

# TRA NEWSLETTER

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## NATIONAL RECORDS AT BISC GP 2023

This is the fifth edition for the TRA newsletter in 2023. This edition will cover information on the recent success of our WSPS and ISSF athletes, the online competition series, the 2025 WRABF selections and much more

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# ***JUNE PRESIDENT'S REPORT***



Welcome everyone to the TRA June newsletter.

I wish to start this month's newsletter with a couple of formal announcements... Earlier this year Richard Toye announced his intention to retire from his position as Executive Officer of Target Rifle Australia. Richard was elected onto the Board in 2014, and when the role of Executive Officer became vacant shortly after, for ease of continuance he gave up his director role to take on the administrative needs of the company. It is now, after nine years, that Richard has decided to stop sharpening his pencil and doing the key strokes, and served his last day as E.O. on Friday 23 June, 2023. Richard has gone above and beyond in his role as anyone who has sort help can attest too. I am sure everyone will agree that Richard has been a fantastic operator for our sport, with only the interests of our sport on his mind. He will be sorely missed.

Further to this announcement, I would like to welcome to Target Rifle Australia, Sarah Hoglin from Western Australia, our new Sports Administrator. Sarah officially commenced work with TRA on Monday 26 June, after spending three days in Queensland with Richard and Rod Sampson learning systems and completing a formal hand-over. Sarah has come from a background in shooting, as the Executive Officer for 10 years of the West Australian Rifle Association. Welcome Sarah to Target Rifle Australia, where I am sure you will provide a fresh look on operations and the day to day running of business. I will let Sarah introduce herself to you all further in the July newsletter.

At the recent BISC Grand Prix in June, there was a notice performance that should be acknowledged. Following a fine 630.4 in qualification for the 10m air rifle men's event, Jack Rossiter shot a new National record of 254.2! Worth mentioning here is that Jack surpassed the world record by 1.4 points. Leading into the upcoming world championships to be held in Baku in August, this must be a terrific boost for his confidence.

Still on the world championships, the team was just announced on Friday. Representing TRA in the rifle events will be Elise Collier, Jack Rossiter and Dane Sampson. We wish them the very best for a great performance, and a safe and enjoyable trip.

Finally, TRA are becoming more active at the present time with a drive to find range officers and range officials. Can I ask that if you haven't thought about a role in this area before to maybe consider it.

All the best,

David Wright

# NEW AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

## BISC 2023



The last 2 months have seen a mixture of domestic and international competitions for our WSPS and ISSF athletes. Recently they have been putting their high level of performance on display by breaking Australian records.

*Natalie Smith (QLD)* broke national records in the WSPS World Cup, Changwon South Korea: R2 - 10m Air Rifle Standing Women SH1 with 616.4 and R8 - 50m Rifle 3p Women SH1 with 1143.

*Anton Zappelli (WA)* broke the national record at the recent BISC Grand Prix event: R3 - 10m Air Rifle Prone Mixed SH1 with 633.9. An outstanding achievement averaging improving on his previous record.

*Jack Rossiter (SA)* broke the national record at the recent BISC Grand Prix event: 10m Air Rifle Men Final with 254.2. This was an average shot value of 10.59 throughout the final.

The BISC Grand Prix was the final selection match for the ISSF World Championships 2023 which will be held in Baku, Azerbaijan. From this series of selection events rifle will have three representatives on the Australian team being *Dane Sampson QLD* (10m AR Men, 50m 3p Men, 50m Prone Men), *Jack Rossiter SA* (10m AR Men, 10m AR Mixed, 50m 3p Men), and *Elise Collier VIC* (10m AR Women, 10m AR Mixed).

The BISC Grand Prix was one of the largest events run in Australia over the past few years and it couldn't have gone any better. Thank you to the volunteers, range officials, and everyone who put time into make the event so successful!

