-j		578	SEDGMAN Alethea	14.3.2014	Adelaide, AUS	AusCup1
50m	3x20 W-j	FINAL	448.7	SEDGMAN Alethea	15.4.2014	Adelaide, AUS	TRA Nationals
10m	AR00 M		625.9	SAMPSON Dane	17.1.2015	Pizen, CZE	GP Pizen, Int'l.
10m	AROOM	FINAL	208.8	SAMPSON Dane	28.6.2014	Brisbane, AUS	AusCup2
10m	AR60 M-j		626.0	ROSSITER Jack	16.1.2015	Plzen, CZE	GP Pizen, Int'l.
10m	AR60M-j	FINAL	208.8	ROSSITER Jack	28.6.2014	Brisbane, AUS	AusCup2
10m	AR40 W		416.1	HENS Jennifer	30.1.2015	Munich, GER	IWK, Int'l.
10m	AR40 W	FINAL	208.0	ADAMS Emma	14.9.2013	Adelaide, AUS	AusCup4
10m	AR40 W-j		414.3	ADAMS Emma	11.1.2014	Pizen, CZE	GP Pizen, Int'l.
10m	AR40 W-j	FINAL	208.0	ADAMS Emma	14.9.2013	Adelaide, AUS	AusCup4

## AND FOR THOSE WHO FLY OFTEN.... DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN....

- ...we use to get metal cutlery with every meal
- ...and a real plastic cup for the tea/coffee
- ...there was a salad or desert with every meal
- ...there were three Jazz biscuits with the cheese (not two water crackers)
- ...each meal included a small chocolate (not 4 Tic Tacs)
- ...there was only one movie from overhead screens, and if you had the right seat, you saw it
- ...people only had small bags in the overhead lockers
- ...people smoked on planes
- ... Ansett was in the air
- Aggghhhh those were the days!



# TARGET RIFLE AUSTRALIA LIMITED DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM

The Target Rifle Australia Limited Development Grants program is a new and exciting opportunity for Affiliated Bodies, aimed at improve services.

providing financial assistance to attract new participants as well as improve services for current members.

The grants are based on the principle of promoting continuous improvement, with a focus on the need for good planning, structured diversified programs and safe and attractive facilities to build a successful small bore rifle shooting club.

## Program initiatives eligible for funding include those that:

Increase participation in small bore rifle shooting Facilitate better school links
Focus on long-term planning and development
Educate and train officials and coaches
Attract sponsors e.g. Corporate Functions

Improve services

# Minor facilities\* initiatives that will be considered for Affiliated Bodies include:

Landscaping or improvement of facilities etc Construction of new infrastructure Purchase of computers/software/websites

## How can you apply?

The grants are very accessible, with a simple application process. To be part of the Target Rifle Australia Limited Development Grants program, complete the application form and return it to Target Rifle Australia Limited.

# How do you find out whether you were successful?

Applications will be assessed after the due date (see below), based on the quality of application.

A set amount of funding will be allocated each year. Once this amount has been allocated, no further distributions will take place. Notification of the success of applications will be sent by email or mail and published on the Target Rifle Australia Ltd website.

Successful applicants will be required to sign a Funding Agreement and will also need to complete financial acquittal documents as part of the program.

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# TARGET RIFLE AUSTRALIA LIMITED DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM

TRA Ltd will provide the agreed amount of funding in two (2) instalments. The first instalment shall be payable within 14 days of the receipt of this signed agreement and shall comprise 75% of the total funding granted. The second instalment comprising the remaining 25% of the funding grant shall be paid within 14 days of the receipt and approval of the final acquittal report.

Funding provided by TRA Ltd will be utilized and expended in the manner outlined in the Application for Funding.

Funding provided by TRA Ltd will be fully acquitted using the approved TRA Ltd acquittal forms and these forms will be submitted no later than 30 days following the completion of the project.

