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TRV News - December 2023

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Thought for the year ahead
'Every time you remember, forgive again.'

— *Anonymous*

FROM THE PRESIDENT – Julie Holcombe

Hello everyone, and welcome to the last newsletter for the year. A big thank you to Phil for managing this every quarter for us and keeping everyone informed and amused with his various jokes!!! Phil would love to make the newsletter more of a regular event, but this cannot happen without more input from individuals and clubs, so if you have anything newsy, blasts from the past, items to buy or sell or anything noteworthy about our sport, please get these to Phil, (editor@trv.org.au) it would be great to have more regular communications.

It has been another year that has gone by in a hurry, and we have managed to get through it all without too much issue.

Memberships are being issued now, so please bear with us as we send them out over the next few days. We have had issues in the past with some renewals going to your junk emails, so if you do not have an email from us in the next week, please check your spam and contact us if you feel it has not been received.

We have a number of changes for the new year, with the first big one being our state titles. These will now be split into 3 events throughout the year. An all-range championship being 20, 50, and 90 metres for bench and prone over 1 weekend, an RBA championship and an ISSF event incorporating our TRV 50 bench event. Please see our calendar for dates that have been set for these events.

Speaking of the calendar, Janey called for clubs to submit their event dates twice, and many have not come back to us, so as the calendar is now online and you feel your club is missing from this, please get onto Janey as soon as possible.

Our other change is entry fees to our pennants and postal events. These have not changed now for many years, and as in everything these days, the cost of medals and, in particular, pennant flags are soaring, and we need to ensure that these events are viable. Pennants will be going to \$60.00, and individual entries for events will vary between \$10.00 and \$15.00.

Our State titles at Stawell, and our presentation dinner were well received and had strong entries in bench and new juniors coming along. That was very pleasing, but my biggest disappointment for the whole year was that out of nearly 700 members, only 13 prone shooters attended this event. I am well aware that for some, travelling is now an expensive thing, and with our economic climate, it is not a priority. However, for our sport, it is a huge worry that people seem to be losing the passion for shoulder-to-shoulder competition.

From this, I would love to get some feedback from everyone as to how we can tackle this from TRV level and also club level. I would like to call our Frankston club as being a club that leads the way in attending events in good numbers with a very healthy attitude to competition and club passion. You should have seen them all at the state dinner in their club tee shirts! They lead the way in this and encourage everyone to join in and enjoy our sport. It would be great if more clubs could emulate them and increase our numbers. I don't

think Frankston would mind if you contacted them to see what they get up to at club level to foster this great attitude.

It is not only shoulder-to-shoulder events suffering; many of our postal comps this year suffered, with some not even attracting a single entry. If we don't get an increase in this area over the next 12 months we will need to seriously look at our competition program to see if we need to cull some events. This is something I really do not want to have to do, but if interest is not there, we may have no choice.

We did get some feedback, however that the marathon match did not run this year. Unfortunately, this boils down to only one thing. We do not have an Outdoor Convenor to manage all of our outdoor events. Currently, our state titles are managed by Neil Davis, who does the ISSF events; John Hopkins handles the Warren Potent events, and I did the States in Stawell, and Chris Preston took on the outdoor pennants. If we had not stepped up to do this on top of our other roles, these events would not have happened.

We have called for expressions of interest many times for this position of Outdoor Convenor to no avail, and would desperately like to get it filled. Please reach out if you would like to help at an event or take on 1 event to see what is involved to help us out.

No more complaining from me; I still love the sport and want to see it thrive. We will be attending the Shot Show next year in October, waving the TRV banner to attract more interest and, hopefully, members. If you would like to attend and help us man our display, which will include air rifle, please let us know, and a time and shift can be arranged.

We are now only a week or so away from Christmas, and it's time to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a very safe time on our roads if travelling, and I look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year back in clubs enjoying our sport and company. Best Wishes from myself and everyone on TRV Council and in Convenor roles, and enjoy the holiday break.