# THANK YOU!



# ONLINE COMPETITION SERIES



## Top scores for Round 5

10m AR Electronic - Jack Rossiter 630.4

10m AR Paper - Andrew Lawler 550.0

10m AR SH2 Electronic - Trevor Ward 619.3

10m Supported AR Electronic - Tony Adams 624.1

20m Benchrest - Ian Appleby 200.17

20m Prone - Neil Davis 198.09

25m RBA Light Varmint - Dennis Peacock 732.13

50m 3 Position - Emily Cane 553

50m Benchrest Electronic - Dean Romanoff 636.3

50m Benchrest Paper - Andrew Frick 599.53

50m Prone Electronic - Jack Rossiter 615.0

50m Prone Paper - Robert Eckel 590.38

50m RBA Heavy Varmint - Roy Muller 739.34

Vision Impaired AR Prone - Bronwyn Drew 563

Vision Impaired AR Supported - Sarah Plunkett 546.6

This month saw some excellent scores across our events in the online competition series. We urge everybody to check out the scores online at [tra.org.au](http://tra.org.au).

There you can find state team and junior results from round 5. Congratulations to everybody and good luck for next month!



# 2025 WRABF COMPETITIONS SELECTION POLICY PROCEDURE



Photo: Bill Collaros

## Selection Policy and Procedure:

A TRA member wishing to be considered for selection in an Australian Air Rifle / Rimfire Benchrest team to the World Cup to be held in 2025 must compete at both RBA National Championship Events in 2023 and 2024.

Australian Team pre-selection will be based on the competitors combined aggregate score after both National Championship events as per the team selection criteria set out below.

The final composition of the Australian team will be dependent on the maximum allowed competitor numbers for each event as advised by the WRABF.

Junior shooters must qualify in their own right according to the team selection criteria set out below.

## Team Qualifying Criteria 25M AIR EVENTS (ARLV and ARHV)

1. **Australian A Team:** shall comprise the three (3) highest scoring shooters selected from the combined Air Rifle 2-Gun aggregates at the 2023 and 2024 TRA - RBA National Championships.
2. **Australian B Team:** shall comprise the next three (3) highest scoring shooters selected from the combined aggregates of the Air Rifle Heavy Varmint (ARHV) event at the 2023 and 2024 TRA – RBA National Championships.
3. **Australian C Team:** Subject to WRABF offer of extra places the Australian C Team shall comprise the next three (3) highest scoring shooters selected from the combined aggregates of the Air Rifle Light Varmint (ARLV) event at the 2023 and 2024 TRA – RBA National Championships.
4. If a selected shooter is unable to accept the nomination to the team, the vacant position will go to the next highest scoring shooter according to team selection criteria (1-3) above. This procedure will continue until the teams are filled or until the 20th ranked shooter in the respective combined aggregates from the 2023 and 2024 TRA - RBA National Championships is offered a vacant position. No shooter placing below 20th place in any of the combined aggregates will be offered a place.
5. Subject to WRABF discretion, an additional three (3) shooters may be selected to compete in events as individuals. Individuals selected shall comprise the next three (3) highest scoring shooters selected from the combined Air Rifle 2-Gun Aggregate at the 2023 and 2024 TRA - RBA National Championships after all team selections have been finalised.
6. Individuals selected according to clause 5 may compete in either the Australian A, B or C teams at the discretion of the Australian Team Captain(s) should an issue with a team member arise. (e.g., illness, equipment failure etc.)

