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TRV News - June 2023

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English is weird. It can be understood through tough thorough thought, though.

**Don't forget – Congress this year will be held on Sunday
9th of July in Leongatha
Leongatha will be hosting a competition there on
Saturday 8th of July**

Quote of the day

'Strength is the capacity to break a chocolate bar into four pieces with your bare hands - and then eat just one of the pieces.'

— Judith Viorst

From the President

Welcome to our current newsletter.

A couple of things I wish to raise with all our members.

Firstly, most clubs will have received from us by now a free bottle of D Lead soap for use in their clubs. If you have not received a bottle please let me know and we can arrange a delivery, possibly at Congress.

TRV are now selling this soap product and orders can be placed with myself at president@trv.org.au

Price is \$9.00 per bottle. I urge all clubs to be proactive in ensuring good hygiene for all members and visitors as this will form part of Environmental practices moving forward.

Secondly Council has decided to alter the way we run our State Titles next year.

To ensure a more even spread of events that we currently manage, and to take pressure away from the number of Volunteers it takes to run so many disciplines it has been agreed to run 3 events next year on a trial basis and seek feedback at the end of the year to see if shooters enjoy and are happy to continue.

RBA State Title.

A full RBA title, rather than trying to incorporate RBA matches into the current format with our Stage 1 Title usually held end of Feb.

ISSF State Title.

This will incorporate all ISSF events, Air 3p prone and TRV 50m Bench.

All Range State Title

This will be a full 20, 50, and 90m match for both Prone and Bench.

Dates are yet to be locked in as we are exploring a long weekend for the RBA matches, a possible May date for the ISSF events and end of year for the All Range Event. This will also incorporate our end of year State Dinner and presentation night.

Our plan is to hold the ISSF event at MISC, and all other events to be shared around our regional ranges that are capable of holding such an event.

For Example, the All Range Event can only be held at either Geelong, Stawell or Warrnambool.

This leaves Frankston, Shepparton, Hamilton, Wangaratta and Kyabram as possible ranges for the RBA matches, as well as the above 3 ranges just mentioned. I hope I haven't forgotten any range or club and I apologise if I have.

In light of this the Northcote Trophy this year will be a combination of 50m scores from Stage 1 title shot at MISC in Feb and the 20 and 90m events that will be held at Stawell at State Title part 2.

Next year the Northcote trophy will be shot over the full weekend of the all range championships.

Our State Title Part 2 this year will be held at Stawell and will be run as an All Range Event of 20, 50, and 90m. This will all be shot on paper targets.

I hope that you will embrace this change and give it a fair trial for the year, and we can take your feedback to see if it can continue in the format.

Over to you.

On the Ammunition front we are still finding it tough at times to source products, with Eley this year being able to give us a constant supply, RWS products will become available hopefully late July with prices yet to be set and unfortunately Lapua and SK products seemingly unavailable for the rest of the year at a guess. Watch this space and I will advise when new product arrives.

Please enjoy the rest of the Newsletter and I look forward to seeing as many of you at the upcoming Congress at Leongatha on Sunday 9th July, and don't forget to take the opportunity to shoot the day before at the Leongatha Prize Meeting on Saturday 8th July.

See you then.

Best Regards Julie

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Here we go again! I, Phil, the editor, had this below in our March newsletter. With us now over 5 months into the year, we are still having shooters who are **still** not financial, trying to get into pennant teams. This makes the workload on the indoor convenor enormous in trying to chase shooters and clubs to ensure memberships are paid. It's an extra burden, not to mention the risk of non-compliance for insurance cover at club level if any incident occurs.

Membership is an individual responsibility, and if you feel you have not received your renewal, please let Secretary Janey know via secretary@trv.org.au so it can be reissued.

NB In accordance with our Constitution and By-laws - if you have not paid your dues on or before December 31 of the relevant year, 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 was to occur involving an uninsured shooter.

From President Julie

Dear All,

Target Rifle Australia has been liaising with Shooting Australia to conduct a Coach Educator workshop for member organisations with the objective of increasing the number of coach education course presenters across the country.

The date for the coach educator course has been set for 9/10th September 2023.

At this stage, Shooting Australia is looking at holding it in Melbourne, with the course being facilitated by Tricia Van Nus.

