



# NEWSLETTER

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# M.I.S.C GRAND PRIX 2024



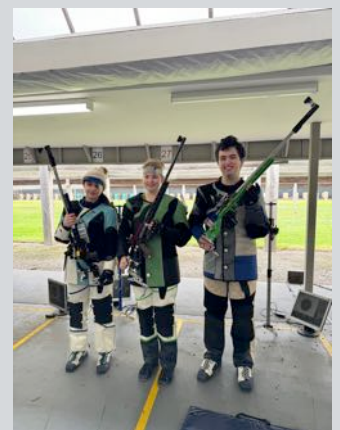
The MISC Grand Prix took place at the Melbourne International Shooting Club from August 16th to 18th, 2024.

As a Tier 2 event endorsed by Shooting Australia, it provided athletes with a crucial opportunity to enhance their Average Performance Scores (APS) and overall performance metrics.

This was particularly significant for juniors aiming to meet the APS requirements for the Junior World Championships in Peru, scheduled for late September 2024.

Although the event was open to all competitors, it was notably dominated by junior participants, who made a strong impact both in entries and in the results.

For a detailed breakdown of the outcomes, you can access the full results here: [MISC Grand Prix Results](#).



# WINGFIELD GRAND PRIX

The Wingfield Grand Prix, held in Adelaide from September 5th to 8th, saw a remarkable display of talent from Victorian juniors, despite only three of them attending. The young athletes delivered exceptional performances that highlighted their skill and potential.

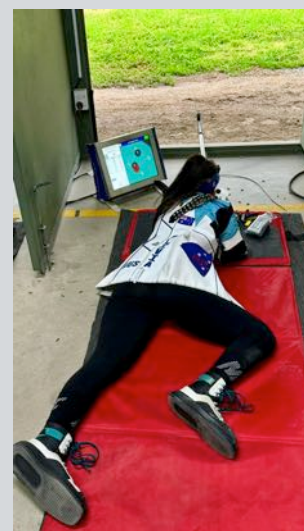
In the 3 Position match, Olivia Cartwright showcased why she earned a spot on the Australian Team for the Junior World Championships in Peru later this month. Not only did she finish in first position, but she also equalled the Australian Qualification Record for both the Senior and Junior Female categories with an outstanding score of 583.30, including an impressive 198 in the kneeling position. In the finals, Olivia scored 452.3, setting a new Australian 3P Finals record for Junior Females, surpassing the previous record that had stood for over a decade by 3.5 points.

In the Mixed Teams Air Rifle match, Olivia paired with Queensland's James Cane to secure the silver medal, while Victorian teammates Teeshita Ponipireddy and Darcee Young earned the bronze.

In the 50m Prone match, Olivia finished in a commendable second place, with Darcee Young taking fifth.

In the 10m Air Rifle Matches, the results were equally impressive. In Match 1, Olivia finished in second place, Darcee Young in seventh, and Teeshita Ponipireddy in ninth. In Match 2, Darcee climbed to fourth, Olivia was fifth, and Teeshita improved to sixth.

These results reflect not only the individual prowess of each athlete but also the strength and depth of the Victorian juniors' talent pool.



## ATHLETE INSIGHT

### MISC Grand Prix - Darcee Young

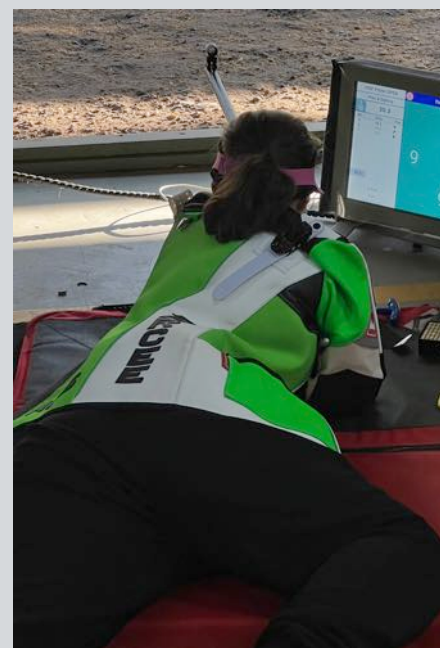
I live in regional Victoria, so I travelled to MISC on Wednesday to begin training for the weekend. On Friday, I competed in the 10m air rifle mixed teams event, partnering with Angela Breeze. We shot a combined score of 597.6, which placed us 5th. It was a fun way to kick off the weekend, and I enjoyed sharing this experience with Angela in our first team event together.

