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Welcome to issue twenty-fifth of the official New South Wales Rifle Association Newsletter. This *Bullet-In* also 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 October. 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 September.

Barbara & Ken

• **NSWRA Council 2008-2009**

The NSWRA welcome three new Councillors in Ian Trevathen (Metropolitan), Ken Larkin (Far Northern) and Ron Whalen (Northern).

President Graeme Berman

Executive Committee

Chairman	John Fitzgerald	Co-opted
Deputy Chairman	Stephen Negus	Metropolitan
Treasurer	Jim Richardson	Co-opted
Ian Trevathen	Metropolitan	
Ken Cooke	Western	

Other Council Members

Cliff Austen	Southern
Graham Crowe	Co-opted
Ken Larkin	Far Northern
Ron Whalen	Northern

NSWRA Store Manager

The NSWRA have the pleasure in welcoming Ian Trevathen from Yorkshire Rifle Club not only as the newly elected Council member for the Sydney Metropolitan area but also as the new Store Manager. Ian will be operating the store during the following times:-

Tuesday 12 noon to 3pm

Thursday 11am to 1pm

Saturday 10.30 – 1.30 then 3.30 -5pm

All phone, mail and e-mail orders will be processed on the abovementioned days by Ian with posting as soon as possible afterwards.

- **NSW 132nd Open Championships 6th – 14th September 2008**

WANTED: Range Officers, Markers and Target Shed personnel

We are still looking for people for the abovementioned paid positions for Fullbore Target Rifle events. Further details on these positions are available from the NSWRA Office using any one of the following three options:

Post: The Executive Director

NSWRA Inc

PO Box 386

Maroubra NSW 2035

OR Fax: (02) 9661 6042

OR E-mail: info@nswra.org.au

It is important that this information is passed onto your CLUB MEMBERS and/or CLUB MARKER (in particular the Sydney Metropolitan Club markers).

Accommodation for successful Country applicants in these positions will be made available on range. Please advise with your application if accommodation is required. All applications for the above positions to be received at the NSWRA Office by **Friday August 29 2008.**

Angie's News

In addition to running the MDRA Canteen as she does every Saturday here at Malabar, Angie will be cooking dinner and desserts for Fitzie's Diner upstairs in the Dehn Auditorium during this year's NSW Queens. Angie will be pleased to receive any suggestions for additions to the traditional menu. Anyone who has any special dietary needs please let us know well in advance so arrangements can be made.

- **NSW Firearms Regulations**

All members should make themselves aware of the NSW Firearms regulations by accessing them through the following: <http://www.police.nsw.gov.au>

- **NSW State Team F Class Standard Nominations-Bendigo March 2009**

The NRAA have agreed to **Trial** a National F Class Team shooting event in 2009 with the VRA being the host State. It is intended that these matches be held concurrently with the National Ladies Teams matches in future if this event is successful. Therefore, the NSWRA are now calling for nominations for Captain (1), Wind Coach (1), Manager (1) and shooters (6) for the NSW F Class Standard Team. Closing date for nominations is **Friday 26th September 2008, 5pm**

- **All Schools Match Saturday 19th July 2008**

The Annual All Schools match was held at Anzac Range Malabar, Sydney. The match consists of a 10 shot match at 300mts, 500mts and 600mts by teams of five from each school. 11 teams entered from 5 GPS schools with The Armidale School Red winning the Fiona Reynolds Memorial All Schools Match by sixteen points from Sydney Grammar School No.1 and a further fourteen points from TAS Green team.

Individual top score on the day was Samuel Adams from TAS with a credible 145.8. It was great to see 55 young shooters competing with some excellent results being posted even in the windy conditions on the day. Credit must go to the Shooting Masters in working with these young men and women with the assistance of fellow rifle shooters and parents who worked tirelessly in such a short period of time.

The Fiona Reynolds Memorial (All Schools) Trophy

1.	TAS Red	712.43
2.	Sydney Grammar 1	696.39
3.	TAS Green	682.34
4.	Sydney High 1	680.30
5.	Sydney Grammar 2	671.27
6.	Sydney High Alpha	661.18
7.	New England Girls Red 1	647.16
8.	Scots College	642.19
9.	Sydney Grammar 3	639.22
10.	TAS Blue	620.21
11.	New England Girls Blue 2	576.11

Individual

1.	S Adams	TAS	145.8
2.	H Killen	TAS	144.7
3.	A Dunn	Grammar	143.11
4.	S Coulton	TAS	142.13
5.	I Nadkarni	Syd High	142.6
6.	H Turnball	TAS	141.8
7.	A Murray	TAS	140.9
8.	M Tong	Syd High	140.9
9.	M Maguire	TAS	140.7
10.	B Pope	Grammar	140.6
11.	A Ho	Syd High	140.5

- **NSWRA DRA Champion of Champions & City V Country Matches**

The NSWRA annual DRA Champion of Champions, Teams and City V Country Teams matches were held on 26th and 27th July.

