

TRA NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2023



INSIDE THE ISSUE!

This is the second edition for the TRA newsletter in 2023. This edition will cover information on TRA's biggest competitions of the year, the next generation of young shooters in Australia and much more.

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MARCH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome everyone to the TRA March Newsletter.

Congratulations to Jack Rossiter for picking up the ball to look after promotions and marketing for TRA, which encompasses looking after the production of this newsletter. This is the second newsletter Jack has produced, following the February edition, which was very well received. Jack is also putting product onto our Facebook page, and he has got an Instagram page functioning as well, and is also looking at possibly using other forms of social media. Let's get the word out, get a growing number of people following us, and create a good will towards shooting, and maybe we can use this to grow our membership further.

From Monday 3 April, the TRA National Championships programme commences with the first competition starting on Tuesday and finishing the following Monday. Western Australia is a long distance to travel, and flight costs at the moment are reasonably high making it restrictive to some. For all the competitors who have entered, I thank you for supporting what will be a terrific Championship event. Good luck to all the competitors, and also those seeking selection to the ISSF World Championships in Baku, Azerbaijan, with these Championships playing host to the second of four selection events. Keep looking to the TRA Facebook page for daily uploads of photographs and results.



In Australia, like other parts of the world, we have all been suffering from a lack of ammunition supply, due to a number of global factors. But, as you may be aware, stocks are now on the increase again after receiving two shipments of Eley ammunition within six weeks of each other, with another due hopefully before the end of July, and then a further shipment later in the year.

Also, following rumours that the Australian distributor for RWS ammunition had changed, TRA made inquiries and was able to confirm that it is now being distributed by Beretta Australia. We have established a dialogue with them, and are now finalising a purchasing arrangement to get the best price for our members.

With interest, funding and involvement from the Australian Sports Commission, Shooting Australia and Target Rifle Australia, there has been a programme running in Queensland, South Australia and now Western Australia called the Target Shooting Sports Partnership Project (TSPP). This is a program using optical firearms that can be made accessible to the general public in an environment away from rifle range, but under supervision. It has been used very successfully last year in Queensland at the Maryborough Agricultural Show, garnering a lot of attention and 6 new members for the Maryborough Smallbore Club. There is also a very successful schools programme with an inter-schools target sprint competition coming up in July. From around August last year to now, across all the involved states, there have been over 3800 participants 'having a go', and I haven't been made aware of a single negative coming away from it. What a great exposure to the sport of target shooting!

See you in the next newsletter.

Good shooting to everyone, and have a safe and Happy Easter.

GENERATION NEXT



This month saw two selection matches for our ISSF Juniors for the 2023 Junior World Championships in Korea later this year. We saw excellent performances from both the Junior Women and Junior Men categories.

In the TRSA State Championships the top juniors in the air rifle category were Matilda Eylander, Olivia Cartwright, and Charlotte Bland who in February returned from their first international competitions across Europe. Matilda & Charlotte both put together pb's in 3p boasting an impressive 564 & 559 respectively.



The 10m air rifle men event in the recent BISC Open was won by Queensland's own James Cane with an impressive 612.0. After his recent international competitions, he is showing a clear upward trend progressing his scores.



ONLINE COMPETITION SERIES

Top scores for Round 2

- [10m AR Electronic](#) - Jack Rossiter 629.9
- [10m AR SH2 Electronic](#) - Trevor Ward 618.3
- [10m AR Paper](#) - Andrew Lawler 529.0
- [10m Supported AR Electronic](#) - Tony Adams 617.6
- [10m Supported AR Paper](#) - Jamie Lawrence 516.70
- [20m Benchrest](#) - Mike Lonergan 200.07
- [20m Prone](#) - Robert Eckel 200.12
- [25m RBA Light Varmint](#) - Annette Rowe 718.16
- [50m 3 Position](#) - Jack Rossiter 578
- [50m Benchrest Electronic](#) - Dean Romanoff 637.3
- [50m Benchrest Paper](#) - Jaegen Peet 600.55
- [50m Prone Electronic](#) - Dane Sampson 620.5
- [50m Prone Paper](#) - Robert Eckel 586.29
- [50m RBA Heavy Varmint](#) - Rob Robertson 745.34
- [Vision Impaired AR Prone](#) - Peter Holzgal 557.3
- [Vision Impaired AR Standing](#) - Alana Tiller 505.8
- [Vision Impaired AR Supported](#) - Peter Holzgal 565.1



This month saw competitors from across Australia compete in round 2 of the Online Competition series. The Online Competition Series comprises of 10 rounds throughout the year with a round per month starting in February. In 2023 we saw the introduction of new events with the ability to shoot the round within the period of a designated week. Round 2 saw impressive scores overlapping with other state & club level competitions around the country.

Visit the website's results page for more information and complete results for the 2022 series and 2023 tra.org.au



COACHES CORNER - CARRIE QUIGLEY



Junior Air Rifle Clubs

The concept behind the Junior Clubs for target rifle shooting is simple – a club environment for young people to develop the skills of shooting in an environment that is both supportive, enjoyable and age appropriate. It is about becoming more like other sports which have age group teams for young people to compete and socialise within – rather than our current model of expecting young people to fit into an adult club system.



Clubs

Junior Clubs are part of the main club but should operate at a separate time to the senior club. They need to be fully supported by the senior members of the club and staffed by coaches who will provide appropriate supervision of the young shooters as well as guidance for improvement. All Coaches who support Junior Clubs need to have Working with Children Checks and be up to date with the new Child Safe Policies that are on the TRA website under policies.



Why Air Rifle?

