

Newsletter

QUEENSLAND TARGET SPORTS INC.

What's Next...

COMPETITION COACH COURSE - 24th & 25th May

Let Rex know **now** if you would like to attend.

DOUG WEARE MEMORIAL SHOOT - CHARLEVILLE - 7th & 8th June.

Definitely a shoot that everyone needs to attend, if only once in your shooting life. Well, you don't just go once because if you do go once you will always go back - don't miss out!!!

ISIS CHILDERS PRIZE MEETING - 21st & 22nd June.

Another shoot not to be missed. Great fun, great shooting & great country hospitality.

AUS CUP 2 - BELMONT - 27th - 29th June.

Programme now available on the SA (AISL) website.

Congratulations to...

Rod Sampson - elected TRA President at the recent TRA Annual General Meeting.

Richard Toye, Toowoomba Club - elected to the TRA Board as a Director.

Other directors are Jim Brown, NSW, Glen Braybon, Victoria and Nick Sullivan, SA.

Dane Sampson, Commercial Club, selected to compete at the 2014 Commonwealth Games, Glasgow, Scotland. Dane will be competing in all 3 events, Prone, 3P and Air Rifle.

Other rifle shooters selected are Michael Brown, NSW, Jennifer Hens, NSW, Warren Potent, NSW, Robyn Ridley, WA, Alethea Sedgman, Vic, Jack Rossiter, SA & Emma Adams, SA.

Good luck everyone...we wish you well!!!!

Congrats to our disabled shooters, especially our Queenslanders Ashley, Bradley & Pistol shooter Chris, who have been competing overseas in Germany & Poland - a number of medals and some excellent scores by all members of the team, including individual silver & bronze and team silver by Bradley.

Keep an eye out for Frederyk Woodhouse, Dane Sampson & Thomas Versace who will be competing in Europe soon in the ISSF Junior Cup and ISSF World Cups in Suhl, Munich & Maribor.



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That's not my job...

This is a story about four people named, Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Flag raising...

Pictured right, the QTS, Paramount Club and Brisbane Club flags, flying high at the Belmont Range.

The flags were the initiative of Murray Thompson from Brisbane Club. His idea is for clubs to 'fly their flag' at competitions - something a little extra to promote your club.



If any clubs are interested in a flag for your club, please contact Murray at: thommo.m@bigpond.com

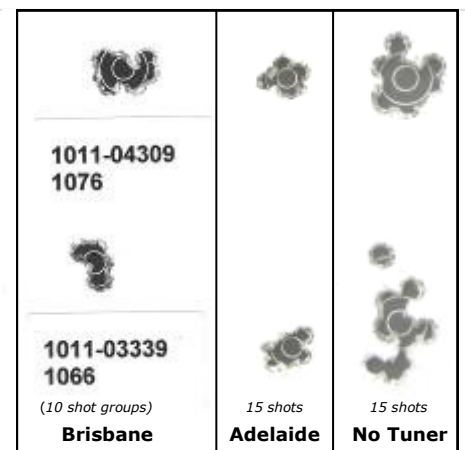
A little experiment...

I think we all agree that the debates regarding ammo, barrels, tuners, testing etc. will continue for ever with a never ending list of results. Whilst in Adelaide recently, Rod & I thought we would take advantage of the test tunnel there and have a little play.

Some of you may remember my snippet a little while ago and the photo of the test groups on the left - these were shot in the tester at Belmont. On this evidence, I considered the 03339 batch to be the better batch of ammo - unfortunately that was the last I had of it (or so I thought).

I had fitted a tuner to my rifle 3 or 4 years ago and had not made any adjustments to it since then. After taking the tuner off and shooting a PB on electronics (Batch 04309), I was interested to see if there was, in fact, any difference with or without the tuner. I had also found a brick of my 'good' ammo in the safe so wanted to find out which would be the better one to use at the Nationals.

Conclusion: We could probably ask all sorts of questions, do more testing & 'fiddle' forever - for me, I'm just going to leave the tuner attached.