### Criteria

- 1. Can overlap State or National Programs.
- 2. Must not be purely based on advertising.
- 3. Applications must not be solely for the purchase of small bore rifle shooting equipment.
- 4. Compulsory contribution from the club of no less than 50% of total project costs for initiatives.
- 5. Cannot include projects that are deemed to be general maintenance i.e. target repairs, facility maintenance, re-fencing etc.

### Amount available:

- -Minimum = \$500
- -Maximum = \$2,000

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### PLANNING FOR COACHING COURSES IN 2015.

If you are interested in becoming an accredited coach—then please ask your State Association for details about when courses will be held near you in 2015.

There is a TRA Instructor's course (which is only accredited with TRA) and from there the coach moves to the Club course, which is accredited with Shooting Australia. The courses provide the basics in quality coach education. See your State Coach for further details.



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## THIRD WORLD WRABF CHAMPIONSHIP - BRISBANE

The stage is now set for Australia to put in its most competitive team at the Third World Championships to be held in Brisbane July – August 2015. In the past the teams have been limited to approximately 12 shooters, these shooters have participated in Milan, Italy, Charleston, South Carolina and at the European Titles in Plzen, Czech Republic.

By hosting this World Championship in Australia it has opened the possibility for a greater number of shooters to shoot in individual disciplines. The final team was selected on the basis of the best two sets of scores from three nominated matches in New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland over the last 2 years. With the number of international shooters attending, the Australian team has been limited to approximately 15 shooters per event. This has allowed a total participation of 37 Australian shooters across all events.

To promote the sport a junior team has been selected to compete in all events. The team places were solidly tried for and not all shooters were either successful or will participate in the deemed premier event of HV.

The selection to shoot in the air rifle teams, there were 9 shooters selected, 3 in Teams A, B and C, the junior team of 3 members and 6 other individual shooters. The individual shooters are Mat Brough, Barry Hilzinger, Vanessa Tierney, Harry Fuller, Kath Larkin, Annie Elliot and Glenn Seaman. The Junior Shooting Team comprises Michael Di Pasquale, Emily Seaman and Dean Bakker.

The successful team qualifiers will compete in the LV and HV Class of Air. These shooters were – Annette Rowe, Greg Schneider, John Patzwald, Bob Mulder, David Keen, Richard Lightfoot, Rob Austin, Michael Di Pasquale and Stuart Elliott.

The selection for the Sporter Team was equally as competitive. Shooters use a rifle of 8½ pound, 6.5 powered scope and 2¼ fore stock, the shooters do not have rifles with a tuned barrel capacity. Successful shooters were Brett Wilson, Brian Mitchell, Annette Rowe, Jan Mitchell, Rob Austin, Richard Lightfoot, Bob Mulder, Clinton Sondergeld, Jaegen Peet. Individual competitors are Roy Muller, Mat Brough, Peter Armstrong, Stuart Neale, Vanessa Tierney and Harry Fuller. The Junior Tea, consists of EmilySeaman, Michael Di Pasquale and Braydon Elliot.

In the LV Class of  $10\frac{1}{2}$  pound, if a good score had been achieved when shooting in Sydney in 2013 this helped many shooters qualify as the conditions were not good in Melbourne or Brisbane.

