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Welcome to issue twenty-two of the official New South Wales Rifle Association newsletter. This *Bullet-In* contains information published in the *Australian Target Rifle* magazine. Clubs are encouraged to circulate this newsletter to those members who don't have access to the *ATR*. Extra copies of the *Bullet-In* may be obtained by contacting the NSWRA Office.

The next issue is planned for publication in February. We extend an invitation to all clubs and members who have anything that they would like to have published in this newsletter please forward it to the NSWRA Office. Deadline for the next issue will be the end of January.

On behalf of the NSWRA, we would like to extend our very best wishes and compliments of the festive season to all our members and their families. We trust you have an enjoyable and safe Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2007. Merry Christmas.

Barbara & Ken

NSWRA OFFICE AND STORE CLOSURE OVER
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

THE NSWRA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY 24TH

DECEMBER 2007, THIS INCLUDES THE NSWRA STORE

WEEKDAY OPERATIONS AND WILL

RECOMMENCE MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2008.

HOWEVER THE STORE WILL BE

OPEN BOTH SATURDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2007 and 5TH JANUARY 2008.

Nominations for NSW Veterans Team to MacKay April 2008

Nominations are hereby called for the position of Captain, Wind Judges x 2, Fullbore Shooters x 10 and 2 reserves for Target Rifle events and "F" Class Standard Shooters for the Rob Richards-Mousley match (F Class) to compete at the Mount Vincent Rifle Range Mackay QLD Monday 28th & Tuesday 29th April 2008. (Preceding the NQRA Queens Prize Meeting 30th April to 5th May)

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Nominations close 5.00pm on Friday 30th November 2007 to the NSWRA Inc. Office

Nominations for NSW Match Rifle Team to Ungarie August 2008

Nominations are hereby called for the position of Captain, Wind Judge and four (4) Shooters to compete in the State Match Rifle Teams event, The Rowlands Match being held in conjunction with the Australian Match Rifle Championships at Ungarie NSW in August 2008.

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NSWRA Council 2007-2008

At the NSWRA AGM of Friday 14th Sept Graeme Berman of Mosman Neutral Bay Rifle Club was elected President with Dennis McCamley of Roseville Rifle Club being awarded Life membership of the NSWRA. Both gentlemen have given a lot to the shooting movement and their respective positions were welcomed with acclamations.

DRA Champion of Champions - Teams - City V Country Match

The NSWRA annual DRA Champion of Champions, Teams and City V Country Teams matches were held on 18th and 19th August. These events are usually held in July however this year there was an exception. The NSWRA Chairman Captained a State Team to Bisley which included five of the nine NSWRA Councillors and both office staff who were involved in the team either as administrators or shooting members. Reports on this successful trip have appeared in an earlier edition of the ATR with results posted on the new look NSWRA website.

Saturday morning saw the DRA Senior Champion of Champions event which was won by Duncan Davies of the Hunter Valley DRA with 200.21 one point from Michael Millen of Metropolitan DRA. The Under 25 event was won by Tom Ryan of Metropolitan DRA with 200.25 (top score on the day) one point from Bryce Fuller of Central West DRA (Bryce's score was equal to Michael Millen's score including centrals).

This year's competition saw the inclusion of an Under 18 DRA event with Robert Black of Northern Rivers DRA scoring a very credible 198.18 from Billy Blackmore of Mid North Coast on 185.13. "F" Standard was won by John Hammond of Metropolitan DRA with 234, three points from John Peters Hunter Valley.

The DRA team's event on Saturday afternoon was closely contested with the first five teams finishing within three points of each other. It really came down to the last few shots at 700mts with the eventual winner being Metropolitan DRA's Tony's Tribe on 620.62 two points from North Shore Gold on 618.59.

Sunday saw the City V Country match again become a close contest between the two rivals. Country lead by Captain Tony Moon finished 300mts with a four point lead over City who were lead by Captain Wendy McGuigan. City soon reeled in that lead too within one point of Country after 600mts. The weather conditions at Malabar had now settled in resulting in a reschedule of the match from finishing with 700mts and 800mts to a 15 shot match at 700mts. The City team rallied together and came back with a vengeance to win 700mts by three points and ultimately giving them a win by two points over a very determined Country team. Top individual on the day was Jim Bailey (City) with 174.19

The Under 25 City V Country was held in conjunction with the seniors and is always great to see our young shooters competing. Both sides had a battle just to get their respective sides together as both had lost members who had just left for Canada as part of the Australian Under 25. Country, lead by Captain David Rose finished 300mts with a three point lead over City, lead by Captain Sarah Hayes. Country dug deep and increased their lead after 600mts by 37 points. City were again determined to make a big comeback at 700mts and finished one point behind Country at that range however the comeback was not enough to topple the Country Under 25 team who won by 38 points. This event is a chance for Under 25's to meet their counterparts and hopefully give them some insight into team shooting and ultimately strive for a place in the NSW Under 25 State team or Australian Under 25 teams. Individual top score was James Wood (City) with 170.15. Full results of these matches are available for view on the NSWRA website.

NSWRA Annual Championships Report – see attached

Freight of dangerous Goods

The NSWRA has received advice from TNT Express that the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), has recently agreed to uniform legislative changes in all states and territories of Australia regarding Dangerous Goods. These changes include additional stringent requirements being placed on the storage and transport of *Class 1 – Explosives*.