Air rifle shooting is cheap, quiet, and recognised internationally as the “introductory” discipline that is good for developing the skills of target shooting. This fits with the Shooting Australia Athlete Pathway, that shows a progression of how athletes enter the shooting sports, and how they are supported throughout.



TRA NATIONALS 2023

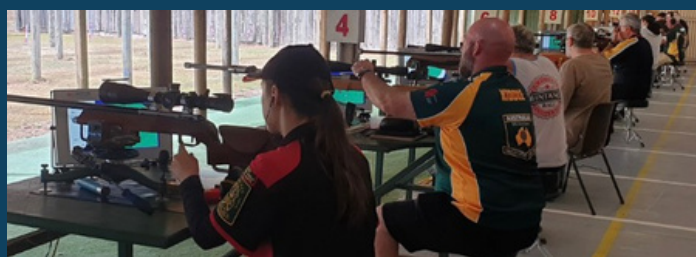


West Australian
Smallbore Rifle
Association Inc

Whiteman Park (WA) is home to the TRA National Championships 2023, hosted by WA Smallbore Rifle Association Inc. The event is set to run from the 4th-10th April 2023 which includes 17 competitions across multiple disciplines.

For up-to-date information, photos and results during the event visit:

- TRA Facebook page's events tab
- TRA website, <https://tra.org.au/tra-national-championships/>
- TRA's Instagram page



TRA Nationals 2023 Programme of Events

Monday 3rd April:	Arrival, practice 10m & 50m Ranges, registration, equipment checks
Tuesday 4th April:	50m Rifle Three Position, * WSPS R7 & R8 Official Practice 10m & 50 ranges,
Wednesday 5th April:	WSPS 50m Prone R6, R9 50m Range Official Practise ISSF Air Rifle Match - (60 shots) Open Supported Air Rifle Championship
Thursday 6th April:	50m Prone Match - Men/Jnr Men 50m Prone Match - Women/Jnr Women WSPS Air Rifle Mixed Prone R3, R5 Open Air Rifle Match - Qual (60 shots)
Friday 7th April:	Jim Smith Match Day 1 50m Benchrest Day 1 50 F Class Demonstration Match
Saturday 8th April	Jim Smith Match Day 2 50m Benchrest Day 2 EVENING SOCIAL EVENT
Sunday 9th April:	20m Prone Bill Eddy Match 20m Benchrest Match
Monday 10th April:	90m Prone Bill Eddy Match 90m Benchrest Match

CLUB CAPTURE - SHEPPARTON SMALLBORE & AIR RIFLE CLUB



Shepparton was the host of the 2021 TRA National Championships. This event was very successful in showcasing the capability of this small club and was an important event in the preparation for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic rifle team.

Shepparton club history:

- 1977 Club was formed, Don Pethybridge was the main driving force, Don shot fullbore, small bore and pistol as well. Some or all of the founding members of the club were John Neumann, Col Saxton, Peter Peirce, Barry Porter, Ken Doherty and Jim Reither.
- 1978 The apprentices from Shepparton technical college assisted building a lot of the club. Pistol Club members Bill and Graeme Waite, Tom Braumann and were also involved in it's construction.
- 1979 Club held its first Prize Meeting
- 1984 new members included Karen Hancox, Reg Wells, Daryl and Liz Jones, Richard Smout, Craig Cameron, Chris Lott, Michael Spencer, Barry and Chris Porter.
- 1990 Air Rifle shed was built, club changed name to Shepparton Small Bore and Air Rifle, there was approximately 40 members at this point, and around 30 shooting each club night
- 2015&2016 Hosted Teachers Games
- 2017 Hosted Come and Try Day, had about 40 people turn up, picked up two new members
- 2018 Shepparton win 3P Pairs match at Nationals



Shepparton as a club is involved in many local & rural competitions. Club members for years had an annual pilgrimage up to West Wyalong for their annual Prize Meeting, there was a number of car loads who would head up and compete, this was a great social trip where many fond memories were made.

Shepparton revitalized another interclub competition called the Neumann Shield which is shot at 50m between Kyabram and Shepparton and this event is still enjoyed by both clubs.

Range upgrades:

- 2013 – Purchased and installed shipping container
- 2014 – Baffle upgrade on 50m range
- 2016 – Purchased and installed 3 Meyton Electronic Targets
- 2016 – 20m and 50m range lighting upgrade
- 2018 – Wired all 50m range firing point ready for Electronic Targets
- 2021 – Build awning over 50m targets. Hosted TRA Nationals
- 2023 – Purchased and installing another 5 Meyton Electronic Targets, as well as polythermal bullet catchers

Standard club night is Thursday 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Shepparton is also hosting their annual postal competition, visit: <http://www.trv.org.au/TRV/OnlineEntry/ShepPostalEntry.php> or contact Christ Lott at chrisjlott@yahoo.com for more information.



APRIL TRA COMPETITION CALENDAR

2 April	Adelaide Club RBA Competition (SA)
3-10 April	TRA Nationals 2023 (WA)
9 April	Online 3 Positional Matches - Round 3
16 April	Lewis Shield 50 metres (TAS)
21-23 April	Shooting Australia Grand Prix (SA)
21 April	Merv Friend Shield & John Logan Cup - Round 2 (VIC)
22 April	Coastal Classic - Prone and Benchrest (VIC)
	Bill Campbell Memorial Competition (QLD)
23 April	Warrnambool 600 - Prone and Benchrest (VIC)
29 April	Super ISSF Saturday (SA)
30 April	Online Air Rifle, Prone and Benchrest Matches - Round 3
	Northern 50mtr Championship (TAS)