



National Rifle Association of Australia Limited

MEMBER UPDATE #34

Chairman/ Competitions - John Fitzgerald

Certainly 2011 has been a most eventful year for the NRAA and our member States and Territories.

On the bright side the ICFRA World Long Range Championships, some four years or so in the planning have come and gone. And without doubt the time in planning this event produced "The Best World Championships Ever" as stated by the President of ICFRA Tony Loughnan in his address to all present at the Closing Ceremony and Palma Dinner on Saturday evening the 22nd October last. It was a privilege and honour to have been part of this amazing two weeks in October and to have had the pleasure to share such an experience with such a dedicated team that worked so hard to put Australia and the NRAA at the forefront of organizing this most successful international event and creating a "Bench Mark" for future host countries to come.

On a not so bright note the impending closure of the Anzac Rifle Range in Sydney, the headquarters of the New South Wales Rifle Association, if enforced as the Commonwealth intends, will have a marked effect throughout the rifle shooting fraternity. There is absolutely no doubt this decision by the Dept of Finance and Deregulation (DOFAD) acting on behalf of the Gillard Labor Government is politically motivated. With my 'other' hat as Chairman of NSWRA I can advise that at this stage talks between the Commonwealth and NSWRA as late as Thursday 17th November have broken down and subsequent to this stalemate NSWRA have instructed our lawyers to file for an injunction for a stay of proceedings pending a challenge in the Federal Court to the Commonwealth's serving of a Termination Notice effective 31st January 2012 to vacate as invalid, on certain grounds included within the License Agreement between both parties.

May I recognise in this report the outstanding effort of our Executive Officer Catherine Berry. Together with her normal duties in running the affairs of the company on a daily basis she has also had to contend over the past years of putting together the 2011 Planning Committee's vision – thoughts and dreams, for the successful running of the World Championships. She performed well and truly over and above the call of duty and deserves a big "Thank You" and we all owe her a very big debt of gratitude for her contribution.

Nominations - WORLD F CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS- America 2013

Nominations are being called for interested persons to fill the positions of Captain, Manager, Coaches and shooter to compete in the 2013 F Class World Championships for F/O and F/TR. Positions for each team are Captain, Manager/Adjutant, 1 Main Coach, 2 Coaches, 1 Armourer and 10 shooters. Please forward nominations to the NRAA office or to executive@nraa.com.au by COB 31st December 2011.

Expression of interest- NRAA F Class Team- South Africa 5th-13th April 2013

Expression of interests is being called for persons to fill the positions of Captain, Manager, Coaches and shooter to compete in the 2013 F Class team matches at General de Wet Rifle Range, Bloemfontein. Please forward your expression of interest to the NRAA office or to executive@nraa.com.au by COB 31st December 2011.



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COMMONWEALTH GAMES Australia Cup trials.

The NRAA has been advised that Fullbore Target Rifle will be conducted in the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow from 23 July – 3rd August.

The program to date for the Australia Cups is as follow:

Victoria March/April 2012 Closing Date 1st March 2012

NRAA Championships June 25th 2012 Closing Date 25 May 2012

Nomination forms will be available from the NRAA office from 18th December, please email your request to executive@nraa.com.au or fax to 07 3398 3515.

Please note entry forms must be received by close of business on the above mentioned closing dates

Nominations- AUSTRALIAN Rifle Team, Australia Match , Barbados, May 2013.

Nominations are being called for persons to fill the positions of Captain, Manager , Coaches and shooters to compete in the 2013 Australia Match in Barbados . Team composition is Captain, Manager/Adjutant, 10 Shooters, 2 Reserves, 1 Main Coach, Two Target Coaches. The Team will wear the Australian Coat of Arms and will be self funded. Please forward your request for the NRAA Nomination Form to the NRAA office or to executive@nraa.com.au . Nomination Close 31st January 2012.

Nominations- NRAA Open Team- America Match 15 Aug 2012

Nominations are being called for persons to fill the positions of Coaches and shooter to compete in the 2012 America Match at Camp Perry. The America Match is an 8-person team match at 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards. Positions called for are , 1 Main Coach, 2 Coaches and 10 shooters. The team will wear the NRAA uniform and will be self funded. Please forward nominations to the NRAA office or to executive@nraa.com.au by COB 31st January 2012. Please note: Those who have expressed interest will need to confirm their nominations.

Nominations- AUSTRALIAN Under 25 Rifle Team, Australia Match , Barbados, May 2013.

Nominations are being called for persons to fill the positions of Captain, Manager , Coaches and shooters to compete in the 2013 Australian Under 25 Match in Barbados . Team composition is Captain, Manager/Adjutant, 5 Shooters, 1 Reserves, one Target Coaches. The Team will wear the Australian Coat of Arms and will be self funded. Please forward your request for the NRAA Nomination Form to the NRAA office or to executive@nraa.com.au . Nomination Close 31st January 2012.

John Fitzgerald
Chairman