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AMRA Chairman's Report

Firstly, congratulations to the winners in South Australia: Phil Bain won the MR, Jim Freebairn won MR Reserve, Danny Blackmore won F Open and Mick Punturiero won FTR. I was sorry not to be able to make the competition, but there are only so many times you can cross the Bass Straight in one year!

The end of 2018 sees a flurry of competitions. After the South Australia championships, we have the Nationals in Coonabarabran in October and the Victoria championships in November. Whilst there are only a few weeks between these competitions, entries for South Australia were up on previous years and all looks to be on track for great events at both Coonabarabran and Stawell.

The AMRA General Meeting to be held at the Nationals at Coonabarabran will be a good time to discuss the future of long-range shooting in Australia and in particular, how we can bring more shooters into MR and long-range F class. I make no apology for bringing this up yet again and my challenge to us all is for us to not discuss it – again, but come up with solid proposals.

I look forward to seeing you in Coonabarabran.



Paul Monaghan
AMRA Chairman

AMRA Membership Fees – 2018/19

AMRA Membership is now paid on an annual basis and fees for 2018/19 became due on 1 July 2018.

Membership Fees of **\$20** can be paid by direct deposit to Australian Match Rifle Account as below:

Account Name: Australian Match Rifle Association Inc
Bank: Bendigo Bank
BSB: 633 000
Account Number: 140420423
Reference: **FEES and then Your Initial & Surname**

Please email your payment receipt to info@matchrifle.org

Alternately payment can be made by cheque payable to Australian Match Rifle Association and sent to
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AMRA Development & Finances

A Brief Word From The AMRA Treasurer



With the upcoming AMRA Championships just around the corner I thought it wise to start the process of accounting for all of the club's funds in preparation for the General Meeting. Whilst our association may not be quite as large as some, we do still generate income from various sources and I have been pleasantly surprised at how our finances are growing.

I mentioned in my last report at the General Meeting in Stawell that we might consider a 'young shooters' fund and subsequent conversations have centred upon how best as an association we may promote long-range/ultra-long range shooting in its various forms. It is my belief that whilst our association is not 'flush

with cash' we have reached a point where we should consider as a group how best to move forward and start to use some of our fund to do this.

I would like to propose that this subject is discussed informally at Coonabarabran and formally (at the GM) with the view of coming up with an action plan that is put into reality. With this in mind I would like to challenge all those attending Coonabarabran to come up with an idea, however 'left of field' it may be, of how we can use some of our fund to promote our beloved sport. Many of you already have very healthy shooting squads so I am sure we would all benefit from sharing ideas of how to continue to promote our sport.

Ideas could include AMRA subsidised 'come and try days', AMRA subsidised bullets for new shooters', AMRA sponsored F-class vs Match rifle teams' competitions. So please, let's put our heads together and see if we can come up with a plan for the next couple of years.

Tom Smith
AMRA Treasurer

AMRA Who's Who

Feel free to contact any of the Committee or Zone Delegates if you have suggestions for the Association

Executive Committee

Chairman

Paul Monaghan (Tas)

Vice Chairman

Nick Simms (Vic)

Secretary

Philip Bain (NSW)

Treasurer

Tom Smith (QLD)

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New South Wales

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Gil Walker

Victoria

Lew Horwood

Western Australia

David Martin

ACT

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F Class

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For The Diary

1 Oct 2018

Australian Match Rifle Team Practice
Coonabarabran, NSW

2-6 October 2018

Australian Match Rifle & Long Range F Class Championships

Coonabarabran, NSW

2 Oct to 5th October (am) – Individual Championships

5th October (pm) & 6th October – State Teams for Match Rifle and F Open & an FTR Teams competition

AMRA General Meeting 3rd October on range at completion of matches for the day

Presentation Dinner – Saturday 6th October – Acacia Lodge

7 October 2018

Ultra Long Range Challenge – 1500 yards

Coonabarabran, NSW

1 & 2 November 2018

Australian Match Rifle Team Practice
Stawell, VIC

3 & 4 November 2018

Victorian Match Rifle and Long Range F Class Championships
Stawell, VIC

2019

2 & 3 March 2019

Tasmanian MR & LR F Class Championships
Campbell Town, TAS

4 March 2019

Merton Vale – 1500 Yard Match
Campbell Town, TAS

4 & 5 May 2019

NSW MR & LR F Class Championships
Ungarie, NSW

8 & 9 June 2019

Queensland MR & LR F Class Championships
Raglan, QLD

2018 South Australian MR & LRF Championships

One of the largest rollups of recent years saw near perfect weather at Lower Light for the 2-day South Australian Match Rifle and Long Range F Class Championships. Lower Light without flies and reasonable (readable) wind conditions is a rarity!

There were a number of first timers at the long ranges who all shot well.