TRV MEMBERSHIP PRICING 2024

FULL-YEAR MEMBER 01/01/2024-31/12/2024	NEW HALF-YEAR MEMBER 01/07/2024 – 31/12/2024
Membership Types	Cost
Senior	\$180.00
Family	\$310.00
Junior	\$125.00
Age Pensioner	\$125.00
Concession	\$125.00
Sub-Junior	\$105.00
Non-Shooter	\$93.00
School Program	\$40.00
	Cost
	\$90.00
	\$155.00
	\$65.00
	\$65.00
	\$65.00
	\$53.00
	\$47.00
	N/A

Membership type definitions:

A] Family membership is available for husband and wife or partners and their student children under 21 years of age

B] Junior membership be available to those whose 21st birthday falls after the commencement of the membership year

C] Sub-Junior membership be available to those whose 16th birthday falls after the commencement of the financial year

D] Age pensioner/Vic pensioner/Student concession be available to those holding one of the following: Centrelink pensioner card, Centrelink Health care card, DVA pensioner concession card for the holder of Gold, White or Orange cards and full-time secondary or tertiary student cards.

E] Non-shooting membership is available to those who wish to join a small-bore club but do not shoot.

F] School program membership be available to a secondary school student who is part of a specific school-based program approved, administered and delivered by a recognised educational institution that has provided a letter from the School Principal indicating the school has approval from its overseeing authority for the operation of the program as part of the school's sports program or be of school age and participating in the after schools junior program (air rifle only).

G] and all other members be senior members

TARGET RIFLE VICTORIA EFT DETAILS:

BSB: 013-755

A/C 451 656 834

Now read and act on this below.

NB In accordance with our Constitution and By-laws - if you have not paid your dues on or before December 31 2023, **this December**, then you are not eligible to be registered to participate in **any** TRV competitions until all dues have been paid.

This means that if you have not paid in full on or before December 31, any registration to participate in an event cannot even be considered by TRV or, in particular, the Competitions Officer.

Until you are fully paid up, you are **NOT YET A MEMBER OF TRV**, and, therefore, cannot be included in, especially, competitions that start early in the New Year.

In other words, if you want to be included in competitions that commence close to the beginning of the year, then you **MUST** be a paid-up member **by** the 31st of December, 2023.

Other issues arise if you are not paid up, including your insurance, firearm licence requirements, ability to compete, and possible difficulties for your club if an incident were to occur involving an uninsured shooter.

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The Wangaratta Small Bore Rifle Club have had an increase of members over the recent few months. As such, some of these members are interested in

acquiring some Anschutz target rifles. The budget goes from about \$500.00 to about \$2000.00 for the right rifle.

Suggest the minimum should be an Anschutz Model 1407 or above.

We are looking for 3 or four Right Handed rifles with sights, hand stops, etc.

If any of our TRV members are willing to sell, please contact Adrian Bourke, whose contact details are 0418307974 or bourke.adrian.j@gmail.com
Thank you, Adrian Bourke.

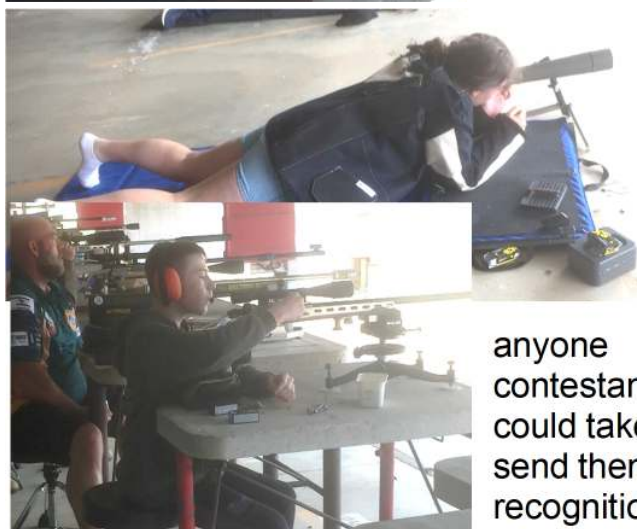
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Youngsters are our future.

A TRV competition was held at Stawell over the weekend of 2-3 December. Here are some photos of up-and-coming youngsters. I know many other boys and girls are taking up the sport, but the two mentioned below were the only ones brought to my attention on the day – Phil.



Darcee Young of the Sale club was shooting for MISC and is just fourteen. She shot her last bench rest competition on the Saturday. It was her last because she is now moving over, make that down, to prone shooting exclusively. We wish you all the best in your abilities.



Here's Laura Sneddon. She was representing the Namurkah club, and she is only sixteen and is a lass going places.

We all should ensure young people are encouraged and supported in their endeavours. When anyone sees these prospective Olympic contestants in action, it would be great if you could take photos, write a short description, and send them to editor@trv.org.au to give them the recognition they deserve.