TRA has up to 4 positions available, and it would be preferable that the candidates attending come from VIC, NSW and SA, as the TRA Coaching Committee has identified these states as having the greatest need for coaching course facilitators.

Accordingly, TRA requests that the executive management committees/boards of TRSA, TRV and NSW SARAI nominate a candidate to attend the course at your earliest convenience, preferably before the next TRA Ltd Board meeting (scheduled for 1st June 2023).

TRV is of the understanding that there will be no costs to the participants as costs for this course will be covered by financial commitments from both TRA Ltd and Shooting Australia.

And further

SCORING COURSE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Following the successful scoring course held last year, we have had several requests for this to be run again.

If anyone is interested in doing this course, please send your expression of interest to president@trv.org.au, and we will plan a day when we receive sufficient interest. Thank you

I will endeavour to get some more info to you soon.

Cheers Julie.

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A MESSAGE TO ALL CLUBS

Adding up team scores on the score sheet.

Hi Benchrest Competitors, just a small request. Can the returning officer for the 50m Benchrest teams please add up the team score on the scoring sheet?

This will help Spratty heaps with entering the scores correctly, as it's a good cross reference.

Thank you, and straight shooting.

Regards

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To all Shooters.

This year we, TRV, are holding the Dual Range State Titles at Stawell on the 2nd and 3rd of December.

The State Dinner will be held on the Saturday night of 2nd December at the Magdala Motor Inn.

We have booked the whole restaurant for the evening. If you wish to partake for the evening, the Motel also has accommodation and the meal will be a set menu with multiple choices across entrée mains and dessert with a full bar service provided. We request that drinks are paid for at the bar, and TRV will collect the meal money and pay for everyone rather than individual paying, which can get very messy.

To book a room, please call Rob on 03 5358 3877 and advise you are coming for the State Titles. He has removed his rooms from Booking websites to allow us first booking rights directly, which is very generous of him.

Please ensure once the entry flyer is available to indicate that you will be attending the dinner, as we need to have numbers confirmed 10 days prior to the event.

We are very grateful that Stawell is back up and running, and they are keen to show us all their improvements that they have made to their club rooms and range, and we hope as many as possible will come to our end-of-year dinner.

Remember, be there or be square.

Julie

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2023 20 METRE PRONE PENNANT

Entries for the 20 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 Ten (10) shots per round.

Round One Week commencing 12th June 2023

Entry fee: First team \$50.00. each additional team \$25.00

Teams will consist of Six (6) members, with Five (5) to count. Up to Ten (10) 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 four 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 before commencing. All cards MUST be completed with Shooter Name, TRV Number, Signature and Date and have Witness Name and Signature.

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

A new scoring process will be trialled for this event. 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 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.

Official TRV 20m Pre Numbered Targets to be used consecutively numbered for each round. 20 metre targets produced by TRV are available from Robert Spratt.

ph. 03 5664 2358 or email: targets@trv.org.au

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 to: TRV Indoor Convenor
PO Box 393
Warrnambool VIC 3280**

Payment: cheque payable to Target Rifle Victoria
Or: BSB 013 755
Account 4516 56834
Reference pennant club name

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

Entries Close: Friday May 19th, 2023. No late entries accepted.

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2023 20m PRONE PENNANT ENTRY FORM

Club

Return Postal Address

..... Post Code

Club Returning Officer.....

or targets, or ammo, or whatever. Do not blame TRV or the person or business that you paid the \$\$\$s to because it will be entirely YOUR fault and problem.

Get it? Got it? Good! (does anyone else remember Danny Kaye? Those were lines from one of his movies waay back).

And another warning!!!!

If anyone, at anytime, anywhere, wants you to have, or download, a program called 'anydesk', they are trying to **SCAM** you. That program gives them **FULL ACCESS** to your computer, and away goes all your money, and passwords, and secrets. You have been warned!

And yet another warning!!!!

I have just received a text message from an unknown number.
It said, Delighted to accept !
Thankyou 😊

I will absolutely **NOT** be responding to this in any way at all – it is the first part of a scam. Do not respond to these sorts of unexpected messages, as you could lose your entire life savings. You have been warned !!!!!!!!