Saturday started early, with me at the range by 7:30 AM. My dad treated me to a hearty bacon and egg breakfast, but I knew I had to rest and shoot prone just two hours later. The conditions were challenging due to gusty winds, making it difficult to focus on my shots. I had hoped for a better score, especially since I had set a new personal best in my training leading up to the event.

Before the 10m air rifle competition, I enjoyed lunch and played card games with friends from other states, while some opted for quick power naps. I felt confident going into the event, as my training had steadily improved. As I shot, I worked to manage my emotions; my score steadily climbed, eventually reaching a new personal best. To keep calm during my final ten shots, I found myself singing "The Itsy Bitsy Spider" to clear my head. I finished with a score of 616.6, which qualified me for the final. However, the pressure got to me, and I was unfortunately the first one out.

On Sunday, I competed in another 10m air rifle event. With the memory of my performance from the previous day weighing on me, I felt the pressure build again. After taking 20 sighting shots—much to my dad's amusement, who described them as looking like "Swiss cheese"—my coach called me off the line for a pep talk. I returned with renewed focus and shot a score of 609.7. This time, I sang "The Duck Song" during my last ten shots to stay centred.

Overall, the weekend was a success, filled with valuable experiences and great moments shared with our shooting community.



## ATHLETE INSIGHT

# Hamilton Prize Meeting - Cooper Wright

Hi, my name is Cooper Wright, and I'm 14 years old. This is my second year as a member of TRV through the Port Fairy Small Bore Club.

This year, I've had the opportunity to participate in the State Postal, the 20m Prone Pennant, and the local inter-club competition, the Merv Friend Shield, in addition to our regular club nights. I shoot with my grandfather's 1413 Anschütz rifle, which he used during his time at the Yambuk Rifle Club and Byaduk Small Bore Rifle Club in the '70s, '80s, and '90s.

I really enjoy the sport—it's fun and rewarding to improve my skills. I also have friends from school who shoot at the local club, so it's great to share the experience with familiar faces.

Today, I'm excited to compete in my first prize meeting at Hamilton for the Glenelg Region. I placed second in D Grade and won the Sub Juniors, and I'm hoping to do even better tomorrow at the Hamilton Prize Meeting.

I'm really grateful for the support of my parents, who have encouraged me to pursue this sport.

Thank you!

Cooper



## 20M PRONE PENNANT 2024

With the final results of the TRV 2024 20m Prone Pennant now available, I have completed a comprehensive analysis of the full 10-round competition, encompassing both Paper and Electronic formats.

Attached, you will find the detailed results, which include the aggregate scores of all teams ranked from highest to lowest across the 10 rounds. I have also continued the "hypothetical matches" from Round 5 for continuity. Additionally, I've included a complete list of all competitors for the 20m Prone Pennant season, with an adjusted ladder highlighting those who participated in the Electronic format in blue.

Notably, 11 out of the Top 15 placings this year are members who also finished in the Top 15 of last year's 20m Prone Pennant series. Of the remaining four, two did not compete last year, and the other two were just outside the Top 15 last year.

Here are some key observations:

- The number of perfect scores (100s) was slightly lower in the Electronic format compared to Paper:
  - Electronics: 10 scores of 100 from 247 cards submitted by 26 competitors (4.04%)
  - Paper: 55 scores of 100 from 1,072 cards submitted by 116 competitors (5.13%)
- A 9.9 on Electronics is consistent with its Paper counterpart, with all scores being precisely recorded without human interpretation.
- Scores in the Electronic format were comparable to those in Paper, though there were slightly fewer perfect scores.
- The use of Electronics eliminates the need for manual scoring and check-scoring.
- Competitors who adjust their position after each shot need to account for this with the Electronic system.
- Weather conditions remain a factor for those shooting in semi-outdoor or outdoor ranges, unlike the controlled environment of indoor ranges.
- The current disparity between clubs with Electronic systems highlights a need for balance.

In considering future competitions, I see no significant advantages or disadvantages to combining the two formats, similar to other Pennant Series. Aligning the team number format with other Pennant series next year could foster increased competition and allow more teams to participate.

I also propose that for future pennant competitions, when a team competes against a "Bye," the team's score should be at least equal to or higher than the score submitted by the opposing club before the competition begins, excluding decimal places or centers.

## 20M PRONE PENNANT 2024

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or wish to discuss this further. I look forward to seeing the continued evolution of the 20m Prone Pennant in Target Rifle Victoria.

Congratulations to all the winners of this year's competition.