←-- Unfortunately, I didn't get this lad's name or club – my apologies, Phil.

Bring on the young!!

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There's a new policy regarding Prone shooters.

If you're over 70 years or have a relevant medical certificate you can now shoot prone from a Bench Rest position

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2024

50 METRE PRONE PENNANT

Entries for the 50 Metre Prone Pennant are now open.

All participating clubs must be affiliated with TRA.
All team members must be financial.

This is a Ten (10) round competition of Twenty (20) shots per round.
Round One Week commencing Monday January 29, 2024

Entry fee: First Team \$60.00. Each additional team \$30.00

Teams will consist of Four (4) members, with Three (3) to count. Up to Seven (7) members may be nominated to the team. Other shooters named on the entry form may compete for individual prizes but may not compete in the team. Shooters with no TRV Grade for this event must supply their last three scores or they will not be accepted into the team

Teams will be graded using the three highest averages from those named in the team.

Note: Interstate Competitors, you MUST supply your First and Last Name, Date of Birth, Gender and local State registration number, if you cannot provide this information you will NOT be able to enter the competition. Also, if you would like any prizes sent, you will need to provide a postal address.

Competition stickers are to be placed behind any competition aiming mark or for Electronic targets on the printer strip before commencing. All target cards/printer strips MUST be completed with Shooter Name, Membership Number, Signature and Date and have Witness Name and Signature.

TRV Competitions Policy, Australian Supplementary Rules and ISSF Rules will apply.

All teams are to nominate a scorer and that person is to score the targets and return the scores to the competition officer by email before the end of the Monday following the end of the shooting week for that round. All scored targets and electronic target printer strips are to be retained by the scorer for random checking by the Jury nominated for the event. These checks may be via a visit to the club or by having the cards posted to the Juror. All results shall be interim until the Jury has completed the checks.

Awards: The winning team in each section will receive a Pennant Flag. And each team member will receive a prize.

Individual: Overall top eight

1st, 2nd and 3rd in A, B, C & D grades

1st, 2nd & 3rd in Junior (under 21), Sub Junior (under 16) and Veteran.

Please send entry forms/Cheques to: TRV Indoor Convenor

PO Box 393
Warrnambool VIC 3280

Or Direct Debit to BSB: 013 755 Account: 4516 56834

Ref: 50m Prone Pennant & Club Name
... Also send Proof of Payment if Direct Debited, stickers WILL NOT be sent until payment is made ...

Enquiries: Tel: 0409 141 017 or email: indoor@trv.org.au

Entries Close: **Sunday 7th January 2024. No late entries accepted.**

TRV Indoor Convenor PO Box 393 Warrnambool VIC 32840 Enquiries: Phone: 0409 141 017 Email: indoor@trv.org.au

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2024 Captain's 1500 50m Benchrest Postal

(6 x 25 shot TRV 50m Benchrest Targets)

**Entries are currently open and completed cards to be returned no later than
Sunday March 31st, 2022**

Entry is **open to any financial member of TRV** or TRA affiliates.

Competition stickers will be issued upon receipt of entry

Competition stickers are to be placed behind any competition aiming mark.

Targets: Consecutive Pre-Numbered TRV 50metre Benchrest Targets

Targets available from Robert Spratt (03) 5664 2358

Email: rob.roz@bigpond.com

All cards **MUST** be completed with Shooter Name, Member Number, Shooter Signature,
Date and Witness Name and Signature

And returned unscored and ungauged, any irregularities are to be explained.

TRV Competitions Policy, Australian Supplementary Rules and ISSF Rules will apply.

Awards:

Gold, Silver & Bronze for Open, Veteran, Junior, Sub Junior & Grades applicable

Entries & Completed cards to:

Indoor Convenor Chris Preston

P.O. Box 393
Warrnambool VIC 3280
Email : indoor@trv.org.au

Entry fee \$15.00

Any shooter without a state grading must supply their last 3 scores

Payment by Chq to be sent with entries or alternatively BPay directly to TRV

BSB 013 755

Acc 4516 56834 Ref: Cap1500 and your TRV Membership No.

... Also send Proof of Payment if Direct Debited, stickers WILL NOT be sent until payment is made ...