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Now, another extremely important, no, vital really, reminder for those of us who enter into TRV postal competitions. We are in the third year now of the basic rules regarding certifying postal competition cards.

From the top of the left side information panel on the cards, they **MUST** be filled in and out with -

- Competitor** Your names, First and Last
 - Reg. No.** Your TRV number
 - Club** The club with which you're a registered member
 - Signature** Your signature
 - Witness** The **PRINTED** name of the person who witnessed that your card was shot in accordance with all the relevant rules, **AND** the **SIGNATURE** of that person. It is imperative that both the witness' signature and their **PRINTED** name be placed there. If **BOTH** are not there, then your card will **NOT** count in the competition.
 - Date** The date
 - Score** Whenever any card is to be scored by TRV or a TRV-approved scorer, as in Postal Comps, it is **NOT PERMITTED** for a scoring gauge to be within a bull's roar of that card.
- If you do not follow the above simple requirements, your perfect or otherwise score will not be accepted.

It is also a requirement that **TEAM** (as in Pennant) cards be numbered sequentially.

So, for **TEAMS**, each **round** is to be numbered sequentially, as in one number follows the next number. For an **INDIVIDUAL** comp each **ROUND** is to be sequential.

What that means is for a say, 6-round comp, it is similar to the following. –
Your **TEAM** of let's say, four, comprises Phil Green (PG), Julie Holcomb (JH), Trevor Clapp (TC), and Janey Preston (JP), and let's say that the numbers on the competition cards start randomly at 03718

So, the card numbers would be, for instance, and merely as an example –

- Round 1**
- PG 03718
- JH 03719
- TC 03720
- JP 03721

- Round 2**
- PG 03722
- JH 03723
- TC 03724
- JP 03725

- Round 3**
- PG 03726
- JH 03727
- TC 03728
- JP 03729

And so on through the rounds and through the card numbers.

If you are an **INDIVIDUAL** in a, let's say four round postal competition, you would need to use numbered cards as in:-

- Round 1 - Card Number 54321
- Round 2 – Card Number 54322
- Round 3 – Card Number 54323
- Round 4 – Card Number 54324

If you do not follow the above simple requirements, your perfect or otherwise score will not be accepted.

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As I've grown older. I've learned that pleasing everyone is impossible, but pissing everyone off is a piece of cake.

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Warrnambool Coastal Classic.

Held on Saturday 22nd April. The weather was perfect, and the breeze was slight. Not the usual weather for any shoot in Warrnambool.

90m was shot first on the Saturday morning. We had competitors in Prone, Benchrest, and Class 1 (bunny rifle).

- Janey Preston from Warrnambool beat her own state record. She shot 600.22.
- Darcee Young from Sale set a Sub-junior record for 90m bench 591.11.
- Rob Howell, a member of the Apollo Bay Club, took out the 90m prone.
- Ross Buzolich, a member of Warrnambool, won the 90m Class 1.
- After lunch, the range was reset to 50m.
- Richard Lightfoot won the 50m Benchrest.
- Neil Davis took out 50m Prone.

During the course of the day, 10m air-supported and air-standing took place.

- Alex Andrew from Sale set state records for sub-junior male and junior male. 551.004
- Richard Bourke from Warrnambool took out the air-supported decimal event with a new state record of 614.10
- Darcie George from Traralgon won the air standing.

Warrnambool 600.

Sunday 23rd April: As the first squad was about to start, the sea mist rolled in. Competitors found that the conditions were extremely challenging. There were many moans and groans about not being able to see the target; however, in the 50m Benchrest, the first 5 place getters all scored a 600.

- David Garret from Traralgon won this with a score of 600.58. That is good shooting.
- Morgen Visser from Sale set a state female sub-junior record with a 597.14.
- Darcie George set a state record junior female record with a score of 598.47
- The 50m Prone was taken out by Rob Howell with a score of 594.30
- Ross Buzolich took out the 50m Class 1
- Dennis Peacock from Port Fairy Club won the 25m RBA air bench

- Richard Bourke won the Air Supported decimal event
- Darcie George won the Air Standing decimal event.

8 new state records were set over this 2-day event.

We all had a great weekend with plenty of good old country fellowship.

Chris Preston
Secretary
Warrnambool Smallbore Rifle Club

Here are some photos from those two days



This below is soooo true

The school staff brought balloons to the school. One was given to each student, who had to inflate it, write their name on it and throw it in the hallway.