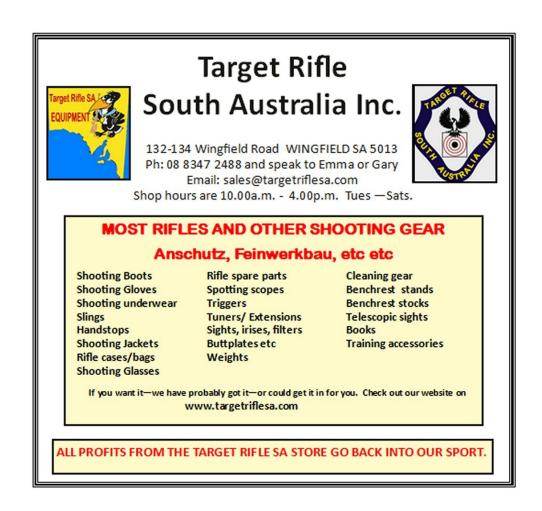
Many shooters who have performed well in the past and even some of the notable shooters may have qualified well in HV were found that the LV shoot was somewhat more difficult. The successful team were - Clint Sondergeld, Peter Armstrong, Bill Simmons, Vanessa Tierney, Jaegen Peet, Stuart Neale, Rebecca Richards, Stuart Elliott and Brian Mitchell. Individual competitors selected were Annie Elliot, Rob Austin, Jan Mitchell, Brett Wilson, Lee McGrann and David Keen. The Junior Team selected was Michael Di Pasquale, Dean Bakker and Emily Seaman.

Many shooters considered the premier event to be the HV at 50m as it equates to a number of other international classes of shooting.

The qualification of the team was strongly contested, some having good fortune and others who would have liked to have participated were unfortunately, unsuccessful. This does indicate the depth of shooting capacity in this event as it is always very competitive and with little latitude for error. The successful team members are – Rebecca Richards, John Radford, Scott Kiddle, Nic Ward, Peter Nicoll, Jaegen Peet, Bill Simmons, Robin Cox and Annette Rowe. Individual competitors selected were Annie Elliot, Greg Schneider, Rob Austin, Brian Mitchell, John Harrison and Peter Armstrong. The Junior Team selected was Lucy Romanoff, Dean Bakker and Michael Di Pasquale.

Each team will be supported by two individual shooters and it is important that team building occurs so that the set up of flags, rotation of gear and general assistance is provided at the optimum level. This proved to be extremely successful when an Australian Team participated in France 2014.

For a successful event in 2015 to occur it is necessary for those people who may shoot only several events or unfortunately were not selected, to come and provide both team support and assist in running the event. This is a major International Event and will require considerable assistance by way of target placement and collection, scoring teams the technical checking of equipment and the provision of assistance to other international visitors. It will be essential for the passage of information to extend friendship to our guests, this is the basis of good sportsmanship. Let's get behind the Australian Team, this is a further stepping stone to develop this style of shooting in Australia and allow future teams to participate at the elite level.



# MENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS



# **Evaluating the Event**

When you have finished your competition, how do you evaluate your performance? For most of us, we do a good job of evaluating our lack of performance rather than our performance. Most individuals focus on what they didn't like about the event. What good does this do for the individual? For one, it provides them with the problem. The idea is if I can find the problem I can now address it. This helps with subconscious skill but it does nothing to protect or build the Self-Image of the individual.

We have a saying that we follow at Mental Management. "We are solution finders, not problem solvers." The question that every individual should ask is how do I evaluate my event in order to help build all areas of my performance? We do this by going through an event analysis. The event analysis is the reinforcement phase of the event. If you do a proper event analysis it will help you prepare for the next event. The event analysis has three parts to it.

First, you must ask "Did I reach my goal?" Every event you go into should have a goal. Did you meet or exceeded the goal? If the answer is yes, then you want to follow the same plan of action for the next event. If the answer is no, then you must go to the second step.

Second, "Did the plan work?" There should be a detailed training plan leading up to the event. If the goal wasn't achieved, it may be that the plan did not work. If this is the case, you must change to plan for the next event. The other case could be that the goal was not the correct goal. If you follow the plan and the performance was good, but you fall short of your goal, you must re-evaluate your goal.

Third question is "Did I follow the plan?" There are times that we don't stick to the plan and we fail to reach our goal. When this happens, you must re-evaluate the dedication to the plan you made. It could be that the plan was the perfect way to achieve the goal, but because you lacked the decline to follow it you fell short of the goal. In this case, you should follow the plan leading up to the next event. If you don't achieve the goal in that event, you should change the plan. If you don't follow the plan, how do you know what needs to be changed?