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2024 STATE 20 METRE POSTALS

Prone (6 x 10 shot consecutively numbered TRV 20m prone targets)

Benchrest (3 x 20 shot consecutively numbered TRV 20m benchrest targets)

Benchrest Air Rifle (3 x 20 shot consecutively numbered TRV 20m benchrest targets)

Entries are currently open and completed targets must be returned no later than the 31st of March 2024

Entry is open to any financial member of TRV or TRA affiliates.

Competition stickers will be issued upon receipt of entry

Competition stickers are to be placed behind any competition aiming mark.

All cards **MUST** be completed with Shooter Name, Member Number, Shooter Signature, Date and Witness Name and Signature

And returned unscored and ungauged, any irregularities are to be explained.

TRV Competitions Policy, Australian Supplementary Rules and ISSF Rules will apply.

Awards:

Badges 1st to 8th

Gold, Silver & Bronze for Open, Veteran, Junior, Sub Junior & Grades applicable

Completed cards to be returned to Indoor Convenor by 31th March 2023

Entry fee \$15.00 per discipline

Any shooter without a state grading must supply their last 3 scores

Payment by Chq to be sent with entries or alternatively BPay directly to TRV

Ref: eg. Benchrest Postal and your TRV Membership No.

... Also send Proof of Payment if Direct Debited, stickers WILL NOT be sent until payment is made ...

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Grant Funding Opens Doors for MISC.

By Kim Frazer

I came up with the idea to apply for a grant to improve disability access to our ranges after seeing the difficulties our “wheelie” athletes had getting around our club, particularly when carting their gear. When the applications opened for the Shooting Sports Facilities Round 4 Grants program in December 2020, Melbourne International Shooting Club started to pull together an application for a grant to install automatic doors to improve accessibility to the ranges and clubroom. While the club was unsuccessful on that occasion, our team met with SRV to find out what improvements we could make to our application when the Round 5 program became available. Our application was modified based on that feedback, and we reapplied. In August 2022 we were excited to get the word that our application was successful. We were sworn to secrecy until the minister made the official announcements, which came a couple of months later.

Once the contracts were signed with SRV in late October and after the formal announcements were made, our project manager Jo Rudman organised a meeting with suppliers to co-ordinate the timing of the installation. This was scheduled to commence in February 2023 and was planned to run over a three-day period with each of the suppliers committing to the timeline.

Despite locking in prices with the suppliers as soon as we received word that our application was successful, the total project cost was more than originally anticipated. Consequently, the contribution from MISC was more than originally planned. This was due in part to the delay between obtaining the original quotes for inclusion in the grant application, and grant acceptance – a period of about 9 months - and in part because of the increases in material costs which affected the entire building trade in 2022. Nevertheless, the club’s committee fully supported the project and approved the additional expenditure.

While the original concept was to assist shooters with a disability with gaining easier access to the club room and shooting ranges, and to grow our membership in this category, our members and visitors have all found the new automated sliding doors a great benefit. It has made accessing the ranges in particular much easier as they manage the range of equipment shooters generally carry around with them to practice and competitions.

The door settings have also allowed us to program a range of settings to enable easier access to the facilities on event days for visitors.

I caught up with Victorian Amateur Pistol Association (VAPA) President Bob Maddocks when he visited MISC for the VAPA Postal Finals in August and asked him what he thought of the project. He said, "I am very impressed with the new electronic doors." These will suit MISC in their endeavours to encourage more Para Athletes into our sport".

The benefits of this change were borne out during the MISC Grand Prix in September when Scottie Brydon of Queensland visited the club for the first time since the completion of the project. Scottie was most impressed and described the improved accessibility as "fantastic". He also took the time to advise me on a couple of areas where we could improve the access even further.

MISC President Nicholas Camera stated, "The MISC grants team of Gerry Butler, Jo Rudman, Jason Grogan and Kim Frazer did an exceptional amount of work to bring this project to fruition. It is terrific to see that the end result is appreciated by both our members and visitors to our range and clubroom."

On behalf of MISC, we are grateful to the SRV team and the VAPA Grants Co-ordinator Paul Jenner for their support and assistance with this project. We also thank the Victorian Government for the grants program, which made this improvement to our club possible.



Main Clubroom entrance door.

