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Here's a little bit of housekeeping. If you do that old thing called 'writing cheques' to TRV, please write the full name of **Target Rifle Victoria** on the payee line. It becomes very complicated to lodge or cash cheques that only have TRV; the bank will no longer accept **TRV**, so please clearly specify the actual name "**Target Rifle Victoria**".

In the same vein, when our clubs or members make a deposit into a bank or banking agency, please email treasurer@trv.org.au with a quick note explaining what the deposit is for.

Sometimes, a deposit is made without indicating who it is from and what it is for. This makes it very difficult for our treasurer to reconcile bank accounts.

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A heads up – TRV clothing will soon be available. As well as other items, there will be caps and beanies for you to buy. More on this soon.

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Life Membership of BERC for Jim Hocking

When the Ballarat East Rifle Club (BERC) celebrated Christmas in December last year (I've always thought December was a good time to celebrate Christmas), the members presented Jim Hocking with a well-deserved **Certificate of Life Membership**.

Jim is our secretary. He works tirelessly within our Club and for the TRV council. At last, his unflagging efforts and dedication to BERC have been recognised. The members of BERC congratulate you, Jim, and thank you for all your tireless work.



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From the Judging Convenor.

We have recently reviewed the 20m bench rest pennant competition targets from a number of clubs.

In most cases the targets were accurately scored but there were some areas where some improvement is needed.

The main area of deficiency is in the recording of the results of gauged shots. It is a requirement that any shot hole gauged have recorded the score, an indication as to whether the shot is in or out and the initials of those making the decision. The main reason for this is that a gauge may only be inserted once into a shot hole. If there is no indication that a shot has been gauged then on review that shot can have a gauge inserted and the score may change.

Scorers are reminded that the value of all close shots should be determined using a gauge.

Scorers are also reminded that the scoring of targets should be undertaken in a well-lit area with the target on a suitable horizontal frame which will allow a gauge to be fully inserted with no side pressure. An approved ISSF gauge and a magnifier should also be available.

If your club does not have an approved .22 gauge or a magnifier, or if you have any other queries, please get in touch with Dennis Peacock at judging@trv.org.au

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**We live in a time where
intelligent people are
being silenced so that
stupid people won't
be offended.**

HELP WANTED – NOW, please.

Dear Shooters,

Mildura Smallbore Rifle Club hold the Northwest Victorian Championships each June long weekend. This is usually a well-attended and enjoyable weekend.

Unfortunately, this year with a combination of health issues and travel commitments we are severely struggling to find enough “workers” to run this shoot.

We should have enough members attending to run the 2 ranges but we definitely do not have enough people to score the targets.

We are asking for some committed volunteers who can work in the scoring room during the shoot.

If we cannot find some helpers, the shoot will have to be cancelled for 2024.

If you can help us in the scoring room, please let Alan Collins – 0408 147 840 or myself msbrcsecretary@gmail.com know.

A final decision as to whether the shoot goes ahead will have to be made by Easter (1 week)

Thanks
David Yudkin
MSBRC Event Organiser
Ph. 0403 025 703



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R U NOT RECEIVING RENEWAL EMAILS?

Richard Manzin has been receiving quite a lot of queries from people who are not receiving emails for renewals.

They have been sending them out from about the 6th December to the 20th December in small batches as our Web Provider has limited how many they can send in a day.

All members, please look at emails around these dates, including in JUNK and SPAM folders, as they can be associated with a demand for money in some email receipt programs.

Regards
Richard Manzin
TRV Membership officer

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WANTED: PRONE SPOTTING SCOPE. I'm getting back into prone and I'm after a decent spotting scope on a bipod. If you're wanting to offload one, please let me know at somewhere_in_victoria@yahoo.com. Neil Jenkins

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WHERE DID OUR CLUB COME FROM?

Eltham Small-bore Rifle Club 117

In September 1957, a meeting was held at the home of W Ambrose. Present at the meeting were Ms Fry, Ms Divic, I Harvey, E Ambrose, J Hawkins, J Doherty, K Doherty, I Boysh. B Harvey, K Davidson, D Davies, K Holt, D Fry, J Hawkins, J Huntly, C Havey, K Kaysh, L Dale, and K Dale.

The purpose of the meeting was to elect office bearers for the Eltham Rifle Club.

The next item of business was moved by Mr Davis, seconded by Mr Davidson, that the Club be known as the ELTHAM SMALL BORE RIFLE CLUB 117.

At the same meeting, a Social Club was formed. The first item to raffle off was fire wood in order to raise money for construction of the Club House.

On the 31st October 1957 a letter was written to the Railways regarding a site for the Range. At the same meeting a visit was organised to go to Camberwell to inspect their facilities.

Negotiations were still taking place for a site and Club building with the Railways.

At a meeting on the 7th August 1958 a site was selected West of the Eltham Railway Station.

At the same meeting a building was obtained from the Kew RSL CLUB ,which had to be dismantled and transferred to Eltham site.

Ammunition to the Club Members at the time was ten shillings per 100 rounds for Civis

On the 3rd March 1959 ,plans and specifications where submitted to the Railways Department , and the supervisor of Rifle Rangers for approval.

Any member of the Club may purchase a debenture, or a life membership by making five monthly payments of Two Pounds . The full amount of Ten Pound for either a debenture or life membership to be paid within six months.

After many ,many working bees ,the first meeting was held in the Club rooms on the 18th July 1960.

Mr Ambrose and J Bellfield both have promised to supply spoons as trophies for the beginning of 1960 Club competitions ,continuing to prosper in the new millennium.