Wide Bay Championships...

The Wide Bay Championships were held on the weekend of 3rd. and 4th.of May at the Isis range. The weekend started off with a deluge of rain at about 5pm on Friday afternoon, which cleared quickly but that did not dampen the spirits of the early arrivals who sat down to a very tasty tea and a few social drinks and a social evening. Saturday morning saw a clear but slightly cool morning with a bit of breeze. In the prone match on Saturday A grade was won by Braden Kemp from Bundaberg with Barry Sturgess second B grade was won by Jason Kettle from Bundaberg with Shane Jone from Gympie second. There was no C grade. D grade was won by Kevin Barden from Maryborough with Ray Melody second. In the target silhouette matches Jason Kettle and Wayne Gartrell were successful.

In the bench rest matches on Saturday A grade was won by Bill Simmons From Roy Muller and Murray Cole. B grade was won by Jim Riggs from Julie Dunks and Yvonne Sturgess. C grade was won by new shooter Miriam Blythe from Charleville from Ray Cole and Kevin Barden. The bench rest silhouette match was won by Jim Riggs in A grade and Greg Tennant.

The 80 shot silhouette match on Saturday was won by Jason Kettle from John Pepprell after a close shoot of which took 5 chickens on the ram range to separate them.

Sunday dawned cold with a perfectly clear sky and a strong and fast changing breeze which made shooting conditions very challenging for all shooters. Bench was away first with Roy Muller being successful in A grade from Bill Simmons and Barry Hilzinger third. B grade was won by Jim Riggs from Julie Dunks and Anton Perk. C grade was won by Miriam Blythe from Kevin Barden and Ray Cole. The bench rest silhouette match was won by Ben West from Jim Riggs in A grade and Greg Tennant from Les Booth in B grade.

The prone match on Sunday was won by Steve Zunker from Barry Sturgess in A grade and Shane Jones from Jason Kettle in B grade with Kevin Barden from Ray Melody in D grade. In the prone silhouette match Jason Kettle won A grade, Julie Dunks B grade, Greg Tennant C grade.

Grand Champion in the prone matches on the weekend was Barry Sturgess and in the bench rest matches the Grand Champion was Roy Muller.

Overall a very enjoyable weekend was had by all who attended with 54 shooters and 98 nominations for the events on offer. The shooters were very well catered for by the ladies in the kitchen and the Isis club members who did the ground work before everybody arrived on Friday. The Maryborough Club would like to thank the Isis club for allowing us to use their range for this shoot while we wait for council to get us back on our range, hopefully by the end of June.

Hope to see everybody at Charleville shoot in June.



The range paparazzi out in force at the Wide Bay Champs.

TRA Nationals 2014...

The Nationals are done & dusted for another year. A full list of results can be found on the SA website and a comprehensive rundown by Tricia & lots of photos can be found in the latest TRA Magazine.

Entries, overall, were up on last year although numbers in the position events were quite low.

This event was a 'real' test of SA's newly installed Meyton targets on both the 50 metre and 10 metre ranges. Apart from a couple of minor hiccups, the whole event went well. The target monitors are very easy to read for we poor old veterans who can't see too well anymore, and the different shot colours make it easy to see the shot result at a quick glance - red is good (10), yellow, not quite so good and blue...well some of us saw too many of them.

The weather was very pleasant, apart from the wind, which kept its very best til last. Although a few shooters seemed to manage the rough conditions, judging by the scores, quite a few had more than a little trouble. One of our more experienced, senior shooters was heard to say that he thought he might take up something easier, like extreme mountain bike riding.

Our little band of shooters performed extremely well in all events and once again, bought home a swag of awards and trophies.

It was great to see a few 'old' faces we had not seen for awhile: Trevor Penny drove over from the Gold Coast, Graham Glanville & daughter Michelle competed for the first time in many years, and Rod Norman, Barry Jennings & Alison Hittman dropped in to say hello. Anton Wurfel also popped over from Mildura to shoot in the Jim Smith Match.