In Match Rifle, individual range honours were shared amongst a number of shooters with Philip Bain taking the Day 1 aggregate and Shane Courtney taking Day 2. Whilst Bain took a 3 shot lead into Day 2, he dropped a number of points on the 1000m range. Going into the final range, Bain had a narrow 1-point lead on Lew Horwood and Shane Courtney with Shaun Wingrove a further point behind. A three-way tie (74.7) for range honours at the final 900m saw Bain take the range on a countback from Wingrove and Willy Schaffner with Bain winning the Grand Aggregate on 459.30 two points ahead of Horwood on 457.32 with Wingrove only 1 VBull behind on 457.31 and Courtney a further point behind on 456.48. MR Reserve was won by James Freebairn from Owen Henry who was shooting in his first MR competition.



FTR also saw a close competition with Michael Hancock, shooting his first long range competition, taking the honours on Day 1 by 2 points from Mick Punturiero. Hancock



took the 1100m range on Day 2 and Punturiero the 1000m range with Punturiero taking a very narrow 2-point lead into the final 900m range. Young Caleb Hancock gave Punturiero a run for his money on the final range with both scoring 85.3 and Punturiero taking the range on a count back. Grand Aggregate results were Punturiero 1st on 533.16 from Michael Hancock on 527.13 and Matthew Laguna 3rd on 515.15

F Open had a similarly close competition with Stuart Braund winning 3 out of the 6 ranges, Richard Braund winning 1 range and Danny Blackmore winning 2 ranges and both the Day 1 and Day 2 aggregates. Blackmore took the Grand Aggregate on 547.20, only 4 points ahead of Richard Braund on 543.25 with Stuart Braund a further 2 points back on 541.29.

All results on the website at www.matchrifle.org

2018 Match Rifle Imperial Meeting – Bisley, UK

Peter Maher Wins The Wimbledon!

This year three Australian Match Rifle shooters - Peter Maher, Wayne Skinner and Philip Bain - travelled to the UK to compete in the 2018 Hopton Cup for Match Rifle at the 2018 Imperial Meeting. For both Peter and Wayne it was the first time they have shot MR at Bisley and all were enthusiastic supporters of both the shooting program and the accompanying social activities that form a great part of the MR Program at Bisley.



Peter Maher had an outstanding competition taking The Wimbledon Trophy (20 shots at 1100 yards) with a 98.9 from Gareth James (Wales) on 96.10. Peter is seen here enjoying his Pimms and Strawberries & Cream and eying off his trophy prior to the presentation made by Alan Campbell-Smith.



Peter finished 22nd overall in The Hopton with Philip 64th and Wayne 88th. Peter also finished 8th in the Maxwell Aggregate which is the total of of a shooter's MR score in the Hopton and TR scores in the Grand Aggregate.

The Hopton was a close-run affair throughout the 4 days of competition with Tim Kidner (Scotland) leading throughout most of the competition. *Tim is Captain of the 2019 GB Team for the Woomera Match.* The final day of The Hopton is The Albert which is NO Sighters and 15 to count at each of 1000, 1100 and 1200 yards.



The Albert was won by Angus McLeod (Scotland) on 220.29. Tim shot a 215.15 in The Albert and was beaten for first place in The Hopton by Mike Baillie Hamilton Buchanan (Scotland).



Final results for The Hopton were:

JMBH Buchanan (Scotland)	988.99
TWL Kidner (Scotland)	986.101
CN Tremlett (England)	985.99
RJ Lygoe (England)	985.96

Mike BH Buchanan



Tim Kidner

Whilst Scotland took the honours in The Hopton, England once again took The Elcho teams match for the 6th year in a row. 1200 yards again proved the deciding point for The Elcho with only 6 points separating England and Ireland as the teams moved back to 1200 yards. Consistent shooting by all the English shooters at the final range proved the difference.

England	1746.199
Scotland	1739.185
Ireland	1736.193
Wales	1692.155



Target Rifle

One of the largest contingents of Australian TR shooters of recent years competed at Bisley this year with the NRAA Australian team at full strength and some great individual and team performances.

Australia won the Overseas Match and the Dominions Trophy.

On an individual level, four Australians made it through to the Queens Final with three finishing in the top ten - Mark Buchanan 4th, James Corbett 5th and Angus Bell 9th.



- James Corbett won the Grand Aggregate for the 3rd time and also won both St George's Stage 1 and Stage 2 as well as the British Open TR Competition

- Jim Jeffery won The Daily Mail

- Mark Horsnell won The Faunthorpe, The Freddy Payne Memorial and The Monro Memorial.

- Don Thompson won the Howcroft Newspaper Aggregate.
- Jim Bailey won The Sudan.
- Steve Negus won The Pavey.



Shooting FTR, Philip Bain finished 4th in The Farquharson (the "Queen's" equivalent for F Class).



2018 Queensland MR & LRF Championships

By John Kielly

The 2018 championship was notable for what didn't happen as much as what did.

- The badge supplier failed us without warning for the first time
- Conditions weren't bad enough to blow a dog off the chain

On the positive side, we had a couple of families come up from across the border, Mike Halloran to shoot F class & Lew Horwood to have another go at the Match Rifle crown.