John Hopkins

President Eltham Small bore Rifle Club 117

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Vale Ron Hamilton

Camberwell was saddened in January this year to hear of the passing of Ron Hamilton after a six-month battle with Cancer.

Ron came to Camberwell in 2004 after being a member of Essendon SBRC for many years.

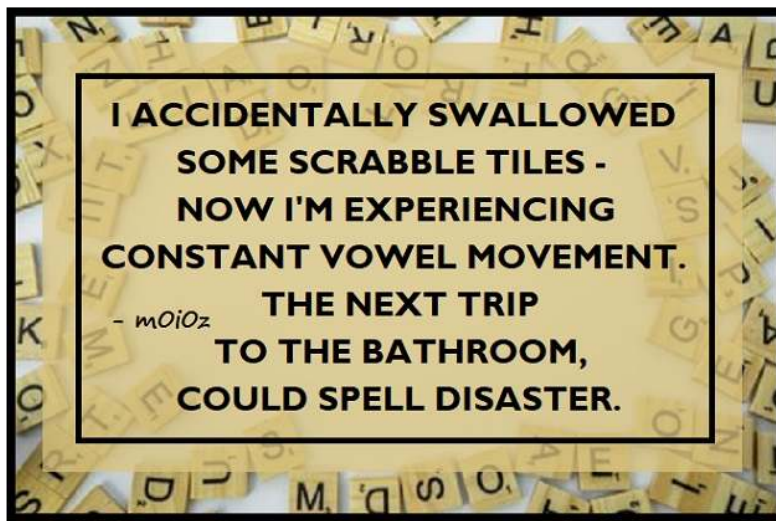
In his time at Camberwell, he served as President and Club Captain and was a great club member, barely missing a week of shooting in all his time here.

Ron was also instrumental in setting up Bench Rest shooting at Camberwell and would go on to be one of the best Bench shooters in the State, regularly winning postal competitions and shoulder-to-shoulder prize meetings, and we lost count of the 200s he shot each year at the Club.

Outside of shooting, Ron worked for Australia Post most of his working life, and he had a green thumb for gardening, with his house full of cacti and Bonsai trees.



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IMMUTABLE LAWS OF NATURE

Law of Mechanical Repair -

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch, and you'll have to pee.

2. Law of Gravity -

Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

3. Law of Probability -

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

4. Law of Random Numbers -

If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.

5. Variation Law -

If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

6. Law of the Bath -

When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.

8. Law of the Result -

When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!

9. Law of Biomechanics -

The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

10. Law of the Theater & Hockey Arena -

At any event, the people whose seats are farthest from the aisle always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

11. The Coffee Law -

As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something that will last until the coffee is cold.

12. Murphy's Law of Lockers -

If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

13. Law of Physical Surfaces -

The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

14. Law of Logical Argument -

Anything is possible IF you don't know what you are talking about.

16. Law of Public Speaking --

A CLOSED MOUTH GATHERS NO FEET!

17. Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy -

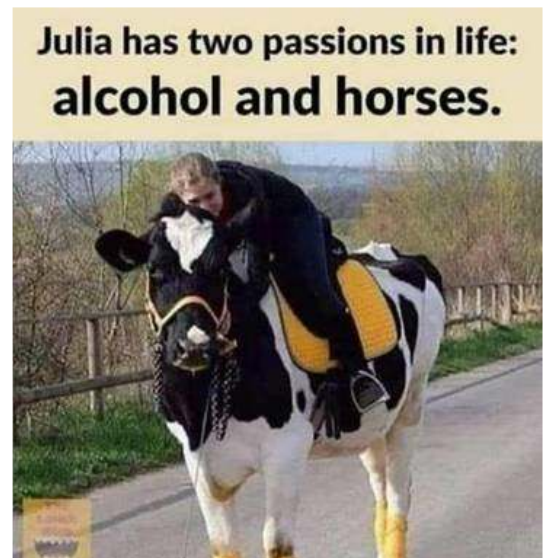
As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it, OR the store will stop selling it!

18. Doctors' Law - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor. By the time you get there, you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment, and you'll stay sick.

Thoughts to ponder.

1. The less you say, the more your words will matter.
2. Don't take everything personally. Not everyone thinks about you as much as you do.

3. When you focus on problems, you'll have more problems.
4. When you focus on possibilities, you'll have more opportunities.
5. No matter how much it hurts now, someday, you will look back and realise your struggle changed your life for the better.
6. There will always be a reason why you meet people.
7. Either you need them to change your life, or you're the one that will change theirs.
8. Never be afraid to try something new because life gets boring when you stay within the limits of what you already know.
9. When you are ignored by someone whose attention means the most to you, the reaction in your brain will be similar to physical pain.
10. Sometimes, you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.
11. Once you begin to take note of the things you are grateful for, you begin to lose sight of the things that you lack.
12. If you do not have control over your mouth, you will not have control over your future.
13. Life is a mirror and will reflect to the thinker what he thinks into it.
14. Life is ten per cent what happens to you and ninety per cent how you respond to it.
15. The only person you have to face in the morning is yourself.
16. Nothing feels as good as something you do from the heart.
17. You are a reflection of the 5 people you spend the most time with.
18. Your potential is directly correlated to how well you know yourself.
19. Stop telling people everything; most people don't care, and some secretly want you to fail.
20. Stay away from people who make you feel lonely. No company is better than a Bad Company.
21. It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for something you are not.
22. Not everyone will like you - that's life.
23. Focus on you; people come and go...





At the Test Centre
Nurse: Have you experienced a sudden loss of taste?
Me: No, I've always dressed this way.. 🤪





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For your information, a ?! is called a terrabang.

Stay well, and straight shooting everyone.
Phil Green - Editor