These three questions are essential to preparing yourself between events. If this is done correctly and with totally honesty, you will find that it will shorten the time it takes for you to reach your goals. Remember, everything we do in life has three phases. It's the reinforcement phase that often times gets overlooked.



### WESTMINSTER PALACE RIFLE CLUB

This is on of those things where we say "well I never"...

The first committee meeting of the Westminster Rifle Club was held in February 1915, with the range being officially opened by HRH Prince Albert in 1916.

The range was, until recently, proceeding quite happily as a smallbore club in the basement under the House of Lords in London. The club developed from a combination of the annual House of Lords v House of Commons match at Bisley which first took place in 1862.

However – that was then, and this is now. Lord Tyler, a Liberal Democrat peer, has this week questioned the use of taxpayers' money to maintain and provide security for a 25 yard rifle range in the Palace of Westminster that is open to peers and MPs. The reports were everything from "millions being spent" to "there is no cost to the country"

When reporters first started reporting from parliament, people often talked of a shooting range in hushed tones. Nobody knew where exactly it was – or why it even existed.

From one reporter's recent account ... "Then I found it. I could borrow a .22-calibre single-shot rifle and ear defenders, and blaze away while an instructor, who was always present, told you to "squeeze the trigger, don't tug at the bloody thing!" The guns and premises were securely locked up — it was certainly a lot safer than being in a pub with a lot of pissed darts players"

The rifle range was open Monday to Thursday when the House was sitting, for the use of the parliamentary sports and social club. The history can be researched easily on the internet. The range was not often mentioned in Westminster circles, although apparently those who wanted to know, found it, and enjoyed the sport.

In 1997, the women who arrived with Tony Blair's landslide victory wanted it to be shut and the room used for a creche, but this was rejected. In 2007, another group suggested it should be replaced by a swimming pool, to improve MPs' fitness.

Again, nothing happened. In 2009, Nick Clegg said it was absurd that parliament should have a shooting range but not a creche. Then John Bercow became Speaker, and in 2010 ordered a bar at One Parliament Street, an adjunct of the main palace, to be converted to a creche. So parliament had a crèche and still—a rifle range!

In the past month, it seems that the range was causing more concern that the budget, and all the major newspapers took up the story with the usual sensationalistic headlines (that don't need to be repeated here)

However finally, under all the pressure, it was announced this week (February 17, 2015) that the little known about range under the House of Lords was to close, and instead become a store room for fire safety equipment.

Oh dear - the end of an unknown era.



# WOULD YOU LIKE TO FEATURE YOUR CLUB IN THE

TRA E-MAG? Have you a story to tell.... history to share... proud of the achievements of someone in the club?

Write a paragraph or two, and include pictures.... then send it to the Editor at traus@westnet.com.au



ATHLETE PATHWAYS ....I and a few others from TRA (Susie Smith, Nick Sullivan, Bill Henry) went to a fantastic workshop recently at the AIS in Canberra. Arranged by Shooting Australia, and in particular Carrie Quigley, the seminar and workshop directed our focus to the athlete pathway program call **FTEM.** 

Don't worry if you haven't heard of this before—we were a little behind for a while, however listening and working in our small groups, the whole process became very clear, and it was easy to see how it could incorporated, not only for shooters, but for coaches and technical officials as well.

In simple terms...

F are moreover the foundation/club shooters who thoroughly enjoy their interaction with the sport. How we encourage, and retain new people into the sport is crucial to the survival of shooting as a sport.

T From there we move along the pathway to the next stage which is Talent....

Identifying, confirming and developing talented shooters who understand the effort required and demonstrate that they are up for the challenge.

E is the Emerging level—these shooters are winning at State and National level and undertaking a routine of daily training protocol.

 ${f M}$  is the Mastery level—podium places internationally. Not many at this level.

You will hear a lot more of this pathway concept in the coming months—this is just a small taster. Look out for information coming to your State and Club.