The teachers then mixed all the balloons. The students were given 5 minutes to find their own balloon. Despite a frantic search, no one found their balloon.

At that point, the teachers told the students to take the first balloon they found and hand it to the person whose name was written on it.

Within (several) minutes, everyone had their own balloon.

The teachers said to the students:

"These balloons are like happiness. We will never find it if everyone is looking for their own. But if we care about other people's happiness... We will find ours as well."

BERC's grant implementation progress

Ballarat East Rifle Club (BERC) successfully obtained a grant. Work is well underway on our motorised electronic targets and trollies under Jim Hocking's dedicated stewardship and ongoing hard work, and the watchful eyes of Keith Smith, Phil Merigan and Phil's son Gary. There'll be more about progress in subsequent editions.

Here's a 'heads up'

When we all sign up again for TRV membership for 2024, TRV will be asking for a little more info from us to help to find members who can contribute skills and knowledge to assist us all to keep our sport growing.

1. Intelligence is like underwear. It is important that you have it, but not necessary that you show it off.
2. Scientists say the universe is made up of protons, neutrons, and electrons. They forgot to mention morons.
3. You know that tingly little feeling you get when you like someone? That's your common sense leaving your body.
4. A conclusion is the part where you get tired of thinking.
5. My resolution was to read more, so I put the subtitles on my television.
6. Maybe if we tell people that the brain is an app then they will start using it.
7. You have two parts of the brain; the "right" and the "left." In the left side, there is nothing right, and in the right side, there is nothing left.
8. The elevator to success is out of order. You'll have to use the stairs, one step at a time.
9. I got called pretty yesterday, and it felt really good. Well, the full sentence was "You're pretty annoying", but I like to focus on the positive.
10. A wise man once said....nothing-he only listened

Calendar for the next three months

July – 2023

	1st Sat		Warren Potent Round 3	MISC	
	8th Sat		Leongatha Congress Prize Meeting	Leongatha	MM
	8th Sat	9th Sun	Online 3 Positional Matches - Round 6	Online	
	9th Sun		TRV Annual Congress	Leongatha	
Mon	10th	Fri	15th Sep - Lancefield 600 Postal Competition	Postal	
	14th Fri		Merv Friend Shield & John Logan Cup - Round 5	Lake Gillear	
	14th Fri	16th Sun	BISC Cup	Brisbane	
Sat	15th	16th Sun	West Wyalong Annual Prize Shoot	West Wyalong	
Mon	17th	Tue	19th Sep - Air Rifle Pennant	Pennant	
Mon	17th	Tue	19th Sep - Supported Air Rifle Pennant	Pennant	
Sat	22nd	23rd Sun	Portland Annual Prize Shoot and Merv Friend 600	Portland	
Sat	29th	30th Sun	Online Air Rifle, Prone and Benchrest Matches - Round 6	Online	

August - 2023

	5th Sat		Warren Potent Round 4	MISC	
	11th Fri		Merv Friend Shield & John Logan Cup - Round 6	Portland	
Sat	12th	13th Sun	Shepparton 41st Annual Prize Meeting	Shepparton	
Sat	12th	13th Sun	Online 3 Positional Matches - Round 7	Online	
Sat	12th	13th Sun	Benchrest Cup	Wingfield	
Sat	26th	27th Sun	Online Air Rifle, Prone and Benchrest Matches - Round 7	Online	
Mon	28th	Fri	10th Nov - Camberwell 600 Postal Competition	Postal	

September - 2023

2nd Sat		Warren Potent Round 5	MISC
3rd Sun		BSA Cup and Commonwealth Cities Matches	MISC
9th Sat	10th Sun	Online 3 Positional Matches - Round 8	Online
15th Fri	17th Sun	MISC Grand Prix	MISC
Mon	18th Thu	23rd Nov - 20m Benchrest Pennant	Pennant
Fri	22nd	Merv Friend Shield Final & John Logan Cup - Finals	Hamilton
Sat	23rd 24th Sun	Online Air Rifle, Prone and Benchrest Matches - Round 8	Online
29th Fri	Sun 1st Oct -	Queensland State Championships	Brisbane

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