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In February 2022, I, Shelley Lask, was feeling adrift. Having trod water through the lockdown years and approaching my 40s, I felt like I'd ticked off most of the items on my bucket list and wasn't sure what to look forward to. So, I joined a rifle club. Trying something new that was outside my comfort zone and with different people, might give me a broader perspective and forward momentum, I thought. And when I'd made a list of all the weird and wonderful things I could try, target shooting was something I knew nothing about and seemed completely unlike anything else I had done. I wanted to be a fish out of water, so it was set. I needed a new challenge in my life. So, I joined my local rifle club. Joining my shooting range led me to a new community. I looked online and was surprised to see there was a rifle club in Sandringham, the suburb where I used to go swimming as a teenager. I wondered how I had not seen it before. When I first walked into the small clubroom, I wasn't sure what to expect. There were a few, mostly older, men sitting around chatting, and a dog lying on the floor wagging her tail. The club had existed since 1900 and the clubroom since 1915, and the walls were full of history. Joining led me to a new community pennant flag won in 1919, a wooden plaque with names written in gold to honour club members

who had died in World War I, a trophy donated by the parents of a club member who died a prisoner of war in World War II. Most of the other members, I quickly learned, were called Graham or Dave. The older members, some who have been a part of the club for decades, began telling me about the history of the suburb, how milk was delivered by horse and cart, how the park used to be a tip, and before that, a creek. How you used to be able to buy a rifle at the shops, and about how the culture and attitudes towards the sport have changed over time. Our club used to have hundreds of members, now we have fewer than 20. They told me how every suburb used to have a rifle club, mostly next to train stations, but one by one they've all closed down. That first night, I was given an old shooting jacket to try on, taken through the safety rules and set up with a rifle and target on the range. I was supervised and talked through everything step by step. Handling a rifle felt so strange and unfamiliar at first, but what really surprised me was how calming the actual shooting part was. You notice your body's positioning, scan for and release unnecessary tension, settle your breathing and line up the sights, take two deep breaths, pause during the second exhale and gently squeeze the trigger while keeping your focus on your target. In the same way as meditation, when I settle in to shoot, I notice whether my mind is noisy or quiet, whether my lower back is clenched up, whether my breathing has become shallow. The range itself is very small, so most of the night is usually spent in the clubroom, patting the dog (who belongs to one of the Grahams), and taking turns going onto the range. Joining my shooting range led me to a new community. The members are a mixed bunch, so we don't all share the same life experiences or politics. But it's been heartening to form relationships with people I might not have otherwise. The senior members have been unfailingly generous in sharing their time and knowledge – often they come to the club just for social connection or to help new members. While some of them would likely flinch at a word like "inclusion", their actions speak differently. We usually lie on our bellies when shooting, but they've fashioned a set-up for a member who can't get up and down from the ground. Whenever the men coach me, they ask before coming into my personal space to adjust my rifle strap or help with something else I'm still learning, without ever being patronising. I've learned a lot from them, and not just about shooting. Joining my shooting range led me to a new community. Not everything about the club is perfect, of course, but for me, going there feels like stepping into and connecting with a little piece of history. This place has allowed me to move through my period of feeling adrift and now, one of the things I want to achieve is getting another flag in the clubroom. Rifle shooting was once a common sport for women in Australia, Joining my shooting range led me to a new community. The club has little funding and many expenses, and the land is likely to be swallowed up by a train extension down the track. But for now, it's held together by a mix of the old and the new - rifles donated by past members, young members who know how to set up video screens, volunteers, sausage sizzle fundraisers, friends, together all forming a community. Shelley Lask is a personal trainer, and will compete in her first pennants later this year. Shelley is a personal trainer and avid gardener

I (Editor) can't vouch for the veracity of these facts, but I'm sure they're correct???

1. Did you know that there are more stars in the universe than grains of sand on all the beaches on Earth? Yep, wrap your head around that! With an estimated 100 billion galaxies out there, each containing billions of stars, the numbers are just mind-boggling. It really puts things into perspective, doesn't it?

2. Here's another one for you: time travel is technically possible! According to Albert Einstein's theory of relativity, time can be stretched or dilated depending on your speed and gravity. So, if you were to travel near the speed of light or near a black hole, time would move slower for you compared to someone back on Earth. Pretty trippy stuff, right?

3. Ever wonder why flamingos are pink? Well, it's all because of their diet! Flamingos eat a lot of shrimp and other small crustaceans that contain a pigment called carotenoid. This pigment gets deposited in their feathers, giving them that iconic pink hue. So, next time you see a flamingo, remember that it's all about what they eat!