Best regards,  
Sean Finn  
President, Frankston Peninsula Target Rifle Club

Results of the 2024 20m Prone Pennant can be found here: [2024 - 20m Pennant Results](#)

## 2025 CALENDAR

We are currently putting together the 2025 Calendar. If you events on the next years calendar please email details to [secretary@trv.org.au](mailto:secretary@trv.org.au)

## ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER

### Annual Presentation Dinner – November 23rd

Join us for our annual presentation dinner at the Melbourne International Shooting Club! We need a minimum number of attendees to cover our base catering costs, and the registration deadline is September 30th. We're halfway to our goal, so if you'd like to attend, please register your intention as soon as possible. You can sign up here: [Marathon & Dinner Registration](#).

It would be especially good to see a good turnout from the Melbourne based Clubs.

We will also host the Marathon match on the same day, featuring 3 x 60 shots in Prone or 3 x 60 shots in Benchrest.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## 2024 COMMONWEALTH LADIES COME & TRY

We're excited to announce the Commonwealth Ladies Come & Try event!

This initiative aims to provide a welcoming opportunity for women unfamiliar with our sport to come and give it a try.

We encourage all club members to invite their wives, girlfriends, colleagues, and anyone else who might be interested in experiencing shooting sports.

This year, clubs have the flexibility to choose their own dates and offer potential new members a selection of disciplines to try.

For more details, click here: [Event Details](#)

We hope all clubs will get involved!

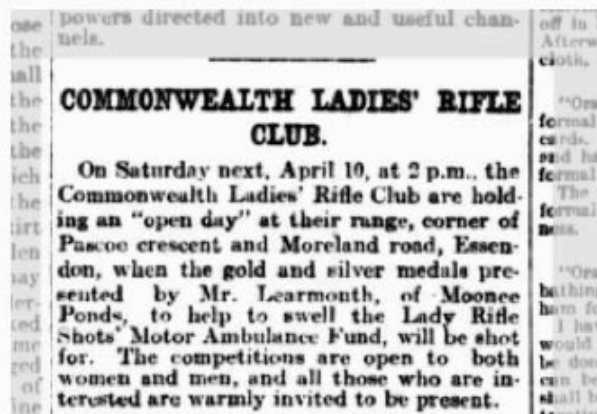





# 2024 COMMONWEALTH LADIES HISTORY

## Family History Collection, Sam Merrifield Library.

In Moonee Valley, as in other suburban areas of Melbourne, it was the norm for sporting clubs to be set up by men, with women's versions of these sports generally following at a later date. In 1901 the Commonwealth Ladies Rifle Club was established, only a matter of months after a men's club had been formed in Essendon. This was perhaps one of the few sports in which women could compete on an equal footing with men. Local member of Parliament, William Watt applauded the shooting abilities of the ladies and believed 'they put the young men of the country to shame'. The ladies began shooting at a range bordering the Moonee Ponds Creek off Pattison Street, where they had a clubhouse, but by 1915 had moved a bit further north to a ground near the corner of (the former) Pascoe Crescent and Moreland Road, Essendon. The Commonwealth Ladies faced stiff competition from a similar club in Coburg, who beat them in three out of four firing competitions in 1906. But in 1908 the Commonwealth Ladies proudly defeated a team of visiting American junior naval officers in a match at Moonee Valley Racecourse. When the club turned 34 (in 1935) a newspaper report claimed that it was the oldest ladies' rifle club in the British Empire which was quite an achievement; an even greater achievement was that Miss M J Davies had been the club's treasurer for the same amount of time.





OUR SKIN PROTECTION

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...reated by one point only for the championship by the well-known shot, D. S. McDonald. Miss Fergusson has taken an active interest in the big rifle matches for two years, but she has done extraordinarily well.

**OLDEST LADIES' RIFLE CLUB.**

Mrs. Constable is also an outstanding miniature rifle shot, and has proved that she can also do well in the big rifle meetings. She has always figured prominently in the prize lists at Anzac Range. She is a member of the Commonwealth Ladies' Rifle Club, which is the oldest ladies' club in the British Empire. It was formed by Harry Quin, who won the first "King's" prize in Melbourne in 1901. The club still has its original treasurer, Miss M. J. Davies, who has carried out official duties for 34 years. Mrs. Constable has won many championships in miniature rifle shooting. She is a member of the Postal Institute Club, Victoria, and took her annual holidays to visit the meeting. "Rifle shooting is a fascinating pastime," said Mrs. Constable. "There are so many things to be considered. Take the light, for instance. How many times does it change during the day? A cloud passes over the sun and the light on the targets changes. That is when you must be careful, for a slip may cripple your score. The light on any two days is never the same. Then there is the question of your rifle. You must study its behaviour and know it intimately—know exactly what it will do and how it will do it and when it will do it. I have two children, and they are both enthusiastic about rifle shooting. One is 10 and the other 13 years old. No, I never indulge in game shooting. I think it is cruel. I hate shooting at anything that lives."