Viv Hunt (MR Reserve) Tom Smith (MR) Ernie Mace (F Open)

As it happened, Lew looked like he was going to blitz the field after the first day, albeit his 20 shooter at 1100 metres took the gloss of somewhat. Likewise, Viv Hunt had a grasp on Reserve grade & Ernie Mace more like a monkey grip on F Open. There was a decided swing around on the second day, itinerant Tom Smith putting his hand up in Open & Mike Samuels asserting himself in the Reserve ranks. That second day was *the* influence in Open, as Tom walked away with the championship & John Kielly lifted from the bottom of the pack to a distant second. Viv Hunt's early strong showing, particularly his top of the range 97 at 1100 saw him home from Mike Samuels, and Ernie Mace steamrolled F Open.

Raglan Target Sports, especially Ross Atherton, provided the homey atmosphere that you cherish at these championships across the country. Kay Horwood & Margaret Halloran avoided boredom & delighted the shooters by preparing the lunch sandwiches & the substantial tasty evening meals (with occasional help from Viv Hunt).

..and a new sport was initiated, catch the green frogs blocking the pedestal flow. John Kielly was the winner there, with 7 over the weekend.

All results on the website at www.matchrifle.org

2018 Australian Championships –Program

The next Australian Match Rifle and Long Range F Class Championships will be held at Coonabarabran in October 2018 with the Individual event going from 2nd – 5th October and teams events held on 5th & 6th October.

It will be followed by the Ultra Long Range Challenge on Sunday 7th October for those wanting to try their skills at 1500 yards.

Further details below and through the Match Rifle website at www.matchrifle.org

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2018 Australian Championships –Program

Individual Competition

Day 1 - 2nd October

Match No	Range	Sighters	Shots
1	1000 yds	3	15
2	1100 yds	3	15
3	1200 yds	3	15
4	Day 1 Aggregate		

Day 2 (Note reverse range order) 3rd October

Match No	Range	Sighters	Shots
5	1200 yds	2 MR , 3FClass	15
6	1100 yds	2 MR , 3FClass	15
7	1000 yds	2 MR , 3FClass	15
8	Day 2 Aggregate		

Day 3 – 4th October

Match No	Range	Sighters	Shots
9	1000 yds	2 MR , 3FClass	15
10	1100 yds	2 MR , 3FClass	15
11	1200 yds	2 MR , 3FClass	15
12	Day 3 Aggregate		

Day 4 (am)- 5th October

Match No	Range	Sighters	Shots
13	1200 yds (Day 4 Aggregate)	2 MR , 3FClass	20

Cross Aggregates

Match No	Range
14	1000 yds Cross Agg (Matches 1, 7 & 9)
15	1100 yds Cross Agg (Matches 2, 6 & 10)
16	1200 yds Cross Agg (Matches 3, 5 & 11 & 13)

Grand Aggregate

Match No	Range
17	Grand Aggregate (Matches 4, 8, 12 & 13)

Day 4 - 5th October (am)

- Freebairn Teams Competition (Match Rifle only)

Match rifle coached teams of 4 people selected from placings at end of Day 3 of the individual championships.

Match No	Range	Sighters	Shots
18	1200 yds	2	15

- Siegloff/Simms Pairs (F Open)

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F Open self-coached pairs

Match No	Range	Sighters	Shots
18	1200 yds	0	25

TEAMS EVENTS

Day 4 (pm) -5th October

Match No	Range	Sighters	Shots
19	1200 yds <ul style="list-style-type: none">Maloney Match for Match Rifle State TeamsVictoria Match for F Class Open State TeamsFTR Teams	0	16 per shooter

Day 5 - 6th October

Match No	Range	Sighters	Shots
20	1000, 1100 and 1200 yards <ul style="list-style-type: none">Rowlands Match for Match Rifle State TeamsNSW Match for F Class Open State TeamsFTR Teams	2 3 3	15 at each range per shooter 15 at each range per shooter 15 at each range per shooter

Teams' Aggregates

Match No	Range	
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mincham Trophy for Match Rifle State TeamsSA Trophy for F Class Open State TeamsFTR Teams Aggregate	Aggregate of Rowlands and Maloney Match Aggregate of Victoria and NSW Match Aggregate

PRESENTATION DINNER

All individual and team competitors and partners are invited to attend the Presentation Dinner at the Acacia Lodge in Coonabarabran on the evening of **Saturday 6th October**.

ULTRA LONG RANGE CHALLENGE – 1500 yards

Sunday 7th October

Match Rifle Open F Open FTR

2 stages at 1500 yards – each 15 shot stages.

Prizes for each stage plus aggregate prizes and badges

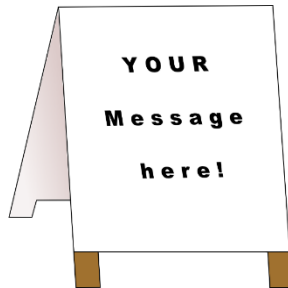
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- To oversee and coordinate Match Rifle and compatible F Class shooting in Australia
- To encourage team shooting in Match Rifle and compatible F Class disciplines

**Further info on membership available at http://www.matchrifle.org/Match_Rifle_Australia.htm
Membership is only \$20 per annum.**