# 2025 WRABF COMPETITIONS SELECTION POLICY PROCEDURE



## Team Qualifying Criteria 50M AIR RIFLE UNLIMITED EVENT

1. **Australian A Team:** shall comprise the three (3) highest scoring shooters selected from the Air Rifle 50M Unlimited Aggregate at the 2024 TRA - RBA National Championships.
2. **Australian B Team:** shall comprise the next three (3) highest scoring shooters selected from the Air Rifle 50M Unlimited Aggregate at the 2024 TRA - RBA National Championships.
3. **Australian C Team:** Subject to WRABF offer of extra places the Australian C Team shall comprise the next three (3) highest scoring shooters selected from the Air Rifle 50M Unlimited Aggregate at the 2024 TRA - RBA National Championships.
4. If a selected shooter is unable to accept the nomination to the team, the vacant position will go to the next highest scoring shooter according to the team selection criteria (1-3) as above. This procedure will continue until the teams are filled or until the 20th ranked shooter in the aggregate from the 2024 TRA - RBA National Championships is offered a vacant position. No shooter placing below 20th place in the aggregate will be offered a place.
5. Subject to WRABF discretion, an additional three (3) shooters may be selected to compete in events as individuals. Individuals selected shall comprise the next three (3) highest scoring shooters selected from the Air Rifle 50M Unlimited Aggregates at the 2024 TRA - RBA National Championships after all team selections have been finalised.
6. Individuals selected according to clause 5 may compete in either the Australian A, B or C teams at the discretion of the Australian Team Captain(s) should an issue with a team member arise. (e.g., illness, equipment failure etc.)

## Team Qualifying Criteria 50M RIMFIRE EVENTS (RFIS, RFLV and RFHV)

1. **Australian A Team:** shall comprise the three (3) highest scoring shooters selected from the combined Rimfire Rifle 3-Gun aggregates (RFIS, RFLV and RFHV) at the 2023 and 2024 TRA - RBA National Championships.
2. **Australian B Team:** shall comprise the next three (3) highest scoring shooters selected from the combined aggregates of the Rimfire Rifle Heavy Varmint (RFHV) event at the 2023 and 2024 TRA - RBA National Championships.
3. **Australian C Team:** Subject to WRABF offer of extra places the Australian C Team shall comprise the next three (3) highest scoring shooters selected from the combined aggregates of the Rimfire Rifle Light Varmint (RFLV) event at the 2023 and 2024 TRA - RBA National Championships.

# 2025 WRABF COMPETITIONS SELECTION POLICY PROCEDURE



## Team Qualifying Criteria 50M RIMFIRE EVENTS (RFIS, RFLV and RFHV)

4. If a selected shooter is unable to accept the nomination to the team, the vacant position will go to the next highest scoring shooter according to the team selection criteria (1-3) above. This procedure will continue until the teams are filled or until the 20th ranked shooter in the respective combined aggregates from the 2023 and 2024 TRA - RBA National Championships is offered a vacant position. No shooter placing below 20th place in any of the combined aggregates will be offered a place.
5. Subject to WRABF discretion, an additional three (3) shooters may be selected to compete in events as individuals. Individuals selected shall comprise the next three (3) highest scoring shooters selected from the combined Rimfire Rifle 3-Gun aggregates at the 2023 and 2024 TRA - RBA National Championships after all team selections have been finalised.
6. Individuals selected according to clause 5 may compete in either the Australian A, B or C teams at the discretion of the Australian Team Captain(s) should an issue with a team member arise. (e.g., illness, equipment failure etc.)

### *2023 WRABF World Championships*

The WRABF World Championships for 2023 are being held in the city of Pilsen, Czech Republic. There are 5 events being Air Rifle - Light and Heavy + Rimfire - Sporter, Light and Heavy. The event will begin this July and Australia are lucky enough to be sending over a strong & competitive team consisting of:

*Sonia Frost – Co Captain*

*Glenn Seaman – Co Captain*

*Rebecca Richards*

*Marise Maccora*

*Annette Rows*

*David Keen*

*Paul Sullivan*

*Scott Kiddle*

*Darren Morgan*

*Tyrone Thompson*

*Stefan Smith*

*Stuart Neale*

*David Jenkins*

*Cameron Frost – Jr*

*Kai Matczak - Jr*



# ***CLUB CAPTURE - WA SMALLBORE PRECISION SHOOTERS (WASPS)***

## History of the club

Our club was formed on 30 September 2021 with a meeting at the WASRA Headquarters Range. Our members range from lifelong competitive shooters from other disciplines, hunters, social shooters and complete newcomers to the sport.

