



From the AMRA Chairman



Welcome to 2021

Hopefully this year we get the chance to do a bit of shooting! With all the (enforced) preparation time we have had to ensure our rifles are performing well it will make for some good competition.

Firstly congratulations go to **Chris Halloran** who has just been appointed by the NRAA as the Captain of the Australian Match Rifle Team for the 2022 Woomera Match. There is more from Chris later in this newsletter and I encourage all MR shooters to nominate for the team.

Our 2021 shooting calendar is still very much a work in progress and dependent on COVID requirements in each State.

Tasmania is not holding a Championship this year as border closures and travel restrictions made it hard for shooters from other States to come. Instead, they are holding a 2-day Match Rifle Prize Meeting on 5 & 6 March.

NSW has scheduled their NSW Match Rifle & Long Range F Class Championships at Ungarie on 1 & 2 May 2021 and I encourage anyone that can get there to get back on the range! NSW are also planning for their Ultra Long Range Challenge at Coonabarabran from 5 -7 October. Hopefully with vaccinations widely rolled out by then, people will be able to travel with more certainty.

Once other States have their events approved by their State Rifle Association, can they please notify dates to the AMRA Secretary at info@matchrifle.org for posting to the Calendar on the AMRA website.

Please keep checking the matchrifle.org website for updates on events with any changing COVID restrictions.



I know 2020 was a difficult year for everyone and some may have let their AMRA membership lapse. Now that we look like getting back to some semblance of normality, I would encourage everyone to ensure their membership is current. If your membership has lapsed, details on how you can remedy this can be found at the end of this Newsletter

Paul Monaghan
AMRA Chairman

From the F Class Delegate



Living in the “Lock down state” and inside the “Ring of Steel” (greater Melbourne) makes it even more difficult.

Ground hog day starts and I think it will be ok - shooting FTR and starting to dabble in F Open, I can check out the state of my barrels, check throat lengths and wear etc. Clean and sort out empty brass, measure, trim if required and even throw some out. Ground hog day started turning into Ground hog week and ground hog week just blurred into Ground hog months.

Eventually you run out barrels to check, brass to clean and stock taking of your projectiles and primers. So, what do you do, maybe read some technical articles and information to help your shooting?

I decided to investigate ES and SD and if you are going to go down that rabbit hole then lock down ground hog months is the perfect time to do it. ES and SD is like many things in shooting, there are many differing options on the subject, but there are some things that most agree on. If you are going to work on your ES and SD's then your barrel must be tuned well at short range, SD in the single digits works well (excluding conditions) and at the end of the day, the holes in the target are what really tells the story. Also, for all of this agreed upon points there are always exceptions.

If you then throw in neck tension and annealing into the mix, deeper into the rabbit hole you go.

Having survived Lock down 1.2.3..... and finally allowed out, my own personal take on all that I had read and started to work with is;

Consistent neck tension helps get consistent numbers, annealing helps get good neck tension.

With Match Rifle shot over 1000, 1100 and 1200 yards and the odd 1500, I think I need to spend more time on the range working on my ability to read the wind and



conditions as I do on the numbers. A lot of the things can happen to the bullets in 1200 yards.



284W 184 F Open @ 1200 yards

The SD may not be single digits, possible room for improvement, but getting the wind right would be even better!

Paul Murphy
AMRA F Class Delegate

Woomera 2022

The NRAA has announced the appointment of **Chris Halloran** as the Captain of the Australian Match Rifle Team to compete against Great Britain for the Woomera Trophy in October 2022 at Coonabarabran.

The Great Britain team has selected **Nick Tremlett** as their Captain and they have a large training squad.

Bisley and all ranges in the UK have been closed due to the COVID lock down/s but look like they will be reopening for practice and competitions from 29th March 2021 when their training program is expected to begin in earnest.

The final GB touring team will be selected following the 2021 Imperial Match Rifle Meeting.