# 2015 TRA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS PROGRAM

Monday 30th Practice (At Own Cost)

Tuesday 31st 3 x 40 Free Rifle Open Championship

In conjunction: Open, Junior & Veteran Championship.

Open State Teams & Junior State Teams. Graded 3 x 40

Championships

IPC R7: 50M Rifle 3 Position Men SH1

Wednesday 1st 3 X 20 Sport Rifle Open Championship

In conjunction: Open, Women, Junior & Veteran Championship.

Open State Teams & Junior State Teams, Graded 3 X 20

Championships

IPC R8: 50m Rifle 3 Position Women SH1

Thursday 2nd Air Rifle Mens and Womens Championship

In conjunction: Womens Championship (1 x 40 ) & Final Mens Championship (1 x 60 ) & Final

IPC R1 10m Air Rifle Standing Men SH1 IPC R2 10m Air Rifle Standing Woman SH1 IPC R4 10m Air Rifle Standing Mixed SH2

Friday 3rd Jim Smith English Match 50m Open Prone (1st 60 Shots) In conjunction:

Women Championship Junior Championship

Junior under 18 Championship

Junior under 16 Championship Selection of Slazenger Team

Selection of Lord Wakefield Cup Team

Benchrest Championships (1st 60 Shots 50m) IPC R6: 50m Rifle

Prone Mixed SH1 (60 shots) Air Rifle Open Championship

In conjunction: Open Championship & Final

Open State Teams & Junior State Teams, Graded Air Rifle

Championships

Saturday 4th Jim Smith English Match 50m Open Prone (2nd 60 Shots) (It is intended to use the rank-

ing system from the first 60 shots for bay allocation for 2nd 60 shots.)

In conjunction: Open Championship (120 Shots) Veteran Championship

(120 Shots) Junior Under 21 Prone (120 Shots) Junior Under 18 Prone (120 Shots) Junior Under 16 Prone (120 Shots) Slazenger Team Match

Lord Wakefield Cup Match

Graded Championship (120 Shots)

State Team Matches 50m (To be shot in conjunction with the open match) Open State Team 50m Prone Match

Women State Team 50m Prone Match Junior State Team 50m Prone Match 50m Champion of State's Champions Prone Match

IPC R3: 10M Air Rifle Prone Mixed SH1 IPC R5: 10M Air Rifle Prone Mixed SH2 Benchrest Championships (2nd 60 Shots 50m) In conjunction: Open & Veteran Championship

Junior Championship

Junior under 18 Championship Junior under 16 Championship Open State Teams

Supported Air Rifle (60 Shots)

## SATURDAY NIGHT BBQ/SOCIAL EVENING AT SISC (BYO AL-COHOL)

The Bill Eddy match will now become a 120 shot 50m match which will be shot over 2 days with 60 shots per day. The format of this competition will be 3 consecutive 20 shot strings shot in a time frame of 30min for each 20 shots (the old style English Match).

Sunday 5th "Bill Eddy Open Championship"— (1st x 60 50m)

Open Benchrest Championship — (1st x 60 50m)

Monday 6th "Bill Eddy Open Championship"— (2nd x 50 50m)

Graded Competition
Junior Championship (120 shots)
Junior Under 18 (120 shots)
Junior Under 16 (120 shots)
Veteran Championship (120 shot)
Women Championship (120 shot)

Open Benchrest Championship — (2nd x 60 50m)

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# ADMIT IT You've done one of these:

- 1) Walked into a room, forgot what you needed, walked out, and then remembered.
- 2) When you were younger, drew the sun in the corner of the paper
- 3) When you Were Little, thought the shape of a real heart was actually "♥"
- 4) Closed the fridge door really slow, just to see when the lights went off.
- 5) Tried to balance the light , between the ON & OFF



Yes—this is a genuine phot of a fellow offering a few shots with an air rifle or pistol on a beach in Turkey. An enterprising Turk, and thanks to John for the photo.







# **HOW TO CATCH A CAT**