4. Get this: honey never spoils! Archaeologists have discovered pots of honey in ancient Egyptian tombs that are over 3,000 years old and still perfectly edible. Thanks to its low water content and acidic pH, honey creates an inhospitable environment for bacteria and other microorganisms to grow. Talk about nature's ultimate preservative!

5. Have you ever heard of the Baader-Meinhof phenomenon? It's when you learn or notice something new, and suddenly you start seeing it everywhere. For example, let's say you learn about a rare breed of dog called the Tibetan Mastiff. Suddenly, you start noticing Tibetan Mastiffs on TV, in magazines, and even on the street. It's like the universe is playing a cosmic joke on you!

6. Last but not least, did you know that your brain is more active at night than during the day? It might seem counterintuitive, but while you're sleeping, your brain is hard at work processing and consolidating information from the day. So, the next time someone calls you a night owl, just tell them you're maximising your brain's potential!

These mind-blowing facts barely scratch the surface of all the incredible things out there. The world is full of wonders waiting to be explored and understood. So, keep your curiosity alive and never stop seeking knowledge!

I hope you found these facts as mind-blowing as I did. Remember to always stay curious and keep learning!

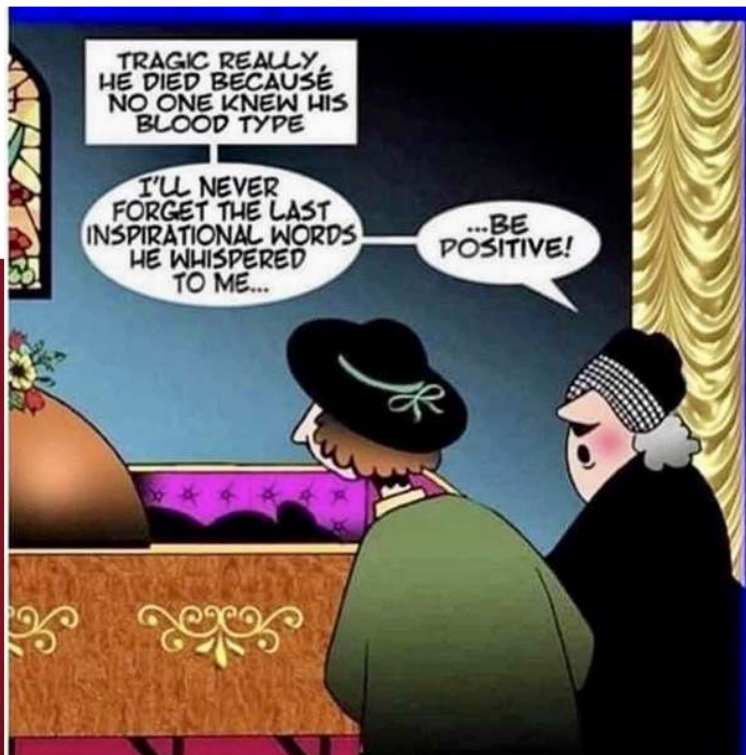
1. The greatest threat towards the future is indifference.
2. He who hesitates is not only lost, but miles from the next exit.
3. Conscience is what hurts when everything else feels so good.
4. The human race is faced with a cruel choice: work or daytime television.
5. If I ever needed a brain transplant, I'd choose a teenager's because I'd want a brain that had never been used.

6. If the car industry had progressed as much as the computer industry over the last 30 years, a Rolls-Royce would cost \$5, get 300 miles per gallon, and blow up once a year killing all passengers inside.
7. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.
8. If you're not part of the solution, then you're part of the problem.
9. Include the success of others in your dreams for your own success.
10. It may be that your whole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
11. Just because your doctor has a name for your condition doesn't mean he knows what it is.
12. Keep your head and your heart going in the right direction and you will not have to worry about your feet.
13. The light at the end of the tunnel is usually a "No Exit" sign.
14. Life would be so much easier if everyone read the manual.
15. Like winter snow on the summer lawn, time past is time gone.
16. Knock, Knock. "Who's there?" Opportunity. "Don't be silly - opportunity doesn't knock twice!"

Being in a relationship is about solving problems together. Problems you would not have if you were single.







Did you know on the Canary Islands there is not one canary? And on the Virgin Isles? Same thing - not one canary there either!

- What happened to him?***
- I told him he was right and that it was my fault.



We hope you all have a wonderful and happy Christmas and New Year. Please stay safe and well.