GB Main squad

Ashley Abrahams

David Lindsay

Guy Blakeney

Julian Peck

Alex Cargill Thompson

Martin Townsend

Charles Dickenson

Richard Whitby

Mike Judge

John Lindsay

Mike Barlow

Angus McLeod

Mike Buchanan

Iain Thomson

Fi Day

Si Whitby

Rosanne Furniss

Gary Alexander

Derek Lowe

Nick Brasier

Jon Sweet

David Dashwood

Nick Tremlett

Fergus Flanagan

Zoe Woodroffe

GB Development places

Fenella Chesterfield

John Webster

Hattie Mansell

Dave Rose

Adam Leech

Norman Clark

Sophie Wentges

From the Australian Captain

It gives me great pleasure to have been appointed by the NRAA as Captain of the Australian Match Rifle Team for the Woomera Match versus Great Britain at Coonabarabran in October 2022.

I will be working with the NRAA and GB to finalise the dates and shooting program which will include the National Australian Match Rifle Championships as well as the State teams matches, various State vs International teams matches and culminating in the Woomera Match.



Nominations for shooters and wind coaches will be called by the NRAA soon and details on how to do so will be posted on the NRAA website. The information on how to nominate will also be posted to the Match Rifle website www.matchrifle.org, the facebook page and the match rifle forum page at www.ozfclass.com

Information on locations and dates for practices will be made known as soon as possible although much will depend on the situation surrounding COVID and the requirements in each State which as we all know are prone to change with very little notice.

Finally, it is not very often that there is the opportunity to represent your country at home in any sport so I encourage everyone to nominate for the team and to encourage others to nominate as well

Chris Halloran
Australian Match Rifle Captain



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Memories of 2019 Australian Match Rifle tour (Bisley, U.K.)



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NSW Match Rifle and Long Range F Class Open State Championships

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd May 2021
Ungarie Rifle Range, NSW

Featuring the:

Keith R. Herron
Match Rifle Grand Aggregate

& the

FTR & F Class Open
Long Range Grand Aggregates

Saturday 3 sighters and 15 shots @ 1000 and 1100 yards
3 sighters and 20 shots @ 1200 yards

Sunday 2 sighters and 15 shots @ 1000, 1100 & 1200 yards

Grand Aggregate Badges

1st, 2nd & 3rd for all disciplines - Match Rifle Open, FTR and F Open
Range Prizes

Shooting starts at 9.00 am on Saturday and 8.30 am on Sunday.

Practice Session - Friday 30th April commencing at 12 noon. (\$10)

Entry Fee - \$80 (for the two days)
BBQ Lunch available on range on both days.

For more details on the event, the Ungarie range, accommodation and other Match Rifle and Long Range F Class events check out the Match Rifle Website

www.matchrifle.org

Annual General Meeting of the NSW Match Rifle Association – Central Hotel, Saturday 1st May following conclusion of shooting. Membership fees/renewal \$10

BIG BREAKFAST:
Sunday 2nd May
Ungarie Bowling Club 7.00am

Save The Date
Ultra Long Range Challenge
5- 7 October 2021
Coonabarabran

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AMRA Membership & Payment of Fees

AMRA Membership Fees became due on 1 July 2020. Under the Rules of the Association, fees are required to be paid within 3 months of the due date or you cease to be an active member.

If you have not paid your fees or you are a new member looking to join AMRA, please complete the application form available on the website and submit to the Secretary. Membership is currently \$20 per annum and once your application is approved, fees can be paid by direct deposit to Australian Match Rifle Association's 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 PO Box 535, Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650

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 (<i>Tas</i>)	Vice Chairman	Cliff Austen (<i>NSW</i>)
Secretary	Philip Bain (<i>NSW</i>)	Treasurer	Tom Smith (<i>QLD</i>)

Zone Delegates

New South Wales	Rob Halloran	Queensland	John Kielly
South Australia	Bill Freebairn	Tasmania	Gil Walker
Victoria	Lew Horwood	Western Australia	David Martin
ACT	Shaun Wingrove	F Class	Paul Murphy (<i>Vic</i>)