We dropped in to see Anton at his shop on the way home - he said the 'De Light' shop. We weren't sure if we had the right place, the shop that sold light fittings or the one next door that sold 'Delights' - It's the one that sells light fittings.

The favoured activities, apart from shooting, for those attending the Nationals was most definitely visiting the Barossa, doing jigsaw puzzles and it seems drinking tea & coffee. Over the week of the Nationals well in excess of 1,000 cups of tea & coffee were drunk including over 250 cappuccinos & hot chocolates.

They most definitely grow more than rocks in SA as there was plenty of green grass and the most beautiful roses in full bloom. Apart from a small patch west of Hay, it was green all the way from Brisbane to Adelaide - a sight we don't get to see too often. The area around Hay also seems to be where they breed all the emus for the remainder of Australia - there were dozens & dozens of them.

All in all, it was a very busy but enjoyable Nationals and we look forward to next year.

p.s. It takes about 25 roast chickens, salads & desserts to feed 150 people. Oh, and don't forget to have a steady supply of sandwiches, date slice and hot chips on hand.

Til next time.....

*"The best teachers are those who show you where to look,
but don't tell you what to see".* Alexandra K. Trenfor

The 'Friendly Games'

With the Commonwealth Games fast approaching, here is a little information on the event.

The Commonwealth Games is a sport event staged between the elite athletes of countries from the British Commonwealth. It is held every four years and is conducted over many sports, in a format much like the Olympic Games.

The Commonwealth Games attracts the top athletes of member nations of the Commonwealth, thus making it a world-class competition, second only to the Olympic Games in many people's opinion.

The Commonwealth Games are unique in the world of sport as it is based on a historical linkage of Commonwealth countries, not based on geographic features such as the Asian, Pan Am and African Games or based on climatic conditions such as the Winter Olympics. The Games are also unique as it shares a common language, unlike the Olympic Games, as all athletes and officials can speak with each other in English, creating an atmosphere that has led to the Commonwealth Games being long known as the 'Friendly Games'.

In 1911, the first 'commonwealth games type' event was held - the 'Festival of Empire' was held in London to celebrate the coronation of King George V. As part of the festival, an Inter-Empire Championships was held with teams from Australia, Canada, South Africa and the United Kingdom participating.

The first official Commonwealth Games was held in Hamilton Canada in 1930 and at that time was called the British Empire Games.

The programme of the Commonwealth Games consists of a minimum of 10 sports and a maximum of 17 with no more than 4 team sports. Ten sports are obligatory - they are, Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Hockey, Lawn Bowls, Netball, Rugby Sevens, Squash and Weightlifting. Host cities may select up to a further 7 sports from the following - Archery, Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Canoeing, Cycling, Diving, Gymnastics, Judo, Open Water Swimming, Rowing, Sailing, Shooting, Softball, Synchronised Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Tenpin Bowling, Taekwondo, Triathlon and Wrestling.

Para events are limited to a maximum of 20 events from the 4 core sports of Swimming, Athletics, Lawn Bowls, Powerlifting with selected optional events from Cycling, Table Tennis and Wheelchair Basketball.

Approximately 4,500 athletes compete in the Games with 1,500 officials compared to 10,000 athletes and 5,000 for the Olympic Games.

The criteria for a sport to be included in both the Commonwealth & Olympic Games is quite detailed and extensive and includes: the number of participants and world federations for each sport, the number of competitions held, appeal to younger athletes, number of spectators, number of anti-doping violations, media appeal etc.

Australia is one of 71 countries to compete in the Commonwealth Games has competed in every Games since 1930.

The shooting events this year will be held at the Barry Buddon Shooting Centre near Carnoustie, on the east coast of Scotland.

Best of luck to the team of 29 shooters representing Australia.

Information from the internet.





WRABF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

JIM SMITH RANGE - BELMONT - BRISBANE
22nd July to 2nd August 2015

Last qualifier:

RBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

JIM SMITH RANGE - BELMONT - BRISBANE
30th January to 1st February 2015

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