## Club nights

Thursday nights from 6pm

## Club competitions + future events

We have our yearly club competition for members which runs from February to November covering F-Class, TRA Benchrest, and RBA. This is shot over 20m, 50m, and 90m.

We are holding our first Open Invitational competition on the 27th August called the WASPS Open. This is open to both WASRA/TRA members as well as visitors from other associations to promote and grow competitive smallbore in WA.

We are also trialling a new competition we call 22PRS or 22 Practical Rifle Shooting which is a more field based style of shooting where shooters have to shoot various targets from different positions they may find in the bush while hunting, etc. This has proven popular with our members and brought some new members to WASRA & TRA.



# ***CLUB CAPTURE - WA SMALLBORE PRECISION SHOOTERS (WASPS)***

## *Plans for the future*

To keep growing our membership and be inclusive for all. Whatever you wish to shoot smallbore wise, we will support it.

## *How people can get in contact with the club*

Find our Facebook page called WASPS and send a message to one of our executive members who will reply promptly.

There is also a link to the page on [tra.org.au](http://tra.org.au) under the "about" tab in "clubs"



# ***BECOMING AN INTERNATIONAL OFFICIAL FROM THE LOCAL TO INTERNATIONAL LEVEL***



## *How would I become an international shooting official?*

Becoming an official has many benefits. An official is giving back to a sport in a highly needed area, allowing the sport to continue to grow across a range of levels from local to international.

Becoming a jury member can offer the opportunity to travel to international competitions representing the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF), World Shooting Para Sport (WSPS) and other shooting federations. Jury members are selected at the highest level by a federation to officiate an event. There is also the opportunity to self-fund to volunteer your time to officiate at selected international events.

Further information can be found on the WSPS & ISSF websites which details the jury selection process. Currently WSPS has an identified need for female officials.

Becoming a jury member at international competitions follows the same pathway as an athlete at an international level. It all starts at your local club. Volunteering your time is the best way to begin your jury journey.

TRA offers a range officer (RO) course (level 1 officiating) and a competition official course (level 2 officiating). Information for both can be found online at [tra.org.au](http://tra.org.au). A starting point could be to volunteer as a RO at your local club. This could then progress into running competitions at your local/state level. You could then offer your services at the national level, which may progress to officiating at an international level. Senior representatives in federations such as ISSF and WSPS conduct talent identification programs, observing ROs officiating at national competitions. Based on performance, opportunities are offered at international events.

Shooting Australia (SA) offers a 3rd level technical official accreditation and ISSF runs the 4th level which is ISSF level B and A. The ISSF often advertise an expression of interest for a championship event where SA can nominate officials to the ISSF. When a championship is held in Australia (like the Oceania Championship 2023), the home nation has reserved positions for 5 possible jury members.



# COMPETITION CALENDAR

## JUNE 2023



1 - 2 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Warren Potent Round 3 Postal</li><li>• Mayborough Rifle Championships (QLD)</li></ul>
08 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online Matches - Round 6</li><li>• Leongatha Congress Prize Meeting (VIC)</li></ul>
09 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7th Round Ansett/Winch. H'Cap (TAS)</li></ul>
14 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Merv Friend Shield &amp; John Logan Cup – Round 5 (VIC)</li></ul>
14 - 25 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ISSF World Championships Juniors All Events KOR (ISSF)</li></ul>
16 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Murray Open (WA)</li><li>• West Wyalong Prize Shoot (NSW)</li></ul>
22 - 23 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Portland Annual Prize Shoot and Merv Friend 600 (VIC)</li></ul>
23 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Target Sprint Challenge (QLD)</li></ul>
29 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Super ISSF Saturday (SA)</li></ul>
30 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online Matches – Round 6</li></ul>