In view of the above changes, we advise effectively immediately, **TNT Express will no longer accept for carriage Class 1 Dangerous Goods with the exception of Sub-class 1.4S – Ammunition and Equivalent.**

At this stage all Class 1.3C powder orders will have to be collected direct from the NSWRA shop by a club representative until such time as an alternate carrier can be organised. If any club has a contact for a carrier in their area could you please advise NSWRA office of their contact details A.S.A.P.

B" and "C" GRADES

When clubs are conducting their OPM's please make sure entrants in 'B' and 'C' Grades produce a current Membership card listing their correct grading.

OPM adds in ATR magazine

Any club advertising their OPM in the ATR magazine are urged to include a contact name and number for any enquiries members may have.

NRAA NEWS

NRAA Honorary Medical officer

The NRAA are pleased to announce the appointment of Doctor John Kiefer as Honorary NRAA Medical Officer. Contactable at mailto: medical_officer@nraa.com.au
Please read <http://www.nraa.com.au/nraa/general.html> for new information on Drugs in Sport.

Rule Addition

Addition to SSR 20.2.1.24 (Method of deciding Tied Scores – F-Class Standard) to be included as follows:

After the sentence:

"The size of this disc will be half the diameter of the central bullseye."

Include the following addition to this rule:

"A hit on this disc will be signaled by positioning the value disc at 12 o'clock above the aiming mark and will be recorded on the scorecard as 6.1".

This addition is effective immediately.

Rule Replacement

Modification of SSR 3.1.7.3:

Replace existing text with "Tubular foresights may contain an insert of any type or manufacture and may be plane glass, plastic, or metal."

This replacement is effective immediately.

Free Class Rimfire rules

The Rimfire draft rules have been reviewed and approved by the Board. These rules will become effective on 1 January 2008. The amended rules (Chapter 17) are available on the NRAA website.

Safety Alert to users of modified Military Rifles

Users of certain military actions originally designed for .303 ammunition (specifically Lee Enfield makes including No 4 MkI and MkII; and Mauser M93 through to M96), which have been converted to 7.62mm NATO are advised that the use of SAMMI specification .308 Winchester ammunition, whether factory produced or hand loaded, may produce pressures well above the design limit of the actions. This may lead to safety issues.

Accordingly, the NRAA advises that the use of SAMMI specification .308 W Ammunition in these modified military Rifles is **NOT** permitted."

2011 World Championships Update

We are pleased to announce that ICFRA has accepted our 2011 program and can confirm the dates will be from 3rd October to 22nd October 2011. The NRAA website is in the process of setting up a 2011 page to offer full details to all members.

2010 Commonwealth Games Australia Cup Elimination Program

We have currently received confirmation from the host states regarding the Australia Cup Match. All information including rules can be viewed on the NRAA web site and in ATR 71

Nominations - America Match Team 2008

Nominations are being called from interested persons to compete in the America Match in 2008. The Event will be run in conjunction with their Spirit of America Fullbore National Championships. The tentative dates for the matches are September 6th to 13th, 2008. The America Match is an 8-person team match at 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards. The team will wear the NRAA uniform and will be self funded. Please forward nominations for positions of Captain, Manager, Wind Coaches and Shooters to the NRAA office or **to nraa@bigpond.com by close of business 29th November.**

NRAA News continued

Ammunition and Projectiles

Price increase on Ammunition and Projectiles

As you are aware the NRAA have been working on our supply problems with Highlands Sports. After countless emails and meetings here and with Sierra in Canada we are still unable to report that all issues have been resolved. The increase in projectile prices is a direct result of the world price increases for both copper and lead.

Sierra 155gn Projectile

The Sierra 155 projectiles have landed in Australia but are taking an extremely long time to clear customs. We have requested a dispatch date from Highland but have not received any information to date. This is our last shipment of 500 packs, the Sierra 155 projectiles will now be supplied in 1200 packs. The new retail price will be *\$0.3186 per projectile.

Sierra 80gn Projectile

Our order for Sierra 80 projectiles has been confirmed that it is on the water. Now firm date from Highlands as to the arrival times. New retail price will be *\$0.3097 per projectile.

NEWS FLASH - SIERRA Projectiles

As at 18 October Highlands Sports have now advised arrival of both 155 and 80 gm projectiles and the NRAA will be ensuring all back orders are filled as soon as possible.

Nosler 80gn Projectile

We are pleased to announce the Nosler 80gn Projectile has been approved, effective immediately. Shipment is due to arrive in mid November and retail price will be *\$0.2777 per projectile.

Winchester .308 Factory Ammunition

In relation to the above price increase, the Winchester .308 Sierra factory round has a new retail price of *\$0.9472 per round.

NOTE : *Please see attached ammunition order sheet for NSWRA price listings on above items

DVD Production

The intention is to replace the On Target video with a DVD showing all the shooting disciplines available with NRAA membership. Any Members, who have recent video footage that may assist us, please contact <<mailto:membership@nraa.com.au>>.

Insurance Review

The Annual review of insurance is completed and we are seeking expressions of interest from Brokers to tender for the contracted period 30 November 2007 to 30 November 2008.