Although actually not rifle shots, the wives of many marksmen who participated in the recent meeting are keen devotees of the sport. A number

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Part of an article (Women Rifle Shots - Success at "King's" Meeting) that appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald on 24 October, 1935.

## COACHING

Jack Bale has been appointed our ISSF State Coach and is residing in Melbourne and doing the majority of his coaching from MISC.

TRV welcomes Jack, and TRV members can contact him via the state coach TRV email as shown on the website under admin. Clubs can contact Jack if they wish to organise any form of prone, air or 3P coaching.

## TRV CLOTHING

TRV now has branded clothing available. If you wish to purchase any items please eMail [secretary@trv.org.au](mailto:secretary@trv.org.au) with details of the items you want and the size.

Women's Sizes: 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22

Men's Sizes: S, M, L XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL



<b>Jacket</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>
<b>Vest</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
<b>Beanie</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Polo Shirt</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>

# AMMUNITION

PRICES VALID FROM JULY 15TH, 2024 ALL PRICES INCLUDE GST

			5000	500	50
<b>.22 Cartridges</b>					
Eley	Tenex		3,000.00	320.00	33.00
	Match		2,350.00	245.00	26.00
	Pistol Plus		1,425.00	150.00	15.50
	Club		1,450.00	155.00	16.00
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RWS	R50	Out of stock			
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	Rifle Match	Out of stock			
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	Centre X	Out of stock			
	Rifle Match	Out of stock			
	Standard Plus	Out of stock			
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Olympia	Domed Heavy 8.44			16.00 / 500	
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	Match Middle 4.5			16.00 / 500	
	Pistol			16.00 / 500	
RWS	R10 – 4.48, 4.49 & 4.50		210.00 / 5000	22.00 / 500	
	Meisterkugeln		155.00 / 5000	16.00 / 500	
	Superdome		190.00 / 5000	19.50 / 500	
JSB	Match Blue – 4.49 & 4.50			21.00 / 500	
	Exact 7.33,		205.00 / 5000	21.00 / 500	

ENQUIRIES AND ORDERS TO JULIE HOLCOMBE, TRV AMMUNITION STEWARD  
 PHONE: 5568 2291 OR 0423 140 804

DELIVERIES CAN BE ARRANGED TO MOST PRIZE MEETINGS, WARREN POTENT MATCHES  
 AND COUNCIL MEETINGS IF ORDERS ARE PLACED BY THE PRIOR WEDNESDAY EVENING

## CLASSIFIEDS

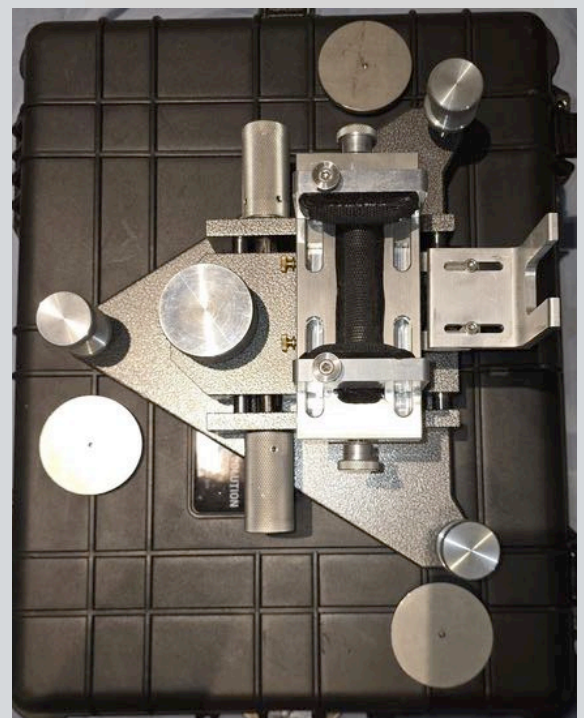
If you wish to buy, sell, or exchange anything please email the secretary and we'll arrange for an advertisement to be placed here.

### For Sale

- 1) Randolph machine front rest with Mark II top and bench pads. It comes with evolution gear hard case and custom foam
- 2) Nightforce competition fixed 42\*44 scope(Crosshair reticles) with Trentech 30mm dovetail scope rings

Both items are in very good condition.

They can contact Veeraputhiran (Veera) Bethuraj eMail: [b.veeraputhiran@gmail.com](mailto:b.veeraputhiran@gmail.com) Phone: +61 498370424



## HOUSE KEEPING

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 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](mailto: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 to reconcile bank accounts.

## CONTACTS

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