Saturday morning saw the DRA Senior Champion of Champions event won by Bill Parker from Illawarra DRA with 199.18 (using a 5.56 rifle) two centrals from Wendy Moon of Mid North Coast DRA on 199.16. The Under 25 event was won by Neil Pringle of Central West DRA with 197.17 (also using a 5.56 rifle) one point from James Wood of Metropolitan DRA with 196.16

The Under 18 DRA Champion of Champions was won by Ed Cartwright of Metropolitan DRA with 192.15 two points from Billy Blackmore of Mid North Coast on 190.16. The "F" Standard Champion of Champions was won by Leigh Milton of Mudgee DRA after a shoot off with John Oddy from Riverina DRA both scoring 228.

The District Rifle Association team's event saw thirteen teams from eight DRA's shoot side by side on Saturday afternoon and was again closely contested with the first three teams finishing within two points of each other. It really came down to the last few shots at 700mts with the eventual winners on the "Lamb Cup" being Metropolitan Supreme's superbly coached by Steve Negus with 623.84 one point from Mid North Coast on 622.68 and Central West third on 621.81. Individual honours went to the other half of the Negus family, Donna, with a brilliant 125.21

This year saw the introduction of a "F" Class Standard District Teams event with four teams from MDRA, New England, North Shore and Riverina DRA contesting this match. The match was very close after 300mts with three points separating the four teams. North Shore proved too strong and came away inaugural winners with 720 from Riverina on 718. Individual top score was John Hammond from the MDRA with a perfect 150.

Sunday saw the City V Country which is always strongly contested between the two rivals. Country lead by Captain Tony Moon finished 300mts with a six point lead over City who were lead by Captain Jim Bailey. City soon reeled in that lead too within two points after 600mts. Country pulled ahead by eight points after the 700mts and finished well to extend the lead and winning by twelve point from City. Top individual on the day was Jim Jeffery (Country) with 200.27

The Under 25 City V Country match was held in conjunction with the seniors. Country, lead by Captain David Rose finished 300mts with a five point lead over City, lead by Captain Wendy McGuigan and her "Hire a Hubby" coaching team of Neil Gibbins and Kevin Schwebel. Country dug deep and increased their lead after 600mts to 11 points. City were determined to make a big comeback at 700mts but Country increased their lead by another four points then Country finished 800 with only dropping six points at 800 winning the match by 28 points. Individual top score was Evan Jones (City) with 200.23. Competing along side the Under 25 event was a combined GPS team comprising the top individuals from the GPS competition held at Hornsby the week before. Individual top score was Jack Stewart from Sydney Church of England Grammar School with 190.13.

This year saw the introduction of an "F" Class City V Country event with Country lead by Rob Halloran and City by Doug Bowen. Country set a cracking pace with a 23 point lead after 300mts. After 600mts they increased their lead to 33. After a lunch time talk the City team dug deep to haul back 15 points after 700mts but the day belonged to the Country team taking back the 15 points lost after 700 to win by 33 points. Individual top score was John Oddy (Country) with 233. Full results of these matches are available for view on the NSWRA website.

- **HBC-BJD projectile**

The NRAA board have approved the new HBC-BJD projectile with a commencement date for use being 1 October 2008.

NSWRA have a supply of these projectiles for sale **ON A TRIAL BASIS ONLY** prior to the official competition commencement date of **1 October, 2008**. **These projectiles are NOT TO BE USED IN ANY COMPETITION until this commencement date.**

National Teams Matches - amendment

After receiving positive support from the S&T for the NQRA proposal to amend the Alastair Macpherson and Ferg Beattie Matches and the U25 South Australia and U25 Victoria Matches, the NRAA has agreed:

- The Ferg Beattie Match will be renamed the Neville Holt Memorial Match.
- The Alastair Macpherson and U25 South Australia Matches will be contested over 900yds/800m using PALMA targets.
- The Neville Holt Memorial and U25 Victoria Matches will be contested over 1000yds/900m using PALMA targets.

The revised match conditions will be posted to S&T. These amended match conditions will be first contested during the 2009 National Teams Matches to be hosted by Queensland.

National U25 Team Matches – President's Team

NRAA will call for nominations for competitors who qualify for the U25 Teams but are not selected in their S&T team or their S&T do not have the numbers to enter a team. NRAA will call for nominations for a Captain/Coach (no age restriction) in due course.

Veterans Team for Spirit of America Match Team 2008

The Board is pleased to announce that an NRAA Veterans Team will **now** compete in the America Match in 2008. Frank Horgan (Vic) is appointed Captain. The Board congratulates Frank on his appointment and wishes his team every success in the US.

Appointments – Australia Match Captain 2010 & Palma Match Captain 2011

Rick Scoones (WA) has been appointed Australian Team Captain for the Australia Match in 2010 and for the WLR PALMA Match in 2011. Rick has been asked to assemble an NRAA team to contest two matches (New Zealand and mini-Palma) in NZ in January 2009 as preparation for the matches in 2010 and 2011. The Board congratulates Rick on his appointment and wishes he and the team well for this lengthy shooting campaign.

Nominations – Captain and Manager NRAA F Class Team in Bisley July 2009

NRAA will recall for nominations for both these positions in the next ATR. NRAA hopes to field a team in this competition.

Nominations – Captain Woomera Match 2010

NRAA will host the 2010 Woomera Match in Brisbane in March 2010. A call for nominations for Captain of this team will appear in the next ATR.

Nominations – Captain World Veterans Team 2011

NRAA will host the 2011 World Veterans Team Match on 12th October 2011 in Brisbane. A call for nominations for Captain of this team will appear in the next ATR.